



## Mr Robert "Bobby" Ryan

January 31, 1928 - January 13, 2019

Robert "Bobby" Ryan, age 90, passed away Sunday January 13, 2019 at his residence in Magnolia Springs, Ala. He was born January 31, 1928 on the Ryan farm in Dyas, Ala. and was a long term resident of Bay Minette, Ala. The son of John Joseph and Margaret Mary (Perdue) Ryan who emigrated from Synone Farm north of Cashel, County Tipperary, Ireland, Bobby was the seventh of eight children: Anne, John, Michael, Nicholas, Francis, Agnes, Robert and Adolph, and survived by Agnes and Adolph.

Still in the remnant grips of the Great Depression, Bobby went to work at the Mobile, Ala. shipyards at age 14 (under the credentials provided by a Perdido School teacher stating that he was age 16) a common practice in those desperate times. In 1946, Bobby enlisted in the US Navy and served with distinction for four years. Bobby's natural traits of mathematical acumen and mechanical precision led him to a 31-year career as a journeyman machinist, initially at Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Ala. (until its closure in 1969) and then at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. until his retirement in 1983. During his career, Bobby received recognition for his innovative and precise work with helicopter gear systems and multiple NASA Project Apollo spacecraft.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Kathleen, his five children Robert (Beth), Pamela, Stephen, David (Holly), and Mark (Kelley); four grandchildren Kimberly (Alex) Pringle, Alison (Sean) Wilkey, Anna and Rachel Ryan; and two great-grandchildren Hannah and Evan Pringle. Bobby was devoted to his wife and extended family, and was known to pray nightly for each by name before sleeping. Bobby had a deep love and appreciation for the outdoors whether camping, hunting or fishing and spent his most enjoyable hours with his family there. Bobby was known as kind and gentle and as a good friend.

# Cemetery

## Pine Rest Memorial Park

16541 US Hwy 98  
Foley, AL, 36535

# Events

JAN 16	Visitation	02:00PM - 03:00PM
	Pine Rest Funeral Home 16541 U.S. 98 Post Office Box 328, Foley, AL, US, 36535	
JAN 16	Funeral Service	03:00PM
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# Comments

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“ I will treasure the last visit we had with Bobby and Kathleen. It was a beautiful time we shared together. It was the evening before Thanksgiving Day 2017. It was at my Mother`s house and many in the family was home for Thanksgiving. I will always remember Bobby`s beautiful smile. He will be missed but we have precious memories. Kathleen and all the family will always be in our prayers. God bless all of you, we love you.  
Elaine & Jerry Brown

**Elaine** - January 18 at 10:03 PM