



## Ryan P. Anderson

June 14, 1958 - February 23, 2026

With broken hearts, we announce the passing of our dear Ryan, age 67, at home on February 23, 2026.

Born on June 14, 1958, in Sterling, Illinois, he was the youngest son of Donald and Phyllis Anderson. He was brother to Dorcy Prosser and brothers Nyle and Jason Anderson.

Ryan spent most of his life in St. Augustine, Florida 1981-2026. He held a B.S. degree from Illinois State University in Business Law and a Masters degree in Deaf Education from the University of North Florida. He worked for many years at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. Additionally, he worked with the Crown Consortium as a facilitator in the “Facilitative Leadership” program in school districts all around the state of Florida.

He loved fishing, wheelchair basketball, ballet, Jacksonville Jaguars football, but mostly spending time with his family and friends. He especially loved his time with his son Nyle and daughter-in-law Brandy and grandson Maximus, and his daughter Anna.

He attended Shephard of the Coast Lutheran Church in Palm Coast. He also loved to attend fish fries during Lent, Christmas parties, St. Valentine’s and St. Patrick’s Day meals at Corpus Christi Catholic church with his wife, Carolyn.

He is survived by his beloved wife Carolyn of 43 years, his son Nyle G. Anderson (Brandy), his daughter Anna C. Anderson and beloved grandson Maximus and granddaughter Olive Ebel and her family. He is also survived by his sister Dorcy Prosser (Don), brother Nyle Anderson (Patty), and brother Jason Anderson (Martha). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and hundreds of dear friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church in Palm Coast. Inurnment will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026, at San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ryan's name may be made to Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church, 101 Pine Lakes Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32164 ([www.sotcpc.com](http://www.sotcpc.com)).

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/ryan-anderson-9/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church  
101 Pine Lakes Pkwy,  
Palm Coast, FL 32164

## Inurnment

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

San Lorenzo Cemetery  
1635 U.S. 1 South  
St. Augustine, FL

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ I knew Ryan from the beginning of school at Washington elementary. He was always kind and friendly. Indian lace included everyone. He was always pleasant and outgoing. God be with his family. God be with his family and may he rest in heaven now in God's arms.

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**Glada (Bell) StClair** - March 27 at 04:42 PM

HL

“ Knowing Ryan for decades at F.S.D.B., our friendship deepened during a period of 9 years while I was Principal of the Deaf Department and he the H.S. IEP Coordinator. Ryan and I worked closely together and even went to daily lunch duty together for those years. We shared lots of good times both on and off campus. He was a great advocate for the students and he had a good relationship with the parents of those students. Working every day was even more admirable when you knew he was in constant pain and did not complain. He did not let his personal difficulties interfere with his job.

Ryan was very proud of his family and his priority outside of the work place. Another was his love of the Jaguars. I doubt anyone was more loyal to the Jags than Ryan & his sidekick, Marge. Even with his pain and logistics, he attended most of the Jags' home games with his group of tailgaters before each game and after parties following the "wins".

Ryan is missed by the legion of loved ones. Obviously he touched so many of us who love him. Another friend, Hugh Lewis

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**Hugh Lewis** - March 07 at 04:45 PM

CA

*You are a treasure! Thank you! Carolyn*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 13 at 02:29 PM

AA

“ *I was always in awe of how amazing Ryan was. Very strong, very engaging, very positive and just an all around great guy. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. My deepest condolences go out to them.*

*( I'm Martha Anderson's sister )*

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**Amy Adiutori** - March 07 at 10:58 AM

CA

*Thank you Amy!*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 13 at 02:30 PM

LN

“ *Mr. Anderson was a jewel of a man. He was such a help to the Beacon of Hope Sports Program for many years. He not only volunteered while Anna was a student at the school but he continued volunteering to help at the gate for sporting events even up to this past basketball season. He will truly be missed! I could always count on him to give me the latest updates on the Jacksonville Jaguars.*

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**LaVoy Newton** - March 07 at 07:57 AM

CA

*Levoy, he felt it an honor to assist in Athletic events by taking tickets at the door. He love and respected you since Anna was in school there. Thank you for the Memorial gift in his name from. You and the Athletic department. You are all a treasure. Carolyn*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 16 at 12:18 PM

LS

“ Carolyn, even though our hearts are broken for you, Nyle, and Anna at your loss, we know that Ryan is in the arms of our Savior, Jesus. One day we will be with him again and we will rejoice and worship the Lord together in Heaven as we did here during our time on Earth. We love you, Paul and Lauren Schmid

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**Lauren Schmid** - March 07 at 07:11 AM

CA

*Thank you dear friends! Carolyn*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 16 at 12:19 PM

BG

“ Ryan was a dear friend and one of the most courageous people I’ve had the pleasure to know.

