



Frank T. Ryan

August 27, 1939 - February 19, 2026

Frank (Francis) T. Ryan, 86, of Easton, MD died February 19, 2026. Frank was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 27, 1939, the son of the late Harry and Dorothy (Kolson) Ryan. Frank was predeceased by his wife of forty-six years, Devote (Hanrahan) Ryan, and is survived by his sisters-in-law, Brigid (Fenton) Hanrahan, Ellen (Balbach) Hanrahan, Alice (Hanrahan) Feneck, and Regina (Hanrahan) Poli, and brother-in-law, Gerry Poli; his cousins, Charlie Guckenberger, Pat (Ryan) Conway, and Ruthie (Guckenberger) Friedman; and special friends, Gloria, John, and Valerie. In addition to his beloved nephew Johnny, he is survived by thirteen nieces and nephews and twenty-four grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. He is also preceded in death by his sister-in-law and her husband, Judith and Robert Graham, and his brothers-in-law, Kenneth and John Hanrahan.

Frank's early education was in the public and parochial schools of New York City. Before graduating from high school, he decided to become a Dominican priest. He earned his undergraduate degree from Providence College and his Master's degree from Saint Stephen's College. He continued his education at the Pontifical University of the Immaculate Conception and was awarded baccalaureate, licentiate, and lectorate degrees in theology. Frank then completed doctoral studies at Georgetown University where he was a university fellow. He also earned certificates in scriptures and in liturgy while there.

After receiving a dispensation from Pope Paul VI to return to the laity, Frank served as a contributing author and editor of The Encyclopedic Dictionary of Religion, specializing in contemporary philosophy and Eastern religions. He entered the government relations field by joining the Rubber Manufacturers Association and eventually became Vice-President of Government Relations. Several years later, he joined the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as the Director of Federal and State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs. In this role, he frequently lobbied for the tire and rubber industries. Frank also served the US Labor Department as a member of the Business Research Advisory Council. He retired from Goodyear in 2001.

His publications both as a contributing editor and author include The Scientific View of Sport, published on the behalf of the Organizing Committee of the Games of the XX Olympiad, Munich 1972, as well as The Dominican Vocation, The Body as Symbol, and A Guide to the Automotive Excise Tax.

After retiring, Devote and Frank moved from the Washington area to the Eastern shore of Maryland, where he enjoyed sailing and serving as a chaplain with the Easton Hospital.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 10:30-11:30 am at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington, Street, Easton. A funeral liturgy will immediately follow. Interment will be private. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newman of Easton. Memorial contributions may be made in Frank's honor to Doctors Without Borders (<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>). He looks forward to a heavenly reunion with family and friends.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Cordova, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (est)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Funeral Mass

FEB 28. 11:30 AM (est)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 S. Washington St
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank T. Ryan*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 25 at 02:55 PM

?L

“ *Thank you streaming the mass
It was a beautiful tribute!*



?Lolita - February 28 at 12:42 PM

CM

“ *We were privileged to meet Frank at Peter and Erin's wedding, and were greatly impressed by his interesting conversation and knowledge of Irish affairs. He told of his trip to Galway and his hope to return. May his gentle soul rest in peace, reunited with his beloved Devote. Charlie and Caitlin McGlynn, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, Ireland.*

Caitlin McGlynn - February 27 at 07:41 PM

FT

“ RIP



Frank Titus - February 25 at 11:17 AM

TR

“ I have gotten to know Mr Frank once i started working at Bayleigh Chase in 2023, and from there we were an item. I assisted in his caregiving for the past year and we grew very fond of each other. The memories i will cherish. To Ms Gloria, Johnny and Judith... thank you for allowing me to take care of your loved one. I will never forget him and i am sorry for your loss. He would always say to me...where have you been i missed you so much and don't leave me no more ☐ 🟪 Fly high Frankie🕊️😊

tonya roberts - February 24 at 09:18 PM

DC

“ Dear Frank. I so very much appreciated your reaching out to me when I first arrived at Bayleigh Chase. We had many dinners, lively discussions and laughs together. And I have several books from your extensive Thomas Merton collection, which I prize and hold as a special memory of you. Rest in peace, my friend. I'll pray for you on this side and hope you do the same for me on your side. Peace, Dee

Dee Calisto - February 24 at 08:14 PM

SL

“ Frank was a gem! We met Frank and Devote at Our Lady of Mercy church in the 90's. Later we shared a decade of Friday night dinners with them at the yacht club on the eastern shore, always the last to close the place down. We sailed the bay together for years and dragged him into working sailing regattas in the summers. Many wonderful years of friendship, laughter and love on the Chesapeake. We will miss him dearly. Prayers for Johnny and the family.

Suzanne and John Lentine - February 24 at 08:05 PM

AB

“ Thankful for our friendship, grateful for your kindness. Always enjoyed swapping stories with you! Rest in peace, my friend.

Andrew Burke - February 24 at 12:14 PM

BS

“ I only recently met Frank during visits to Bayleigh Chase. He liked my dog Clifford and would always reach out to give him a pet. Though our conversations were brief, we both looked forward to seeing him and I appreciated our chats. Such a kind soul. We will miss him. I will keep him and his family in my prayers.

Barbara A Sauers - February 23 at 01:56 PM

BC

“ Frank was a loyal chaplain at UMMS Shore Health System even when the system in its 'wisdom' cancelled paid chaplaincy. He continued on providing the care that the patient population deserved. He was not only a gifted care giver he was also a gifted scholar and on a number of occasions would share some of his library of philosophical works with me and when I heard of his death I pulled some of them off my bookshelf and meditated on what a meaningful life he had. Well done good and faithful servant.

Brian H. Childs, PhD

Brian H Childs - February 23 at 07:07 AM

LC

“ I was a nurse on the second floor of "Easton Hospital" and got to know Frank very well as the chaplain for our Palliative Care Program. I'm sure the patients and families were very comforted by Frank's gentle demeanor and his obvious love of Christ and for his work. He even came to my home to bless several of my beloved dogs. He and his wife were a very loving couple and I know that he missed her so very much after she died. Frank, if you run into my husband Brian, please tell him to keep me in his prayers and that I'll be along. God bless you Frank and I am so very blessed to have known you and your wife. Lisa Cook

Lisa Cook - February 22 at 03:59 PM

BF

“ Bob, John, Judy, & Deb and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank T. Ryan.

Bob, John, Judy, & Deb and families - February 22 at 12:38 PM

BF

“ *Bob, John, Judy, & Deb and families purchased the A Full Life for the family of Frank T. Ryan.*



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