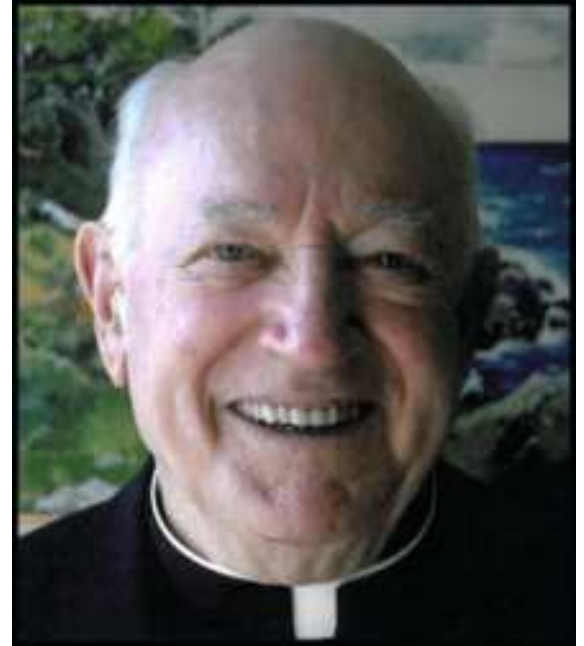


Rev. Lawrence A. Ryan, M.A., Ph.D.

3/30/1916 – 1/19/2012

St. Joseph's College Rhetoric class of 1936

St. Patrick's Seminary Ordination Class of 1942



Went to God January 19, 2012. He was born March 30, 1916, St. Paul, Minn., the fourth son and seventh child of **James and Mary Ellen Ryan**.

He attended St. Patrick's seminaries and North American College of Gregorian University, Rome, Italy. He was ordained in 1942. He enrolled to Catholic University, Washington, D.C., earning his Master's degree in English. He taught at **Serra High School**, San Mateo and **Marin Catholic High School** (1946-51).

Appointed **Assistant Superintendent High Schools San Francisco** Archdiocese in 1951; completed work on his **Doctorate at Stanford** in 1955. He was Principal at **Marin Catholic High School** (1955-1959), where he taught English to two future Pulitzer winners: Robert Hass, future poet laureate of the United States, and pianist David del Tredice; Pulitzer for music. Rev. Ryan served at **St. Mary's Church**, Vacaville, 1959-82.

In retirement he cultivated roses, played golf, painted, moved to Santa Cruz (1982-2002), and then Sacramento, where he researched and wrote a retirement guide, '**Graceful Aging**,' that was presented to parishioners in several parishes.

He was the last surviving member of a family that included sisters **Mary Catherine (Sheehan)** and **Alice Elinor (Ashton)**, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm and Vigil at 7:30 p.m. January 25 at McCune Garden Chapel, 212 Main St., Vacaville. Mass of the Resurrection officiated by Bishop Jaime Soto at 10:30 a.m. January 26 at St. Mary's, Hemlock and Stinson St. Interment at Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery. Donations to Retired Priests' Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818, or favorite charity.

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