



Howard Ryder

September 13, 1934 - December 16, 2018

Howard Ryder, formerly of Guntersville and Arab, passed away Sunday, December 16th, at his home in McCalla, Alabama. He was 84 years old, born and raised in the Midwest, Howard spent, the second half of his life living in North Alabama

He is survived by his wife, Diane (née, Green)Ryder, his children, Ron Ryder, Cathy Berry, Jeff Ryder, and Brad Ryder, and his stepdaughter, Kim Gaspar , along with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The oldest of five children, he is also survived by his brother, Ken Ryder, and his sister, Gracie Moore. He was predeceased by his brothers, Larry Ryder and Frank Ryder, as well as his parents, Mabel Winger and Howard Ryder, Sr.

Howard was an accomplished commercial sign painter. Throughout different periods of his life, he was also a softball coach, a Sunday school teacher, and a competitive short track stock car racer. He was a skilled carpenter, as well as a veteran of the United States Army.

His undying passion for the latter half of his life was sailing. So deep was his love for sailing that he built a 28' sailboat from a kit that contained no plans.

An avid exercise enthusiast, at the age of 80, Howard walked the distance of a marathon and regularly walked or rode his bike several miles each day.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:00p.m., Sunday, December 23rd at Guntersville Memorial Chapel 1601 Henry Street Guntersville.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the

Alzheimer's Association

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Guntersville Memorial Chapel
1601 Henry Street
Guntersville, AL 35976
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dyana McKee lit a candle in memory of Howard Ryder*



Dyana McKee - December 20, 2018 at 10:24 AM

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“ *Such an amazing man with a wonderful sense of humor. So enjoyed knowing Howard. My prayers are with his wife Diane, and his family. Rest in peace sweet man. You will be missed.*

Dyana McKee - December 20, 2018 at 10:23 AM



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Guntersville Memorial Chapel & Crematory - December 18, 2018 at 01:11 PM