*He faced adversity every day but always had a smile when he was with me.*

*We enjoyed many conversations during daily lunch duty and after we retired we had many long breakfasts together at local restaurants.*

*I will miss him dearly because I love Ryan Anderson.*

*I’m sure we’ll be together again.*

*Mike Gaura*

*I was so sad about Ryan’s passing. I enjoyed many hours at IEP meetings and discussing different issues with Ryan. I admired and respected him.*

*I know Ryan loved the Jaguars!! Mike and he spent a lot of time talking about sports!*

*I am happy that we were able to spend time with Ryan recently. I believe that he’s in a better place now and not suffering. Until we meet again dear friend.*

*Betsy Sotillo-Gaura*



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**Betsy Gaura** - March 06 at 08:54 PM

CA

*Thank you both! He loved our times together! Blessings, Carolyn*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 16 at 12:20 PM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Anderson family in their loss. I had the privilege of calling Ryan my friend since we first met in high school. I will always cherish the memories he was a part of and I will always remember his kindness, his warmth and his willingness to help others. Ryan lived his life fully and with integrity, meaning and faith. He found his purpose in helping others and strived to make a difference. I know that he did. He certainly was an example of how to rise above the challenges and setbacks he faced. Ryan shined a special light on all of us who loved him. May we honor Ryan by passing that light forward. Sending love and prayers. Sue McKinzie Westphal

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**Susan Westphal** - March 04 at 11:47 AM

CA

*Bless you Sue!*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 23 at 08:02 AM

DL

“ I had the pleasure of being Ryan's friend in Jr. and Sr. High School. Many very happy memories of going thru that period of life with Ryan. He gave me the honor of standing up for me at my wedding to Tara Haag in 1977. I regret losing touch after that and am very sad to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. Reading his other memories sounds like he never changed from how I remember him. Great guy!

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**David Lawrence** - March 04 at 09:49 AM

AA

“ I'm sorry for everything . I love you so much dad . Can't believe your gone .

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**Anna Anderson** - March 04 at 01:29 AM

CA

*He was so proud of your new life!*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 06 at 12:10 PM

NO

“ *I grew up with my uncle Ryan coming to Illinois for so many christmases. He seemed to always be the life of the party! I remember swimming once with him when we were in Florida and I thought I could beat him in a swim race, but he crushed me. He was very strong! I'm so thankful for the friend he was to my dad. We look forward to eternity with you, Uncle Ryan!*

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**Natalee Ozment** - March 03 at 10:22 PM

CA

*Thank you sweetie!*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 06 at 12:11 PM

CA

“ Ryan and I dated on and off for three years in high school. I admired him so much for how involved he was — playing football, serving on student council, and helping plan school dances and events. He had incredible enthusiasm and energy, and best of all, he could always make me laugh.

We spent so much time together that he became part of my family. My dad gave him free haircuts and loved visiting with him. He spent time talking with my incredibly sweet mom — and once jokingly asked me, “Why can’t you be more like your mom?” That was Ryan — always teasing, always smiling. He would often stop by just to take our dog for a walk.

Over the past forty years, Ryan remained a special part of my family. He made visits to my parents’ home, sent thoughtful surprise gift baskets for special occasions, and spent long phone calls with me simply catching up on life.

Ryan was kind, loving, generous, and full of humor. He will always hold a very special place in my heart — and my 95-year-old mother would absolutely agree.

You will be deeply missed, Ryan.

