



Mrs. Virgilia Mary Ryan

January 31, 1926 - February 19, 2014

Mrs. Virgilia ("Jill") Ryan, age 88 of Orlando, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in Orlando, Florida.

Jill was born on January 31, 1926 in Lowell, Massachusetts. Her mother, Pearl Marsden Brady, and father, Bernard Francis Brady, moved the family from Lowell to Saco, Maine, where Bernard took over the management of the Pepperill textile mill, and raised their nine children. She never lost her Boston accent, nor her love for the Red Sox. Jill is survived by her brother, Bobby (Limerick, Maine), and sisters Dot (San Francisco, California), and Jackie (Haverhill, Massachusetts).

In 1948, Jill married Stephen I. Ryan of Biddeford, Maine. Prior to the wedding, Steve had found a job in Germany where he and Jill lived for a short while after the wedding. They returned from Germany to Biddeford where Steve set up an accounting practice, and they had two of their five children, Stevie and Mikey. In 1952, Steve took a job as an auditor for the department of defense and moved the family to Baldwinsville, New York, where they had their third boy, Bernie and a daughter, who they also named Jill, and the baby of the family, Billy. Picnics on the Seneca River, square dancing at the Christopher's barn, summers at the thousand islands, and long snowy winters...it was a wonderful life and a great place to raise five kids.

An offer for a promotion and a thirst for adventure precipitated a family move to Satellite Beach, Florida, in 1964. Jill missed her Baldwinsville friends and the change of seasons, but it did not take long for her to make good friends, to

get involved with the Church, to volunteer at the local hospital, and to find the local bingo parlor. Steve and Jill lived in the same house on Atlantis Drive in Satellite Beach until 2007 when they moved to the Orlando Lutheran Towers to be closer to their two Orlando based children, Mike and Jill. Jill made wonderful friends at the Towers, who were a tremendous support to her when her husband, Steve, passed away in 2009. The way that Jill managed her grief at the loss of her husband, at the loss of her loving son in law, Doug Strickland, in 2012, and more recently at the loss of her son, Bernie, in 2013, is an inspiration and a lesson for us all.

Jill led an active and healthy life up until the day she died. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone, even if she did not always remember their name. God smiled on her and brought her to him with a minimum of fuss...just the way she would have wanted it.

Jill is much beloved and will be remembered by her grandchildren, Shawn and Shannon (California); Dawn (Orlando); Todd (Pennsylvania), Kelly (Baltimore), and Matt (Washington); Steve and Shelly (Orlando); Keely Kay and Mackenzie (Oregon); as well as by her many great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a charitable donation be made to Orlando Lutheran Towers, 300 East Church Street, Orlando, Florida 32801. (407) 425-1033.

Those unable to attend the funeral mass on Wednesday, February 26th at 10 AM may instead view a live stream of the service online by visiting the following links:

Live Viewing beginning at 10:00 AM:

<http://www.stmargaretmary.org/livestream/event/VirgiliaRyanMassofChristianBurial.html>

Delayed Viewing until 11 PM Wednesday:

<http://www.stmargaretmary.org/livestream/event/VirgiliaRyanMassofChristianBurialarch.html>

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 905 Laurel Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771. (407) 322-5131.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 North Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Graveside

FEB 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park
400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road
Gotha, FL

Reception

FEB 26. 1:30 PM (ET)

Palmano's Restaurant
333 S. Park Ave
Winter Park, FL

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Margo Anne Marsden Swartz, email address alswartz1@frontier.com. I am an offspring of Roy Edward Marsden, who was Pearl Marsden Brady-Virgilia Mary Ryan's mom's, BROTHER. Please contact me. I have been searching for my lineage Forever, and ran across this! THANK YOU so much!



Alan L. Swartz - March 29, 2017 at 12:43 PM

MS

“ Margo Anne (Marsden) Swartz, Roy Edward Marsden's "Daughter." Roy Edward Marsden, my father, was Virgilia's mother Pearl's, brother. and also Bernard's brother. I live in Stanwood, Washington State." alswartz1@frontier.com "is my email address. I have been trying to track down my lineage "FOREVER!" And I stumbled upon this just by accident! Please email so that we can share, and communicate. I would so very much appreciate it! I would have loved to know this dear lady....I am 59 years old. Thank YOU so very much, I hope to hear from you soon!

