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Marvin Louis Ryan passed away on Monday, February 17, 2014.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 22 at Seymour United Methodist Church at 10:30 am. Randolph Funeral Home in Seymour will host a visitation from 5-7 pm on Friday, February 21.

Marvin was born in Millerton, Iowa on September 14, 1937 to Chester and Velma Ryan. He graduated from Seymour Community Schools in 1956 and later Northeast Missouri State. On June 7, 1964, he was united in marriage to Inez (Sell). To this union, three children were born: Scott Ryan of Seymour, Kimberly Ryan of Highlands Ranch, CO and Mika (Dennis) Hudgens of Saginaw, TX.

For forty years, Marvin worked in the field of education as a math teacher, coach, principal in various Iowa school districts. He then served as the Superintendent of Schools in Olin for 16 years. After retiring in 2001, Marvin and Inez returned to Seymour and built their home north of town.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 49 years, Inez (Sell) Ryan, his three children, his three grandchildren, Payden, Hanna and Will Hudgens of Saginaw, TX and his brother, Jack (Dea) Ryan of Des Moines. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews.

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:34 PM



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Diane Johnson - Larchwood, Ia - Cedar Valley Teacher posted:

My sympathy to the entire Ryan family. Marvin was my first principal in my teaching career. I reconnected with him later while he was at Olin. May your memories bring you comfort in the difficult days of saying goodbye.

March 2 at 7:00 PM



Lyndon Jacobson - Minden, Nv posted:

Mr. Ryan was an outstanding principal and better yet an outstanding person. He was a person always with a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He will be truly missed by all..... Lyndon Jacobson

February 27 at 7:00 PM



Lori Forsee - Millington, Tn - Friend posted:

Dear Inez. We were very sorry to hear of Marvin's death. Please know you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

February 26 at 7:00 PM



Sandra Hansen Stephen - Monticello, , Ia - Friend From Olin posted:

So sorry to hear of Marvin's passing. Was nice to see in the obituary where the kids were. Inez, I really enjoyed you as a friend while you were at Olin.

February 21 at 7:00 PM



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DF

Don Bryant - Jackson,, Tn - Lifelong Friend posted:

It is gratifying to read all of the memories of students, co-workers, school board members, and friends, and to see what a difference Marvin made in the lives of the people with whom he came in contact. Marvin and I were friends from jr. high years, through high school, and also college. There was little doubt that he would be a leader, and when he chose to be a teacher, coach, and later an administrator, he was destined to have a positive effect on countless lives. Sue and I are proud to number the Marvin Ryan family among our friends and share in their loss. In addition to his life as a professional educator, Marvin also was a skilled builder and brick mason, which he learned from his brother and closest friend, Jack. I had the pleasure of working with both of them, and I would not be surprised to be awakened from a dream some night by a vision of Marvin standing on a scaffold with his trowel pointing to a mortar board, with a slight smile on his face, saying in a nonchalant voice, If I had some mud on this board, I'd put some blocks in the wall. Rest in peace, Marvin-the Bryants love you all.

February 21 at 7:00 PM

BV

Brenda (Moeller) Durbahn - Waterloo, Ia - Former Student, Cedar Valley posted:

To the Ryan Family Mr. Ryan was terrific at his vocation. He had the ability to lead a slew of kids with an ease that few in his position possess. Plus he was just an all-around good guy. He will be missed and I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Brenda

February 20 at 7:00 PM

RW

Ronald & Janice Wetter - Ia posted:

Our sympathy & prayers to all members of Marvin's family. Marvin was well respected during his time at Cedar Valley. We especially remember how good he was to all of our children and always with a smile. Ronnie especially enjoyed talking with him about their farming. Rest in peace, Marvin, from Ron, Janice, Kim, Kathie, Tony & Tracy Wetter.

February 20 at 7:00 PM

DO

Dawn Bixler - Olin, Ia posted:

So sorry to hear about your loss. Marv was an amazing man and a great educator. I am so blessed to have not only had him as my superintendent, but also my boss. Our prayers are with you Ryan family.

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MS

Michael Caspers - Olin, Ia - Student posted:

One of the greatest men I have ever gotten to meet.

February 20 at 7:00 PM

JR

Jill Mccurry Reichter - Ia posted:

I am a graduate of Boone Valley High School, class of 1982. Mr. Ryan was our principal there and might I add a very 'cool' principle! He was kind, fun-loving, and great with all the students. He was also my golf coach (which I'm still not any good at!), but what laughs did we have. Even at almost 50 years old, all those memories bring a smile to my face. He was a class-act and touched the lives of many! I'm praying for your family and hope you find comfort and peace in this sad time. You have my deepest sympathies!