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**Cindy Adami** - March 03 at 06:49 PM

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 16 at 12:21 PM

RR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May the many good memories keep you in happy thoughts. Love from the Ricketsons

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**Rose Ricketson** - March 03 at 03:07 PM

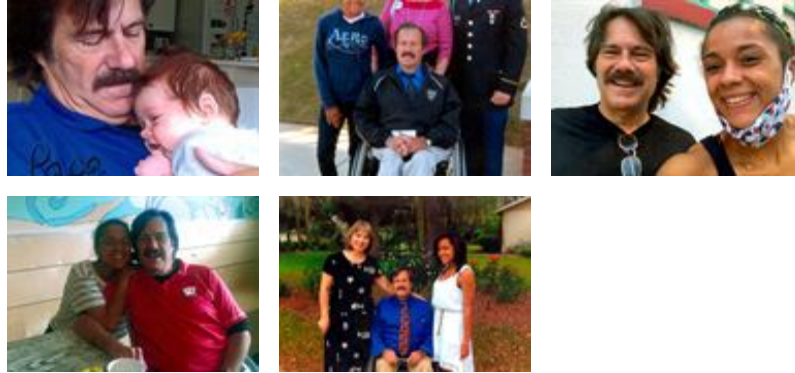
CA

Thank you so much 🌹 Rose. He loved our times together with you and Mike, Nyle, Brandy and Maximus 💕

Carolyn L Anderson - March 16 at 12:22 PM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - March 03 at 01:01 PM

SA

“ How incredibly blessed are the members of Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church in Palm Coast, FL, to have had Ryan as an active partner in our ministry. We especially appreciated his long-term leadership of the Education Committee. Ryan was passionate about Christian education. He participated in Bible studies and boldly shared his vast knowledge of scripture, his faith, and his life experiences that might challenge others to question their faith. He knew the will of God the Creator and encouraged those who questioned God's love to "get right with God". He reached out to the homeless and disadvantaged with courage and strength, boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever he went. Ryan's family members and friends have our deepest sympathy. GOD has called this faithful servant home, and we know Ryan's life with Jesus will be everything he hoped for. We are so happy for Ryan and look forward to seeing him again. Sharon + Andy Andresen

Sharon + Andy Andresen - March 03 at 11:50 AM

JA

“*Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, after 44 years of suffering through dozens of surgeries and living as a paraplegic, my brother Ryan has been welcomed into his heavenly home. Like never before have we experienced such intense grief and JOY at the same time. Joy because Ryan is now walking again and standing before his Lord and Savior without pain which in recent months was extremely debilitating. Grief as Ryan was a close friend and brother whom I knew for nearly 68 years. We walked through the fire together through many trials. But Ryan prayed and yearned to meet Jesus face to face and on Monday night his prayer was answered. Please pray that the peace that surpasses all understanding will be upon Ryan's wife Carolyn, son Nyle, and daughter Anna while they process this loss and grieve as a family. To God be the Glory for great things He has done!.*”

Jason T Anderson - March 01 at 06:10 PM

CA

Thank you Jason 💕

Carolyn L Anderson - March 02 at 01:06 PM



“*Please except my deepest condolences to Caroyln, family and friends. I will miss you Ryan with our conversations and the sharing of good recipes. My heart hurts that you are gone but also my heart knows you are no longer in pain. Rest easy my friend.*”



Roxanne Hennessey - March 01 at 09:46 AM

SA

*Our deepest condolences to you, Carolyn, and your family. May your precious memories of Ryan give you comfort and peace.  
Your neighbors  
Sandy and Jim.*

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**sandy** - March 01 at 10:47 AM

CA

*Thank you dear friends.💕*

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 02 at 01:08 PM

TB

*Our sincere condolences, Carolyn for your loss of Ryan. Whenever I was visiting St. Augustine with Martha, a visit or by dinner with Ryan was always uplifting and encouraging! Our prayers for God's comfort and peace are with you during this time and are thankful Ryan is with his Lord and Savior🙏*

*Love  
Tim & Terri Bivins*

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**Tim & Terri Bivins** - March 03 at 12:58 PM

DG

“ I had the privilege of being Ryan’s best friend for 62 years. When you say that number out loud, it doesn’t even seem possible. But that’s how long he’s been part of my life — through childhood, through growing up, through all the seasons life brings.