Margo Anne Swartz - March 29, 2017 at 12:11 PM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mike, Steve, Jill, Billie and all your family. We didn't get together often, but when we did it was always so much fun, there was always something to laugh about with your mom around. Her smile and clever wit will stay with me forever. Back in the early 80s when I was stationed in Jacksonville I would make the long drive down to Satellite beach when ever I could get away for the weekend, to see Aunt Jill and Uncle Steve, what a treat that was to have such loving family near by when I was so far from home. I love you Aunt Jill.

David Brady - February 26, 2014 at 03:39 PM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ryans and Bradys. Jill was a special person who lit up a room with her presence. I always felt an especially strong bond with Jill since we shared the same name and were both named after Aunt Mary Brady (Sister Virgilia). She was so warm and welcoming and so much fun to be with. My parents and sisters and I had many wonderful visits with Jill and Steve in Satellite Beach - and we shared the unforgettable family trip to Ireland. Those are memories I will cherish forever. May God bless and keep her always.

Jill Gambon

Jill Gambon - February 25, 2014 at 08:24 PM

JG

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Jill Gambon - February 25, 2014 at 08:10 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virgilia Mary Ryan.



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Doreen Tully Finnie - February 24, 2014 at 09:13 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Virgilia Mary Ryan.



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Lisa Dinardo - February 24, 2014 at 07:19 PM

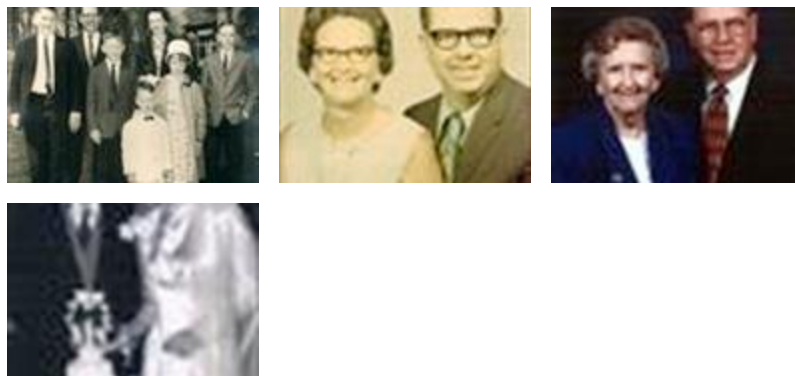
CB

“ Loved this sweet lady from the moment I met her in 1960 at the Brady Family Reunion
Grampy Brady threw at Biddeford Pool so everyone could meet me and vote on whether to allow Bobby to marry me. In 1961 she gave us the keys to the Baldwinsville castle to stay over in on our honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls. It we there I got my first real glimpse of her devilish nature. She put a sign welcoming us to the bedroom we were to use and then proceeded to rig a cow bell under the bed and elicited her neighbors to periodically call us on the phone throughout the evening offering such things and discounted diaper service etc., as well as an invitation to a neighborhood cocktail party. I could just see her back in Maine that night telling her brothers and sisters what she had planned for us and how she must have been having a great laugh. She was one of a kind and I will be forever grateful for her love and acceptance. I will love you forever, Jill!!
Your 'youngest' sister-in-law!! Carol

Carol Brady - February 24, 2014 at 02:54 PM

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John White - February 23, 2014 at 09:40 PM

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Mike Ryan - February 23, 2014 at 04:45 PM

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MM

It was always a joy to be in Jill's presence. I know of no greater example of a fine and decent human being. Generous with abundant good cheer and good fellowship, Jill's positive outlook made her an inspiration, even in these later years when she was visited by life's sorrows. Gerry and I loved her--as we love her beautiful family. This photo, along with the one above with her daughter Jill and Gerry, was taken a few years ago at the Orlando Opera. For Gerry and me, the highlight of the opera was to arrive early, rendezvous with "the Two Jills," and have a pre-performance drink in the bar with the Ryan mother and daughter. What a privilege that was.

Maureen Matheson - February 25, 2014 at 06:44 AM

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Bill Ryan - February 23, 2014 at 08:07 AM

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Mike Ryan - February 23, 2014 at 07:54 AM

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“ *Mom always said she loved all her children the same...but somehow made each of us feel that we were special.*

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Michael Ryan - February 22, 2014 at 10:42 AM