



John Thomas Ryan C.P.D.

November 2, 1946 - February 27, 2020

John Thomas Ryan, loving husband, dedicated father, doting grandfather, loyal brother, and truehearted friend drew his last breath on February 27, 2020. John died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family after courageously battling stroke-related complications since December of 2018.

John (Jack or Red) was born on the Southwest side of Chicago in 1946 to Clement and Bertha (Fuerst)Ryan. He was a lifelong Chicagoan and graduate of St. Rita High School (1964). John retired from the Chicago Police Department in 2005 after 35 years of distinguished service. During his early career, he was a semi-professional wrestler and bona-fide health enthusiast who jogged tirelessly around Marquette park every evening before dinner. John was a longtime resident of Garfield Ridge neighborhood, where he was involved in both religious and civic organizations, including St. Daniel the Prophet Parish and the Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch. John was gregarious and outgoing, always quick with a joke or witty retort to make you smile. During his retirement, John pursued many interest, co-hosting the local radio program, "Meet the Chicago Historians," and emceeing the all railroad radio program, " Chicago Junction." John was a devout Catholic, staunch conservative, history hound, political connoisseur, movie buff, comic book collector, trivia fanatic and unwavering White Sox fan.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Bertha, along with his sister Joanne. He is survived by his loving wife, Deanna (Jones), who has been by his side since they married in 1970. John considered his family his

greatest legacy, and leaves behind two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Michelle (Sean Corry), and amazing grandsons John and Patrick Corry. His brother, Robert, will carry on his tradition of watching Jeopardy in the afternoons and reminding the kids of the “ good ole days” at family gatherings. Visitation is Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 3 PM to 9 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave.(55th street just west of Harlem).Visitation on Wednesday is from 10 AM until time of Prayers at 11:30 AM at the funeral home. We will go in procession to St. Rita Cascia Shrine, 7740 South Western, Chicago, Illinois 60620 for a 12:30 PM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in John’s memory to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation or Catholic Charities of Chicago.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

87th Street & Hamlin Avenue
Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208
contactus@foranfuneralhome.com
<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Prayers

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Mass

MAR 4. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Rita Cascia Shrine
7740 South Western Avenue
Chicago, IL 60620

Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Thomas Ryan C.P.D.*



Foran Funeral Home - March 03, 2020 at 12:43 AM

MN

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and the rest of your Family during this difficult time. May John rest in peace.*
Much Love,
Marlene Murray Novak

Marlene Murray Novak - March 04, 2020 at 02:14 PM

CM

“ *Our condolences & prayers to your family on John's passing. RIP.*
Charlie & Sheila McConaghy

Charles McConaghy - March 03, 2020 at 06:56 PM

KJ

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of "Red". He talked me into doing the Chicago Junction radio/Internet program and I am hooked. I drove him to several tapings and his infectious and often ribald sense of humor was addictive. I will truly miss his company. forgive me for not coming to the wake but I lost track of the date and time while trying to settle the estate of my Mother who died recently. Again, I will miss him.

Kevin Barry Jr.
Sergeant, retired, CPD

Kevin Barry Jr - March 03, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ 115 files added to the album LifeTributes



Foran Funeral Home - March 03, 2020 at 12:39 AM

KL

“ John was a wonderful, caring man. He was a great friend to my mom and dad. He will certainly be missed. Heaven has gained another angel. The Ryan family is in our thought and prayers. Kate Langan-Zagata

Kate Langan-Zagata - March 01, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DD

“ We rode the virtual rails on Chicago Junction and debated our political differences in numerous emails. No matter what our differences John was always a respectful and light hearted man who's company and opinions I always enjoyed. John, say hello to the great dispatcher in the sky for all of us at Chicago Junction.

David Daruszka - February 29, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ John was a long lost Uncle I got to meet when I looked up my family history on Ancestry DNA, I didn't know him very well but am grateful to God for letting us meet and share a moment in time I never thought would happen, but am eternally grateful for. Rest In Peace Uncle John. 🙏❤️

Mary Lindsey - February 29, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LB

“ A Good Decent man has gone to his reward and we are all diminished. We'll see ya when we see ya Red...

Laurel & Greg Bernacki Ret CPD Henderson, Nv.

Laurel & Greg Bernacki - February 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JE

John and I were partners in the the 2nd District, late 79 and early 1980, he was a pleasure to work with and to be around. God Bless you John R.I.P.

Jim Eldridge, Ret. Sgt. CPD

Jim Eldridge - February 29, 2020 at 04:17 PM

BL

John and I worked together in the 8th District in the early 80s. He was and excellent Police Officer and more importantly a true friend to me, my dad Joe, and our entire family. There wasn't one tour of duty where John wouldn't have me laughing my fanny off thanks to his brilliant sense of humour. John would take my parents to church and then to breakfast after dad had a stroke and always check up on them being the caring and thoughtful neighbor he always was. I'm sure he's in a better place now and will be truly missed.

Bob langan - March 03, 2020 at 02:50 PM