



## Leone M. Ryan

April 23, 1934 - October 25, 2009

Leone M. Ryan, age 75, of Rensselaer passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009 at her home after a 16-year battle with non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 23, 1934, the daughter of the late Arthur and Katherine (Ganey) Devitt. She was raised in Chicago, graduating from St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

Leone attended the Barry College of Miami, Florida. She returned to college receiving her Bachelor's degree in 1973 from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer and her Master's degree from Purdue University. For twenty years Leone was a teacher at the DeMotte Elementary School. She enjoyed playing bridge with her bridge club in Rensselaer.

She was a member of the St. Christopher Parish of Indianapolis, IN and the St. Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer, IN.

On December 11, 1954, in Chicago, Leone was married to Martin Desmond "Des" Ryan who survives.

Along with her husband, Leone is survived by four children, Des (Michelle) Ryan of Brookfield, IL, Eileen (Kevin) McGrath of Sarasota, FL, Maureen (Larry) Kosanovich of Rensselaer and Mary (Richard) Skorepa of Sanford, FL, ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren, two sisters, Kathleen Devitt of Phoenix, AZ and Mary Ellen Tenne of Boise, ID and one brother, James Devitt of Knoxville, TN.

Leone was preceded in death by a son, Thomas J. Ryan and her parents.



# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5351  
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Leone M. Ryan



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Des and family,  
Kathy and I just recently learned of Leone's death and were deeply saddened. We regret that we could not express our condolences personally at the wake service. She was a beautiful woman and highly committed teacher who touched the lives of many young people. From our connections with her in person and via correspondence, we recognized her deep Christian faith and love of family. We know you will miss her and pray that the good Lord will be with you all as you grieve her loss. Be assured of our continued prayers! Peace! Steve and Kathy Noone.##imported-begin##Steve Noone##imported-end##

January 17, 2010 at 08:23 PM



“ Lovely. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Tom and Lori##imported-end##

November 06, 2009 at 09:20 AM



“ We are grateful to have been there with all of you during this time of mourning for Leone. My memories of Leone are of such a beautiful and kind person. Des, brother, good to see you again after too many years. Take care of yourself. With much love, Dick and Donna###imported-begin###Richard and Donna Flick###imported-end##

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November 04, 2009 at 05:01 PM



“ Dear Des & Family, we are sorry to hear of the loss of Leone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Friend and secretary of DeMotte Elementry School.###imported-begin###Darlene Miller###imported-end##

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October 31, 2009 at 02:46 PM



“ Des,  
There are no words I can imagine that would be appropriate at this time in your lives...you and Leone... SHE, who is now resting in the ever-loving embrace of our God ... and YOU, left with the challenge of your Faith, Hope, and Love of God. May God give you COURAGE, which is not just another virtue, but is every virtue, in its time of being tested. May God be with you and your extended families.  
Since we met at CAMPION Des, you and your family have been and will continue to be in my daily prayers.  
Your brother in Christ, Class of '50  
Bob Collins, Deacon###imported-begin###ROBERT E. COLLINS###imported-end##

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October 31, 2009 at 02:44 PM



“ Dear Eileen, Maureen, Mary Francis and Desi -- I wanted to be there so badly...your MOM is the best and we have so many wonderful memories of growing up as next door neighbors to all of you. Please give your Dad a big hug and kiss and tell him he's in my thoughts and prayers. Live in joyful hope that we have people saving us a place in the great big party in the sky...Lots of Love...  
Mary Ann. (Denver)###imported-begin###Mary Ann Reichert Marinac###imported-end##

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October 31, 2009 at 01:33 PM



“ Des, So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. She was so welcoming and gracious the few times we visited Rennselaer. We are praying for you and your family.###imported-begin###Doug and Sandy Whiteley###imported-end##

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October 30, 2009 at 03:32 PM



