



John F. Ryder

February 12, 1947 - May 25, 2025

John F. Ryder, 78, of Wheeling, died Sunday, May 25, 2025 in Peterson Rehabilitation Center.

He was born February 12, 1947; the son of the late Frank James Ryder Jr. and Martha Lauck Ryder.

John graduated from Wheeling High School in 1965; enlisted in the US Army; work for the City of Wheeling Sanitation Department for 45 years, retiring in 2017; and a member of the Cave Club.

He was always the life of the party and he loved his family more than anything in the world.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Joan Serra, June Kuri, Frank James Ryder III, Robert Ryder and Marlene Ryder.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Hancher Ryder of Wheeling; children, Stuart (Erinn) Rynkievich of Wheeling, Johnnetta (Shawn) Jones of Jacobsburg, OH, John F. Ryder Jr., James Ryder, Janna (Amanda) Gordon, Kyle Ryder, Kelsey Ryder, and Kody Ryder all of Wheeling; grandchildren, Katlyn Ryder, James Ryder Jr., John F. Ryder III, Bentley Ryder and Hadlee Ryder all of Wheeling; sisters, Jane Givens, Sandra Rider, Martha McCarthy, and Cathy Thomas; several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to his niece Rhonda May and everyone at Peterson Rehabilitation Center.

John was a long-time fan of the Atlanta Braves. He was proud of his children and grandchildren and never ended a call without saying "I love you."

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 4pm to 6pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Rd., Bethlehem/Wheeling, where funeral services will be held Friday at 10am.

Interment will follow in Parkview Memorial Gardens with the Moundsville Honor Guard conducting military graveside services.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Memorial Gardens

1922 Warden Run Road
Wheeling, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Karolyn Edgar and Family



Lisa Edgar - May 30, 2025 at 02:09 AM

DS

“ Sending my deepest sympathy! I'm sorry for your loss. John was a funny person for sure. I bet you all have wonderful memories that will always be with you.



Dianna Sulek - May 29, 2025 at 12:08 PM

TR

“ Trey purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John F. Ryder.



Trey - May 28, 2025 at 11:11 AM

JW

“ Jarred Spellman & Zach White purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John F. Ryder.



Jarred Spellman & Zach White - May 27, 2025 at 05:13 PM

LF

“ Love, Tina & Matt Lennon & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John F. Ryder.



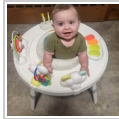
Love, Tina & Matt Lennon & family - May 27, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ Staci Couch lit a candle in memory of John F. Ryder



Staci Couch - May 27, 2025 at 02:01 PM



Pam and family in my prayers. John was funny when he came in the store. Hugs

Staci Couch - May 27, 2025 at 02:02 PM

VJ

“ John was a wonderful neighbor. I have many good memories of 'good warm chats' with John. May he rest in peace, and the light of God shine upon him.

Victoria Jeskey - May 27, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of John F. Ryder, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, John F. Ryder, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - May 27, 2025 at 07:36 AM

DV

“ *Johnny would come to our house after school a lot during high school years at Wheeling High ! He went to school with my sister Jo Ann Bartos me, DONA Bartos & my brother Walter Bartos . ME & my husband Jim used to bowl out elm grove lanes & would see his family out there bowling in the younger years*

My sister Jo Ann was June Ann's best friend. He was such a kind person, funny at times. Back in those high school days went HE came to our house used to sing Roy Orbison songs all the time. Now he can go look up my family in heaven to recindeal those days again

So very sorry for the families loss He will be sadly missed ! He is at peace now God Bless the family & take Care

Dona G. Vance - May 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM

KF

So sorry for your loss prayers Kelly Flading

Kelly Flading - May 26, 2025 at 11:08 AM

YF

“ *Your BHFRN Friends purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" for the family of John F. Ryder.*



Your BHFRN Friends - May 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

YF

“ *Your BHFRN Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Ryder.*

Your BHFRN Friends - May 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM