



David Eugene Ryken

July 26, 1959 - September 18, 2025

David Eugene Ryken, 66, of Purvis, Mississippi passed away on September 18, 2025 at his home. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6 P.M. at Coaltown Baptist Church.

Mr. Ryken was a member of Coaltown Baptist Church. He graduated from Graceville High School in Graceville, FL. in 1979, upon graduating high school he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, where he served for 10 years and earned the rank of Staff Sargent. He loved his family and enjoyed working.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Shirley Payne Ryken; his wife, Patricia Louise Ryken; a sister, Rebecca “Becky” Ryken Barnes; and his step-son, Christopher LaMartina.

He is survived by his son, Joshua Ryken; his brother, Johnny Ryken (Lisa); three granddaughters, Brianna Dorman, Amanda Dorman, and Elizabeth Dorman; special friend, Patricia “Pat” Gatlin; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a step-daughter, Danielle LaMartina Hall.

A graveside service will be, 2:00 P.M. (CDT), Thursday, September 25, 2025, at New Hope Assembly of God Church Cemetery, 1314 Bunker Road, Graceville, Florida, with Dr. Naethan Hendrix officiating and James and Lipford

Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Coaltown Baptist Church at 137 Purvis Oloh Rd, Purvis, MS 39475, or First Baptist Church of Graceville at 987 8th Ave, Graceville, FL 32440, or to any veteran organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **25.** 2:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Assembly of God Church
1314 Bunker Road
Graceville, FL 32440

Tribute Wall

JF

“ David was like an older brother, has a big heart. We ran lots of loads together here at Montgomery. It really breaks my heart that he is gone. I talked with him few days before the Lord took him home. To me David was family. He sure will be missed.. My condolences to the family. God bless you all.

James Floyd - September 19, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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Mark Warren - September 19, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album David Ryken Working at Mals-31 Cryogenics



Mark Warren - September 19, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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Thank you Mark for posting this picture. I posted it on FB a few months ago. Dave reached out to thank me for posting it. It must have brought back good memories

Dan Legan - September 20, 2025 at 01:40 PM

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“ I knew David as a Marine. We served together in Beaufort SC,. Dave was a hard-charging Marine, who never quit any assigned task. He was in charge of many areas of responsibility and handled them all honorably. David and I were both natives of Northwest Florida, and he carried the kind of GRIT Florida boys are known for. I remember him most in his days as a Sergeant in the Cryogenics department of H&MS-31, Marine Aircraft Group 31. Dave was a great operator of the GB-1A Liquid Oxygen/ Nitrogen Generator. He was also and expert maintainer of all the ancillary equipment associated with that job. Dave Ryken was a good friend whom I kept in touch with from time to time, when he was not actively on the road. I will miss him, but in Christ, I know I will see him again. Rest Easy, brother. Mark Warren

Mark Warren - September 19, 2025 at 08:02 PM