Ryan wasn’t just my friend. He was my constant. He is the guy who would answer the phone no matter the hour. The guy who would sit with you when life didn’t make sense. We shared more memories than I could possibly fit into two minutes — laughter that hurt your stomach, stories we probably shouldn’t repeat, and quiet conversations that only best friends understand.

Over 62 years, you see everything — the good days and the hard ones. And through it all, Ryan’s loyalty never wavered. He had a steady heart. He cared deeply about his family and the people in his life. If you were lucky enough to be his friend, you knew you had someone in your corner.

Losing him leaves a space that can’t be filled. But I’m so grateful for the time we had. Sixty-two years of brotherhood, of trust, of shared life. Not everyone gets a friendship like that. I did. And I’ll carry that gift with me every day.

Ryan, thank you for the memories, the loyalty, the laughter, and the years. I’ll miss you more than words can say. But I’ll see you again, my friend

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**Dave Garriott** - March 01 at 08:36 AM

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□ Beautiful Dave!

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**Carolyn L Anderson** - March 02 at 01:09 PM

RF

“ Robin Batie Felder lit a candle in memory of Ryan P. Anderson



Robin Batie Felder - February 28 at 05:26 PM

AM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Ryan's passing. I feel incredibly grateful to have known him for most of my life. Every time I saw him, he brought warmth, kindness, and such genuine happiness with him. And no one cheered on the Jags with more heart than Ryan.

I find comfort knowing he is now with Jesus, free from pain, and at peace. Carolyn, please know that I'm thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. If there's anything at all you need, don't hesitate to reach out, I'm here for you.

Amanda McKnight - February 28 at 12:26 PM



“ I've known Uncle Ryan since I was born. I'll carry all his warmth, kindness, and generosity he showed me for the rest of my life. He was a wonderful conversationalist and he had some great stories. As sad as it is to see him go I'm thankful that his physical suffering is finished. He was a legend. Godspeed Uncle Ryan.

Matthew Greco - February 27 at 10:24 PM

CA

Thank you sweet Matthew ☐

Carolyn L Anderson - February 28 at 06:25 AM

RF

*My sincere condolences to the Anderson family. 🙏🙏*

**Robin Batie Felder** - February 28 at 05:25 PM

BS

*“ I am so sorry to the family! His daughter Anna is one of my dearest friends. She means the world to me, which means her family does as well. Her dad was such a a sweet man. Always so kind to me when I was over visiting Anna. Sending much love and many prayers ❤️*

**Brittany Skinner** - February 27 at 04:12 PM

SW

*“ So sorry for your loss. You will be missed! May he rest in peace forever. I know him when I was a kid. It's been over four decades now. I remember we went to St. Augustine in 2017. We went out a dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings. There he is. We haven't see him for two decades since he saw me at Christmas Parade. Godspeeds Ryan. Fly high, Ryan!*

**Scott Weinberg** - February 27 at 02:17 PM

CB

*“ My deepest condolences to Ryan's family. I remember working with him at FSDB and as my son's IEP Coordinator. He was always so focused on the kids and how he could help them.  
Cindy Brueckner*

**Cindy Brueckner** - February 27 at 01:37 PM

BR

*“ "Now cracks a noble heart. Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"*

**Bette Rosenthal** - February 27 at 12:25 AM

TS

“ My sincere condolences to Ryan’s family and friends. It was a pleasure to work with him for many years at FSDB and to witness firsthand his passion for our students' success.

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**Tracie Snow** - February 26 at 11:54 PM

LH

*Ryan and I taught together at FSDB. We had a field trip to Msrineland. He drove some of the students in his car and I drove the school van. After returning to The D&B the students crawled out of his car..... leaving him in the drivers seat and his wheelchair in the trunk..... Ryan had a good laugh as he knew the students couldn't hear him calling their name to come back and get his chair!! He had to wait for someone passing by to get it for him. We laughed about that all school year. He was a wonderful encouragement to me as a first year teacher. I will always remember that about Ryan, he had the gift of Laughter*

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**Lady Charlene Hoadley** - March 12 at 01:11 PM