



## Michael Patrick Ryan

August 15, 1954 - August 3, 2021

We are deeply saddened to announce the unexpected passing of Michael Patrick Ryan, age 66, on August 3, 2021. He was a beloved son, father, brother, grandpa, uncle, cousin and friend.

Michael was born on August 15, 1954 in Sacramento, California to Jim and Virginia Ryan. He was the firstborn of 9 children, the leader of the pack, our music man, always available to lend a helping hand and the best big brother ever.

Michael learned to play baseball as a young boy in Leesburg. He was a pitcher for his Little League team, a lefty who threw a mean, nasty knuckle ball. He pitched a No-Hitter game, a feat accomplished by very few. He loved hunting with his dad and brothers, experiencing many frigid, early mornings sitting in deer stands/fields in Florida and the Plains of West Texas. There's plenty of family hunting stories that will be passed on for generations.

He was an avid golfer, a left-handed player who taught himself to play right-handed due to the lack of left-handed clubs. One of his fondest golf memories was traveling the country playing championship courses with his golf buddies.

Michael loved the art of gardening, grilling steaks and burgers and he loved his Florida Gators. He was proud of his Irish heritage. You could see it in his

sparkling blue eyes, mischievous grin, witty sense of humor and cleft chin that exemplified his Irish spirit.

He was a gifted visionary, a self-made respected businessman. Michael created Ryan Construction while living in Texas. He achieved great success working for Centex Rooney, designing and building resort hotels at Disney World: Animal Kingdom (he and his team visited numerous zoos across the country researching and studying animal natural environment and conservation), Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Tower of Terror and the Coronado Springs Resort. In addition, he was Sr. Vice President of Balfour Beatty Commercial Construction Division building maximum security prisons.

A talented musician and born performer, he learned to play guitar at a young age. He serenaded his siblings with his original tunes and some of his favorites like "Wild Horses" and "Black Magic Woman". His faithful acoustic guitar was always right by his side.

Michael lived life to the fullest. His love and passion for his family exceeds all his successes. He is survived by his sons, Jeff and Mike Jr., his grandchildren, Mathew, Eli, Liam, Brooklynn, Grayson and Gabby, and his siblings, Patti, Kelly, Kathy, Jim, Joe, Katie and Kerri. He is predeceased by his mother, Virginia Ryan, father, Jim Ryan and brother, John Ryan.

The viewing visitation and funeral will be held at Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 W. Main Street, Leesburg, Florida 34748. (Mask wearing is requested). Viewing visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th from 5pm to 7pm. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 12th at 11am. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1901 County Road 25A, Leesburg, Florida, 34748.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to Lake Cares

Food Pantry. You may donate online at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/web/link/WebLink.aspx?name=E207448&id=30> , call them at 352-383-0100, or send a donation by mail to Lake Cares Food Pantry - 2001 West Old Highway 441, Suite #1 - Mount Dora, Florida 32757.

Michael was a kind and gentle soul. He loved the Lord, was patient, and a man of courage and grace. He was a true southern gentleman.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Patrick Ryan*



May 11, 2022 at 07:16 PM

JD

*Mike was one of my best friends in our teens and early twenties. We were roommates several times in Gainesville, Lady Lake, Houston and more. He was a great guy and I'm so sorry I didn't get a chance to come see him. I have so many memories with him which will live on. Such a great guy RIP Mikey you'll be with me forever!*

**Jim Dawson** - August 11, 2022 at 09:44 AM

MM

“ *Mike was a high school friend that I hunted, fished, and played guitar with back in the days. He was always an adventure to hang with, and we shared some good times riding in his old VW.*

*Sorry to learn of his passing and my condolences to all of the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike Miles*

**Mike Miles** - August 13, 2021 at 06:54 PM

EW

“ We are so saddened by Mike's passing. His obituary & video were so helpful in learning about his full & successful life through infancy to grandparenting stages. We send each of you love and peace as you adjust to your loss carrying many good memories with you forever more.

We are there in spirit as you say goodbye,

Cousin Edie (Burgess) & Bill Williams,  
Driftwood, Texas

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**Edie Williams** - August 11, 2021 at 04:23 PM

MB

“ To Michael Jr., Michael so very sad to hear of your loss. I met your Dad once and he was quite a gentleman. I will be praying for you and your beautiful family during this very hard time. Love you much. Stay well.

Marjorie (Danny, Cory & Tara's Mom)

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**Marjorie Byers** - August 10, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DB

“ My sincerest condolences to Mike's family on his passing. My prayers are for your peace and comfort and that you will always remember and cherish the numerous good times with Mike. Anyone who knew Mike, knew what a loving and caring father and friend he was. I first met Mike when Mikey was just a toddler and a prouder dad you could not find. Mike was a man's man, full of charisma and yet had a way of making everyone feel like they were his best friend. I only saw him a couple of times over the past 10 years but he always made me feel like we had been buddies since grade school. He lived life to the fullest and I'm proud to call him my friend. Rest in peace Mike, we'll see you again.

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**DAVID P. BATMAN** - August 10, 2021 at 10:51 AM

LG

“ I'm so incredibly sad to hear that Mike has passed away. We worked at Rooney back in the day when companies had parties and training and brought everyone together. Fifteen years working as a "family", regardless of what office you worked out of. Mike was always HAPPY! He was so full of love and joy, the first to help whether it was to teach someone something or just hand me sodas to put in the fridge! Rest in peace sweet man. Truly in your case the good, the great, has died young. My most sincere condolence to all who loved him. My prayers are with you.

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**Laurie Gaston** - August 09, 2021 at 06:05 PM

RB

“ Sending prayers and love to the Ryan family, Jeff and Mike Jr and families, Anita and Buzz. We saw that he had a very full life, with lots of family. Godspeed Mike!

Prayers sent from,  
Renee Prince Brooker and Steve Brooker

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**Renee Prince Brooker** - August 09, 2021 at 02:38 PM