



Dale Anderson Ryan

August 13, 2020

Dale Anderson Ryan passed away peacefully in her sleep after a brief illness, with her two beloved daughters by her side. Born January 3rd, 1944 to Carl William Anderson and Celeste Cornfield Anderson in Washington, DC, she grew up in Arlington, VA. and attended Washington and Lee High school, graduating in 1962. She met her husband, David Thomas Ryan of Torrington, CT, in Washington, where he attended Georgetown Law School, and they were married in 1965 in Washington, DC. They moved to Hartford, CT, where her daughters Rachael Anderson Ryan of Watertown, CT, and Conor Ryan Tung of San Francisco, CA, were born. Since her father did not believe women needed to have a college education, she did not attend college after graduating from high school. In 1975 she was admitted to Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where she did her undergraduate work majoring in History and graduated with honors in 1984. In 1981, her dear friend Eunice Groak asked her to run her campaign for Hartford's city council. The successful campaign launched Dale's career as a political strategist. She ran Mrs. Groark's next four campaigns for town council, Mayor of Hartford, Lieutenant Governor and then Governor. She served as Eunice Groark's Chief of Staff for her four years as Lieutenant Governor. In 1988 she ran Robert Dole's campaign for the state of CT, and when he dropped out of the race, she became the field operator in Connecticut for the George H.W. Bush campaign. She attended the 1988 convention as a delegate for George H. W. Bush and the presidential inauguration. She engaged in volunteer work by serving on Hartford's Charter

Revision Commission in 1987 and was Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission from 1994-2007. She was also the President of the Town and County Club of Hartford from 2013-2015, where she was a member. Dale is survived by her husband David of 55 years, her daughters Rachael and Conor and her three beloved grandchildren, Peyton S. Hawes IV age 18, Lachlan M. Hawes age 16 both of Watertown, CT, and Linden Ryan Tung age 5 of San Francisco, CA. Dale enjoyed being on Nantucket with her family. She was a voracious reader, talented artist and knitter, lover of animals large and small, and cherished by her many friends and family. A memorial service will be planned for a later date when everyone can gather safely to celebrate the life of Dale Anderson Ryan. Donations in memory of Dale may be made to the Lyman Heritage Preservation Foundation at the Town and County Club or the Connecticut Humane Society. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Ryan, as I knew her, always wore a radiant smile whenever I saw her. But my favorite memory of has to be her mischievous wink!*
Sam Sharnik

Sam Sharnik - January 13, 2021 at 06:37 PM

CS

“*Very sorry for your loss. Fond memories of your mother walking her beautiful dogs on Westerly terrace, babysitting Connor and Ryan, housesitting for Cecily and the rabbits. Mrs. Ryan was a beautiful woman with a great sense of style and purpose. You could see the intelligence in her eyes. Keeping her daughters in my thoughts. --*
Christina Shea

Christina Shea - September 01, 2020 at 11:24 AM

BR

“*Fond memory - Dale and Dave's wedding in Virginia and meeting her brother and parents for the first time. It was for sure that Dale inherited here Mom Celeste's wit and humor in every situation. That wit and humor was bookended by Dale's kindness that was shown throughout her life. I will remember her that way.*

Bill Ryan - August 22, 2020 at 07:11 AM

MO

“*Dearest Ryan Family,*
Our deepest condolences and love to all of you. Aunt Dale was a generous and lovely aunt and I will cherish all the loving memories.
Hugs to all of you,
Melanie, Dan and Danny

Melanie O'Leary - August 20, 2020 at 09:11 PM

NG

“ Dear Ryan Family.
We have many fond memories of Dale with her warmth and humor. Always with her big smile and a story to tell. Our deepest sympathies and thoughts during these difficult days.

Norma & John Green - August 20, 2020 at 04:19 PM

SH

“ I was shocked and saddened when I heard that Dale had died. She was such a smart, kind, talented, funny and fun-loving woman. I am sorry that I will not be able to hear any more of the incredibly interesting stories that she told with such wit and humor. My deepest condolences to Dale's family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Susie Hays - August 18, 2020 at 02:51 PM

MM

Dale's kindness, generosity, humor and love of family was just as much a part of her as her brilliant smile !! I honor her and your grief during this emotionally difficult time. Do what she would do. Hug one another.



maureen (mimi) Murphy - August 23, 2020 at 12:22 PM

PR

Some of the fondest memories I have of Dale are the many Christmas dinners in Hartford with you all together. Please accept my deepest sympathies. With love, Priscilla

Priscilla Ryan - August 28, 2020 at 03:52 PM