



## Allen D Ryon

March 18, 1920 - October 17, 2018

Allen D. Ryon, 98, of Oak Ridge, died October 17, 2018. He was born March 18, 1920, the son of Glenn and Geneva Ryon, in Scipio Township, Seneca County, Ohio.

Mr. Ryon was a graduate of Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. He came to Oak Ridge from Henderson, Nevada in 1944 where he joined the Materials Chemistry Division in Y-12. Later he transferred to the Chemical Technology Division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory from which he retired in January 1983.

Mr. Ryon was a leader in research and development of processes required for extraction of uranium from ores, nuclear fuel preparation, preprocessing irradiated fuel, and waste disposal. He had several patents and many articles in scientific literature. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and his biography was in American Men and Women of Science.

Mr. Ryon was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge. He also was a member of the Elk Lodge, #1684 for many years. He enjoyed square dancing, bowling, and poker. He was an ardent fisherman focusing on walleye in recent years. He also assisted the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency by correlating data and sampling the fisheries in Norris and Dale Hollow Reservoirs.

Mr. Ryon was preceded in death by his wife, Annabelle Daywalt Ryon, with whom he had been married nearly 70 years. He is survived by son, Richard and wife Cheryl of Petersburg, TN; daughter, Patricia of Oak Ridge; son, Michael and wife Leslie of Farragut; seven grandchildren, Hayley Ryon, Kelsey Ryon, Paul Ryon, Renee Chambley Maples and husband Marc, Clayton Ryon and wife Katrina, Preston Ryon and wife Jennifer, David Head and wife Mia; five great-grandchildren, Spencer Huff and husband Brian, Mallory, Eliza, and Caroline Maples, and Preston Ryon; and his sister, Alice Bishop of Sarasota, Florida.

A private viewing will be at 1 pm on Monday, October 22, 2018 at Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home. Internment services will be held that same day at 2:30 pm at Anderson Memorial Gardens, Rev. Jenny Caughman officiating. The family would like to acknowledge and thank the staff of caregivers from Professional Case Management for

their help and service to Mr. Ryon during his later years. Online messages may be left for the family at <http://www.martinfuneralhomeoiakridge.com>. Services entrusted to Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home 865-483-4341

# Comments

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“ Pat I was saddened to read that Al had passed away. I will always remember the friendship your mom and dad had with my parents. RIP Al, Ann, Dad and mom. And all the other square dancers in heaven watching over us.

janice Baker Sanders - October 31, 2018 at 11:27 PM

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“ Janice Baker Sanders lit a candle in memory of Allen D Ryon



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“ We have recently lost a loved member of our family. He will be remembered warmly by my family. We send our condolences to Richard, Michael and Pat, and all of their families.

I will always remember Uncle Al for the times we spent together, and especially the conversations about the meticulous record keeping he put together about his walleye fishing. He loved the times he spent fishing, and I could relate to his passion. He tried on numerous occasions to explain the work that he was so successful at....but I could never understand what exactly he did.....but that was ok, I loved to hear him talk about it.

I will always remember him and the times we had together.

Warm Love, Gary Bishop and Family

Gary Bishop - October 22, 2018 at 10:59 AM

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“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Allen D Ryon.



October 19, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ I met Al when the Y-12 "C" and ORNL "A" Men's Leagues merged on Monday nights. He was a great ambassador for bowling and was a good sportsman and competitor. I also was fortunate to have bowled with Ann in a mixed league in Knoxville one summer. It was always great seeing Al shopping at Food City before his health began to decline. Sincere condolences and deepest regrets to Al's family and friends at this time of sorrow and sadness. He is now in heaven reunited with his dear Ann.

**S. Ray Smith** - October 19, 2018 at 04:49 AM