



## Thomas Joseph "Tom" "Rugy" Ryan

July 3, 1953 - January 4, 2022

Thomas Joseph "Rugy" Ryan, 68, of North Towanda, PA, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at his home. "Tom" "Rugy" as he was known by his family and friends was born in Towanda on July 3, 1953, the son of Dennis Eugene Ryan and Ann Leahy Ryan. He was a graduate of Towanda Area High School with the Class of 1971. Tom played softball for Strickland Beverage which won the 1984 ASA Modified Pitch State Championship that was played in Scranton, PA. The team then traveled to Tennessee for Nationals placing 10th in the nation. He was an outstanding baseball player through high school playing with both Wyalusing and Towanda's Baseball teams. Tom was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation from May of 1977 until his retirement in April of 2007. Following his retirement, Tom traveled to Ireland for a memorable 14-day vacation. He loved spending time with his grandson, Finley, and enjoyed golfing, riding his Kubota side-by-side, and was a dedicated fan of Penn State Football, the Seattle Seahawks, and Boston Red Socks.

Tom was a member of the Towanda Gun Club, Monroeton Rod & Gun Club, Sons of American Legion Post No. 42, Towanda, where he was a member of the Funeral Honors Detail, and Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda.

Tom's family includes his wife, Patricia "Patty" Ryan, son and daughter-in-law, Casey and Katie Ryan of North Towanda, beloved grandson, Finley Ryan, sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Leon "Buck" Woodruff Jr. of Dushore, PA, sisters, Janice Bomboy of Towanda, Jackie Trowbridge Gage of Towanda, nieces, Brit Woodruff, Stacia Lent, Leslie (Josh) Mahler, nephews, Joseph Ryan, Dane Woodruff, several great nieces, great nephews, and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by his brother, D. Michael "Motorhead" Ryan on August 5, 2021, stepfather, Leon Trowbridge, and niece, Cindy Coulter.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. The family suggests that contributions be directed to the Northern Tier Veterans Group, 912 S. Main St., Towanda, PA 18848

in Thomas Joseph Ryan's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Comments

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“ so sorry for your loss Patty and Maryanne and families! Peggy Warfle

**Peggy Warfle** - January 29 at 06:52 PM

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“ Casey,  
I am sorry about your dad's passing at such a young age. He was a true gentleman. I first met your dad playing softball against him in the 1970s. I always enjoyed running into him and talking. You have great DNA running through your blood. I know he was very proud of you. I send you love at this sad time. Take care. His memory is a true blessing for you.

**Tom Abell** - January 12 at 10:21 AM

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“ I remember growing up his Dad always called him Tommy and I finally met him again over a year ago in the Sayre Walmart it was such a nice meeting with him and his Wife. I know all of us who are related to him will miss him very much. RIP Cousin Tom.  
Your Cousin Jim Harris from Sayre.

**James G. Harris** - January 08 at 03:47 PM

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“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Thomas Joseph "Tom" "Rugy" Ryan



**Claire Holton-Lizon** - January 07 at 02:03 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**Joe and Katrina McMahon** - January 06 at 01:57 PM

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“ TOM had a COOL MUSTANG in the 70;s

**CHARLES SHEARER** - January 06 at 11:53 AM

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“ TOM was/is a FANTASTIC FRIEND,we will miss him  
CHARLES SHEARER and CHRISTINE SHEARER

**CHARLES SHEARER** - January 06 at 11:49 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph "Tom" "Rugy" Ryan.



January 06 at 10:56 AM

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“ Dear Patti, Casey and family,

I was saddened to read of your loss this morning. Tom was a wonderful man, who's spirit and love will remain with you always. My condolences, love, and prayers continue to be with you.

With Deepest Sympathy,  
Val Morningstar



~Val - January 06 at 10:48 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss.

**Norma Lee** - January 06 at 10:02 AM

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“ We were shocked and saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. We so enjoyed the trip to the cabin with the the two of you a while ago.

Clyde and Monica Knolles

**clyde and Monica Knolles** - January 06 at 09:58 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Tom. He was a great guy and I truly enjoyed working with him at PennDOT. RIP until we meet again my friend. Ava Hillis Tunncliff

**Ava Hillis Tunncliff** - January 08 at 09:49 AM

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“ I wish I had memories to share. You have my condolences.  
Teresa Ondrey

**Teresa Ondrey** - January 06 at 09:40 AM

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“ To the Ryan family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom and my husband worked together at the highway for years. He was the kindest man I knew. After my husband died he came over and plowed my driveway in the winter time.. May you have many happy memories to help you thru this time of sorrow. RIP Tom



**bernita rice** - January 06 at 09:38 AM

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“ Tom and I spoke often on social media. Losing a friend, teammate, and classmate is heartbreaking. Prayers to family and friends and he will always be remembered. Tom, rest in piece my friend. Love ya buddy!

**Tony Yaniello** - January 06 at 08:48 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great man whom I had many a fun rounds of golf with. Some of my fondest memories of Tom are trips to Myrtle Beach. My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of heartbreak.

**Ellery C. Bourne** - January 06 at 08:19 AM

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“ Patty, Casey and Family,

I was caught off guard and sad to learn of Rugy's passing this morning. I have many fond memories of laughs, and relentless good natured sparring over Penn State/Notre Dame and The Sox/Yankees with Rug. And of course the many stories he would tell me of the Strickland's softball teams when I worked there myself. Rugy's unending smile and upbeat personality will be a void for many. As a veteran, I personally appreciate his love and dedication for and to my fellow veterans. Rug was a true Irishman. I am sorry for your loss.

**SSG (RET), Shannon P. Coolbaugh** - January 06 at 08:15 AM

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“ Patty- I am no sorry to hear about Tom. My heart breaks for you and Casey! Please know that I'm thinking about you and sending you big hugs from SC! I keep replaying the fun we had playing games at the lake- especially the cockroach cup! I also remember Tom being super patient Tom as you were planning every perfect detail for Mom's 50th birthday! LOVE YOU Patty!

**Trisha Roberts** - January 06 at 07:42 AM

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“ Patty, Maryann, Casey, and Katie, Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. Love and prayers going out to you all, in the hopes that the good memories get your through this hard time. xoxo Susie

**Susie Place** - January 06 at 07:30 AM