



James Arthur Ryals

March 17, 1932 - December 21, 2023

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James “Jim” Arthur Ryals, age 91 of Plattsmouth, NE passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

Jim was born on March 17, 1932 to James Powell Ryals and Maude G. (Bicknell) Ryals in Tampa, FL. He was raised and schooled in Zephyrhills, FL and then graduated from high school in Tampa with the class of 1950. After graduating from high school, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He proudly served his country for twenty years during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After retiring from the Air Force in 1970, Jim worked as a life insurance agent. Jim met Carol Ochsner Hanks and they later married on May 18, 1985, in Madison, NE. He had a bit part in Citizen Ruth, a 1996 movie. Jim was also an author and he had three books published.

He was a fifty-year member of Masonic Lodge #325 in Bellevue, NE. He and Carol loved cruising and their favorite trip was to the Far East in 2010. They moved to a retirement community in Bellevue in 2014.

Jim is survived by his wife: Carol Ryals of Bellevue, NE; three daughters: Cheryl (Joseph) Rizk of Naples, FL, Kathie Jump of Springfield, MO, and Cindy (Brian) Mefford of Gretna, NE; son: Michael Hanks of Pittsburg, PA; eight grandchildren: Elizabeth Reznak, Joseph Rizk Jr., Devon Rizk, Tyler (Sydney) Hanks, Bradley Jump, Allie LeVeille, Nicholas Mefford, and Michael

Mefford; and two great grandchildren: Braden Hanks and Paisley Hanks.
Jim was preceded in death by his parents: Powell and Maude Ryals and his first wife: Betty (Cobb) Ryals.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Baptist Church in Bellevue at a later date.

Military Rites will be conducted by the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard, Military Funeral Honors Team of Bellevue.

His Final Resting Place will be at Omaha National Cemetery in Papillion, NE. The Family suggests Memorials to The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Ave. A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048. (402) 296-3123 robymemorialhome.com

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Rd.
Omaha, NE 68138
(402) 253-3949
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/omaha.asp>

Events

Details are pending.