



Sybren James Ryken

April 9, 1927 - August 19, 2019

Sybren James Ryken, 92, of Oskaloosa, died Monday, August 19, 2019, at Mahaska Health Partnership in the presence of his family. He was born April 9, 1927 to Gysbert and Minnie (DeVries) Ryken near Peoria, Iowa. He attended school in Peoria through the eighth grade, and then helped his family on the farm. In 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served only a few months until his honorable discharge when the war ended. On June 11, 1947, he married Mabel Langstraat. To that marriage, 5 children were born – Jerry Allen, Roger Lee, Eugene Keith, Sharon Ann, and Cynthia Ruth. Mabel passed away in 1995, after 47 years of marriage. On July 26, 1996, he married Dorothy Rempe.

Sy spent several years working on farms, and eventually began delivering feed for J.H. Wake Feed Mill, a job he loved for over 30 years until his retirement. In his early retirement, he loved spending his winters in the warm climate of Arizona where he and Dorothy met, and spent his summers cutting grass at the Edmundson Golf Course. In his later years, he enjoyed playing dominos and Tuesday night auctions, but most of all, he loved the occasions when he could see all his children together at the same time.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; his children, Jerry (Jewel) Ryken of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Roger (Beverly) Ryken of Denver, Colorado, Gene (Carolyn) Ryken of Conway, Arkansas, Sharon (Cary) Coop of Belle Plaine, Minnesota, and Cindy (Bruce) Nolin of Greenbrier, Arkansas; eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; his-step children, Jerry (Kathleen) Rempe, Carol (Jerry) Hammer, Kenneth Rempe and David (Jen) Rempe. He is also survived by several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

Sy Ryken was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers and sisters, and his first wife, Mabel.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Pastor Jon Nelson officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton, Iowa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 in the Bates Funeral

Chapel beginning after 2:00 p.m. and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 5-7 p.m. Thursday evening to greet friends and relatives. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Central Reformed Church.

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

Leighton, IA, 50143

Events

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Visitation - Open

02:00PM - 05:00PM

Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577
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Visitation - Family Present

05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Comments



“ Brook & Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Sybren James Ryken



Brook & Brenda Todd - August 22, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ To the Ryken Family esp. Gene and Carolyn Sorry for your loss of your Father . A Father love is special. I can remember him working at Wake's . Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all now and the days ahead . God will help you thru the darkest days. Gary and Delores (Morgan) Cundiff of Kirkville Ia

Delores (Morgan) Cundiff - August 21, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ John N Linda Dixon Olathe Ks sending prayers to the families to our very dear friends ...Thinking of you all w/love any many prayers

Linda Dixon - August 21, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.

Joni Vaughn - August 20, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sybren James Ryken.



August 20, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ I'll never forget the Christmas that Grandpa surprised us in Arkansas. He sat and watched Christmas vacation over and over and laughed his but off.

Tony Ryken - August 20, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ Gene and family,
So sorry to hear about your dad. I remember him as a friendly person. May God give you strength, comfort, and comfort during this difficult time and for days head.
Lee and Connie Wright



Connie Wright - August 20, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ Cynthia Mitrisin lit a candle in memory of Sybren James Ryken



Cynthia Mitrisin - August 20, 2019 at 03:04 PM