“ A shooting star disappered in the sky. A radiant fall leaf fell from a tree. The lilt of Irish laughter faded into the bossom of the Lord and an Angel was born. Her beloved husband Des, and her cherished children Tom, Des, Mary Moreen and Eileen, and her dear friends Bill and Dianne, Jerry and Wendy, Larry and Sharon, Barry and Anita, Sharon and Tom and Judy all looked with wonder and awe when she said "I was just a flicker of light and now I am the eternal flame that will burn warmly in your hearts. We are all one. Be at peace."###imported-begin###Tom and Judy Crowley###imported-end##

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October 29, 2009 at 05:13 PM



“ Dear Des:

*Leone was a great woman who will be sorely missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Peace,*

*Frank and Norma###imported-begin###Frank and Norma Monahan###imported-end###*

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October 28, 2009 at 10:10 PM



“ Des --- How sad we are to hear of Leone's death. She was always such a welcome companion at the NASCCD meetings, who brought fun and laughter to our social gatherings. We have so many fond memories we know we will never forget. Along with Leone, you and your family are in our prayers. Love, Chuck and Carol###imported-begin###Chuck and Carol Phillips###imported-end###

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October 28, 2009 at 07:40 PM



“ Des

*One of the great delights of my 32 years in Conference work was knowing you and Leone. She was a graceful lady in every sense of the word. The Brothers here will have all of you in their prayers. Richard###imported-begin###Richard Daly, csc###imported-end###*

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October 28, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ Hi Des,  
Hope to soon send a card or better still visit with you, but for now wanted to send this e-mail.

Very sorry to learn of the death of your beloved Leone, a very gentle, loving person who encouraged all of us. It is my prayer, my belief that she is now in the perfect district, heaven.

Mary Jo and I will be at the mass on Saturday the 31st. See you then.

All the best in this difficult time of transition,  
John###imported-begin##John Day###imported-end##

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October 28, 2009 at 03:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Leone's passing. We shared many miles of travel commuting from Rensselaer to DeMotte in the 1970's. I know you will all miss her greatly. Our prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Jan Brooks###imported-end##

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October 28, 2009 at 01:53 PM



“ A truly sad loss to the Rensselaer Community. A template for "The Best" in parenting, marriage and vocational success. A person whom one takes pride in having known. Often confused with another lovely Rensselarian who left us 14+ years ago. Dez's better half. Love N Hugs Collegewoods J's up the hill. bj and all us'n###imported-begin##Bill J###imported-end##

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October 28, 2009 at 01:07 PM



“ Dear Des, I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your Mother. My heart goes out to you and your family.

*I am so glad that I had the pleasure of meeting her once - on your wedding day. She was a kind and gracious lady and of course, had that wonderful Ryan smile. May all the fond memories of her help strengthen you now.*

*Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers,  
~Zonda##imported-begin##Zonda Zschau##imported-end##*

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October 28, 2009 at 09:44 AM



“ We want to thank for all the good memories during the years we spent together at Purdue University.

*Eldri and Per##imported-begin##Eldri and Per  
Jørgensen##imported-end##*

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October 28, 2009 at 05:21 AM



“ Des...So sorry to hear about your loss!  
My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Joe Powers##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 03:58 PM



“ Leone was a beautiful human being... a gift and a blessing to all. Our thoughts and prayers to our dear friend, Des, and to his beautiful family.##imported-begin##Larry and Sharron Lennon##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 03:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ryan family on this sad occasion. we have such fond memories of Leone. Her winning smile and wonderful outgoing personality. She will be missed by all. Marilyn and I can not be with you for this celebration of life since we are in Florida##imported-begin##Jack and Marilyn O'Leary##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ We were deeply saddened by the news of Leone's death. Our sincerest condolences are hereby extended to Des and the family. During our many years as colleagues in the work of State Catholic Conferences (Indiana and Nebraska), we were colleagues as couples; Leone was such a wonderful part of our unique group. We have missed her since Des's retirement and now will miss her even more. Please know that we are thinking of Des and praying for him and for the repose of Leone's soul. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##James R. & Judy Cunningham##imported-end##

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October 27, 2009 at 01:47 PM



“ My thoughts are with you, Desmond, and with your family. Take care of your self during these times.##imported-begin##Thom D. Freyer##imported-end##

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October 26, 2009 at 04:55 PM