February 19 at 7:00 PM

JF

John And Shelia Gatts - Olin, Ia - Former Employee And Friend posted:

Inez and family...our Deepest Sympathies! I worked as a Para at Olin with Marvin for 4 years and he was a terrific boss. Also, our kids both went all the way through school at Olin and Mr. Ryan was always there for them. He was a wonderful man and will be truly missed. RIP Marv! The Gatts' John, Shelia, Brandy and Bobby

February 19 at 7:00 PM

RJ

Ron Andreesen - Center Junction, Ia posted:

Inez and family, Barb and I were shocked and saddened to hear of Marv's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I was on the school board that hired Marv, a decision we never regretted. A few would disagree with that statement, as Marv would agree. And Barb enjoyed working for him and admired him as her administrator. We always knew where Marv stood on an issue and respected his candor. Thanks to his financial savvy and dedication to his position, he kept the doors of Olin open at a time when many small schools were faltering. My kids benefitted from his tenure and looked up to him as a friend (who knew everyone's name) and not as a figurehead. With deep sympathy. May he rest in Peace. Ron and Barb Andreesen

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MN

Mitch Mortvedt - Olin - Now Council Bluffs, Ia - Former Student And Neighbor posted:

There are so many memories of Mr. Ryan and the whole family from both school and the neighborhood. Good families do not just happen, they start with great, dedicated parents. He always had a smile for you and he was one of those teachers and administrators that never had to say a word but, that with only his mere presence, you never wanted to let 'Mr. Ryan' down. He has had such a large impact on so many students and teachers over the decades that he leaves a remarkable legacy. May God bless and comfort Inez, Scott, Kim, Mika, and especially, Mr. Ryan.

February 19 at 7:00 PM

EM

Eric Engelbart - Wyoming, Ia - The Neighborhood Trouble Maker posted:

So many fond memories of Mr. Ryan, both at school and in the neighborhood. He will be greatly missed. What a great guy so many memories.

February 19 at 7:00 PM

JW

Joan Wiethorn posted:

Never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Ryan, but was honored to teach with his beautiful and talented daughter Kim. Kim and I taught together her first years of teaching in Texas. She is an excellent teacher and I know he had to be very proud of her and from reading these tributes she must have inherited a lot of her teaching gifts from him. So sorry for the loss of an obviously kind, sincere, dedicated and well-loved husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, educator and friend.

February 19 at 7:00 PM

BC

Brad & Patty Manuel - Olin, Ia - Community Connection posted:

We are so sorry for your great loss. Mr. Ryan was the Superintendent at Olin while our kids were in high school and we all have great, fond memories of his smile and demeanor. I know we all hated to see him retire. You are in our thoughts in the quiet days ahead.

February 19 at 7:00 PM

RV

Rita Kail - Farnhamville, Ia - Working Together At Cedar Valley posted:

Thinking of you, praying for you at this difficult time - Inez, Scott, Kim, and Mika. I have a lot of great memories working with Mr. Ryan at Cedar Valley. His caring, understanding, great values, and calming mannerisms were great assets that modeled for many! Rita Kail

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RS

Rochelle Kray (Engelbart) - Monticello, Ia - Neighbor, Student posted:

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RE

Randy Fahr - Eldora, Iowa - Former Employee posted:

My sincere condolences to Inez, Scott, Kim, and Mika. Mr. Ryan was a mentor, providing steady encouragement and guidance. A wonderful family.

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JM

Junelle Benter - Monticello, Ia posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the death of Marv Ryan. He was a remarkable educator and a great asset to the Olin Schools. My sympathy to his family.

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RF

Raymond Bryant - Fayetteville, Ar - Friend posted:

My prayers are with the family at this time. I remember Marvin through his brother Jackie who is a classmate of mine and through my brother Don's friendship to him. --Raymond Bryant

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RF

Rachel Cress - Lisbon, Ia - Friend posted:

I am saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Ryan. He was always a special man to our family. God bless you all. The Engelbart twins

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SF

Steve And Becky Wendt - Clarence, Ia - Friends posted:

WE were sad to hear about the loss of Marvin, We remember him as a man with a smile on his friendly face, good father and husband. We want to extend our sympathy to you Mika and all of your family. Remember him with smiles, hugs, and kind words and memories. Steve and Becky Wendt

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VV

Valerie Castle (Vote) posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. 'Mr. Ryan' was a wonderful man. You are in our thoughts and prayers. - Valerie and Randy Castle

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MF

Michele Staub (Lusmann) - Urbandale, Ia - Friend posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts. With sympathy, Michele

February 19 at 7:00 PM

NS

Nick Balichek - Oxford Junction , Ia - Previous Student posted:

Ryan family, sorry to hear of Marvin's passing!

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CO

Crystal Hendley - Onslow, Ia posted:

He was an AMAZING guy. R.I.P Mr. Ryan

February 18 at 7:00 PM

SS

Sheri (Dircks) Ulrich - Olin, Ia - Former Student posted:

I knew Mr. Ryan in several different capacities but I sincerely adored him as a person. I knew his children and my mother worked for him. Thinking about the Ryan family at this difficult time....

February 18 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kane Martens - Snowmass Village, Co - Former Student posted:

Ryan family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have a lot of fond memories of Mr. Ryan. His easy going personalty was a good match for my lack of authority.

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Tom & Bert Little - Somers, Ia - Friend, Same Age posted:

So sorry about this. Marv & Inez were special friends. Their Scott and our Scott were in same class. Have many fond memories from Cedar Valley and other contacts. Tom & Bert

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Media

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