

**A CELEBRATION OF THE LIVES OF  
EDMOND J. RYAN and JOYCE C. RYAN**



**October 20, 1935 – March 28, 2021  
May 1, 1941- June 14, 2021**



**POEM**

*Her Journey's Just Begun*

William Gallagher  
Author Unknown

*Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting  
From a job superbly done  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no challenges to overcome.*

*Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And she was loved so much.*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace  
Hymn 753*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of our selves that we receive,  
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

**REMEMBRANCE**

Deborah Ryan Gallagher  
Kathryn Ryan

**Philippians 4:4-9**

Jack Gallagher

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Andre Castillo

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Be Thou My Vision  
Hymn 450*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and though my high tower;  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*Here I Am Lord  
Hymn No. 69*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

#### **(Refrain)**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have bourned my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

#### **(Refrain)**

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

#### **(Refrain)**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*Hymn No. 39*

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Jeb Dennis, organ

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*Everyone is cordially invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall.*

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

The Reverend Andre Castillo, Associate Minister  
Jeb Dennis, Bridge Minister of Music  
Frederic Schlick, cantor  
William Sullivan, bagpiper



## JOYCE & EDMOND RYAN

If life were a patchwork quilt created from our experiences, Joyce and Ed Ryan's journey together would be a wonderfully warm blanket with layers of love for their family and friends.

Edmond J Ryan, 86, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, March 28, 2021. Eleven weeks later, on June 14th, his beloved wife Joyce C. Ryan, 80, followed him into heaven. Married a month shy of 58 years, Ed and Joyce were longtime residents of Greenwich, CT.

Ed, born in Greenwich in 1935, proudly served in the US Navy from 1954-1958 returning home to work as an electrical engineer at Electrolux. His destiny would be forever changed at a New Year's party where he met the love of his life, Joyce Carle. They danced their way through courting and decided to weave their Irish Catholic and Scottish Presbyterian heritage and on All Saints Day (the day after Halloween), Ed asked for Joyce's hand in marriage at St. Mary's Church on Greenwich Avenue. They married April 20, 1963. His story of their life together is, "Joyce got tricked, and I got treated!" He had a quick wit, a twinkle in his eye and was a loving, welcoming presence. A career in sales with Bolling-Ryan Inc. allowed Ed to provide for his family and honored his gift of never having met a stranger. Ed loved the sea and spent endless hours fishing, boating and sailing. His complimentary interest in conservation allowed him to support the needs of the community, cleaning up Long Island Sound, building osprey nests in Ocean Pines, and working to build a butterfly garden in Herons Glen.

Joyce began her life in Caldwell, NJ and moved to Stamford, CT where she graduated from Stamford High School. She was a committed wife, mother, grandmother, neighbor and friend. Being a dedicated member

and volunteer of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich gave her heart a purpose beyond the walls of their loving home. Joyce also worked for Moore Center for Rehabilitation in Darien as well as volunteered at Greenwich Hospital. She was kind, joyful, positive and had the ability to successfully host a gathering of friends or family at a moment's notice and make it something extra special! Deeply loved by all, Joyce will be remembered as a loyal and loving Nani, mother, aunt and dear friend.

Joyce and Ed also cultivated a peaceful existence in Luquillo, Puerto Rico where they enjoyed many sunsets with family and friends on the lanai of their waterfront condo. They loved their life on the water, and in 2004, moved to Ocean Pines, MD, wintering in North Ft. Myers, FL. Joyce and Ed made lifelong relationships by including everyone when hosting full moon parties, game nights and long "happy" hours. They had the ability together to light up the room with joy, much laughter and warm smiles.

Ed and Joyce will be forever missed by their daughters Debby Gallagher (Michael), Kathryn Ryan, their son Tom Ryan (Wendi) and 5 grandchildren, Jack and Will Gallagher, Emilie and Abigail Ryan and Kaiya Ryan. The family finds peace knowing that Joyce and Ed couldn't live without each other and are once again dancing together in heaven.

*In lieu of flowers...raise a glass and toast Ed & Joyce when you see the full moon, do something nice for someone who doesn't expect it, write or call someone and share with them how much they mean to you. Rejoice the life you have been given.*