



CMSgt Thomas "Tom" N. Ryan

July 22, 1948 - October 10, 2025

CMSgt Thomas Ryan. U.S. Air Force, Retired

USAF Retired CMSgt Thomas "Tom" Ryan, 77, of New Kent, VA, passed away October 10th, 2025. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, July 22nd, 1948, to Thomas and Lois (Stauffer) Ryan.

He graduated with honors from Perry High School in Pittsburgh.

Tom enlisted in the Air Force at age 19 and began his 30-year military career as an Aircraft Maintainer. The first half was devoted to F/FB-111A/D/C/F avionics technician with assignments in Nevada, New Mexico, England (twice), and New Hampshire. The second half to F-111, F15, F16, & A-10 maintenance supervision positions, including flight line production super, AMU chief, and finally, Operations Group enlisted superintendent with assignments in England, Arizona, Germany, Turkey, and Egypt before retiring at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ in 1997.

After retiring, Tom worked for four years in civilian aircraft maintenance/production control before finishing his working career as an IRS Revenue Agent working with small businesses to ensure their compliance with Anti-Money Laundering laws.

Tom was preceded in death by his son, Thomas, and his parents, Thomas

and Lois.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret (Schuster); his son, Michael (Amy); five grandchildren, Ashten, Monika, Carson, Kaelyn, and Brennan; five brothers, Jerry, Norman, Gregg, John, and Jimmy; and three sisters, Pat, Mary, and Joyce.

Services will be held 3 pm, Friday March 6, 2026, at Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia, 10300 Pridesville Road, Amelia, VA 23002. A reception will follow services from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Quinton Community Center, 3041 New Kent Hwy, Quinton, VA 23141.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Service

MAR 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Amelia, VA 23002

Fellowship Reception

MAR 6. 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Quinton Community Center
3041 New Kent Hwy
Quinton, VA 23141

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Not only was Tom a great big brother, he was one of the best people I’ve ever encountered in life. He was caring, giving and genuine to all. A true family man in every sense of the word. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim Lucas - October 26, 2025 at 12:03 PM

KB

“ I had the absolute joy of being a part of Tom and Margaret's lives for the last year and will forever remember his smile, his absolute devotion to his wife, his positivity and his kind and thoughtful words to me at every encounter and will forever be thankful for getting to know him. He was a true gentleman and I'm so sorry for your loss.

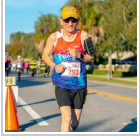
Kerry Boyer, FNP

Kerry Boyer - October 14, 2025 at 05:25 PM

PS

He was a great brother my oldest brother. Life will not be the same without him RIP

Patricia Hornyak sister - October 18, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *Sad news and very sorry for your loss.*

I was also from the Pittsburgh (Carnegie) area. We had pretty much parallel careers for our first 4 years in the AF. We went through what was then known as Weapons Controls System Mechanic school at Lowry late 67-early 68 and ended up hanging with one another for the next 3+ years.

We then both went to Nellis after tech school and later we both PCS'd to Cannon at the same time. There, we were both promoted to Staff Sergeant at the same time in Jan 1970. At the end of our 4 years, he reupped and I went back to civilian life. It doesn't surprise me that he made Chief, he was a very squared away guy, even way back then.

George Poppewimer

George Poppewimer - October 14, 2025 at 01:40 PM

PS

“ *I always turned to with my questions he was so much like our Dad very patient he will be missed by all of us*

Patricia Hornyak sister - October 12, 2025 at 11:13 AM

TW

“ *THANK YOU!, Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - October 12, 2025 at 07:58 AM

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“ Always thought of Tom as a gentleman.

Norman Ryan - October 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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“ Thank you for a lifetime of service to Our Country. Not every knows that it's the top enlisted men that really run the show! Thank you.

Chris Hockaday - October 11, 2025 at 01:20 PM

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“ I've always considered Tom a close friend and I've always greatly admired him for the way he handled himself and treated others. I think anyone that ever met him would say the same. My thoughts are with Margaret and the entire Ryan family. He will be greatly missed.

Tom Seiling - October 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM