



Dr. Gene Ed Ryder

September 19, 1932 - September 18, 2022

Gene Ed Ryder, age 89, passed away, Sunday, September 18, 2022 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. He was born in Canyon, Texas in 1932. His family lineage shows they lived in Texas, since Texas was a Republic.

Ryder's formal education includes a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's University; a Masters of Education from Our Lady of the Lake University and a doctorate of Philosophy in Administration from The Union Institute; one of his publication is, "Basics of Sunday School Leadership: A Guide for Lay Leaders."

Dr. Gene Ryder is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Mary Louise Wilson Ryder, his father John Allen Ryder, his mother Rilda New Ryder, and his two brothers Harold and Gerald Ryder. Gene is survived by his four daughters, Carlyn S. Townsend Yon (Jac), Katherine E. Hargrave (Dalan), Anita R. Contreras (Chris), and Valerie A. Corte (Frank); all who reside in the San Antonio area. He has nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. Dr. Ryder believed in Salvation by grace and belief in Jesus Christ as his savior. He was a founding member of Calvary Hills Baptist Church, which started as a mission in 1981. He was active in his support of biblical education through his long-standing role as Sunday School Director. As a Deacon, he served as a

mentor for Christian leadership. He has been a member of the Gideons International for 50 years.

Dr. Ryder served honorably in the United States Air Force (USAF) for 4 years. He was a Veteran of the Korean War where he received the National Defense Service Medal. Following his military service, Ryder served over 40 years in the USAF Civil Service where he received multiple Outstanding Service Awards. He retired from Civil Service in 1995 having reached the highest GS civil service rank.

During his employment, Dr. Ryder supervised the Air Force Training policies for the development and management of technical training in the Air Education and Training Command, which included serving as the Director of Quality Improvement Program for the AF Community College and Technical Training accreditation studies. This development improved the quality of life of personnel serving in the USAF and beyond.

VIEWING: Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park North Funeral Chapels, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, TX. 78230.

FUNERAL SERVICE: Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. at Calvary Hills Baptist Church, 910 W Loop 1604 N., San Antonio, TX. 78251. Services will be officiated by Dr. Randy Houston.

GRAVESITE SERVICES will be held immediately following at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Calvary Hills Baptist Church
910 West Loop 1604 North
San Antonio, TX 78253

Graveside Service with Military Honors

SEP **29**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ *The world has suffered a terrible loss. This man Gene Ryder was such a spiritual leader and family man! He loved hard and gave of himself even harder. I was introduced into the family of God mostly because of him and his wonderful family that took me in as family. I was introduced into then named RHBC! The best thing and most impressionable part about my life. This entire family helped me to see what a life with Christ was like. Each one of them especially Mr and Mrs Ryder never made me feel nothing but love as if I was another daughter to them* ❤️ *I Thank God everyday for placing them in my life. So to all the surviving family I want to say God Bless and just know many prayers and Love will be sent to all of your Family!* 🙏❤️



Donna Farmer - September 30, 2022 at 02:31 PM

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I have very fond memories of brother Gene Ryder at Rainbow Hills Baptist Church. He was our Sunday School Director. I was a 1st grade Sunday school teacher there. He was a very dedicated Christian. We have lost a spiritual giant.
Rachel Castro.

Rachel Castro - September 30, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



September 28, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



September 27, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



September 27, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Phillip and Toni Parks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



Phillip and Toni Parks - September 26, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *We will miss a good friend purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



We will miss a good friend - September 26, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



September 25, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Kathy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder*



Kathy Johnson - September 23, 2022 at 04:10 PM



Valerie, I was saddened to hear that your father passed away. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Kathy Johnson - September 23, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *Kathy and David Johnson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Dr. Gene Ed Ryder.*



Kathy and David Johnson - September 23, 2022 at 04:06 PM