



## William Ryan Effler

July 6, 1935 - October 18, 2023

William Ryan Effler, known to his loved ones as Ryan, passed away on October 18, 2023, at the age of 88 in Travelers Rest, SC. He was born on July 6, 1935, in Inman, SC, to Bertie Abernathy Effler and David Holt Effler. Ryan is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Sherry Williams Effler, his daughter Terri Headley, his son Tim Effler and wife Dana, his grandsons Ryan Headley and wife Carrie, Justin Headley and wife Casey, and his great-grandchildren Philip, Austin, Alizabeth, Eli, and (soon to come) Amelia. Ryan was preceded in death by his mother, father, and siblings Virgil, Earline, Doris, and David. Ryan attended District Five High School in Duncan, SC, and furthered his education at Greenville Technical College, where he earned a degree in engineering. He served his country with honor and dedication for several years as a member of the National Guard.

Professionally, Ryan excelled as a manufacturing engineer and Environmental Coordinator at Homelite. He took great pride in his work and was a star member of the Homelite bowling team. Ryan's commitment to his community extended beyond his career. He served on the Board of Deacons at the First Baptist Church of Lyman, SC, where he was also a member of the Men's Bible Class and the Missions Team. Ryan participated in mission trips to build ramps and porches for those in need.

In his free time, Ryan enjoyed various hobbies. He was an avid fan of Byrnes High School football, played the guitar, and had a passion for vintage cars, motorcycles, Clint Eastwood movies, and the Andy Griffith Show. Ryan's

dedication to his family was unwavering. He cared for his mother and siblings until their passing and continued to be a loving caregiver to his wife Sherry and daughter Terri, assisting with household tasks, yard work, and car maintenance until pain limited his abilities.

A service celebrating the life of Ryan Effler will be held on Friday, October 20, at 11:00 AM in the chapel at The Wood Mortuary in Greer, SC. Family visitation will begin at 9:30 AM, preceding the service. The compassionate staff of The Wood Mortuary is assisting the Effler family during this time.

Webcasting of the service will be available at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

Ryan will be remembered as a faithful, honorable, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His quiet and present nature, along with his mechanical and investigative skills, left a lasting impact on those who knew him. His dedication to his work, church, and community is a testament to his character. Ryan's memory will be cherished by all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 20. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 W Poinsett St  
Greer, SC 29650-1595  
(864) 877-3351

## Service

OCT 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
[woodmortuary@bellsouth.net](mailto:woodmortuary@bellsouth.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of William Ryan Effler*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - October 20, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William Ryan Effler*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - October 19, 2023 at 06:00 PM

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“ *Prayers for the family.*



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**Kenny and Tina Rouse** - October 21, 2023 at 04:28 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. I'm so sorry for your loss.  
I worked with Ryan at Homelite for 15 years. He was such a good man.. God bless each one.*

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**cathy cudd** - October 20, 2023 at 09:37 AM

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“ *Sherri, Terri and Tim*

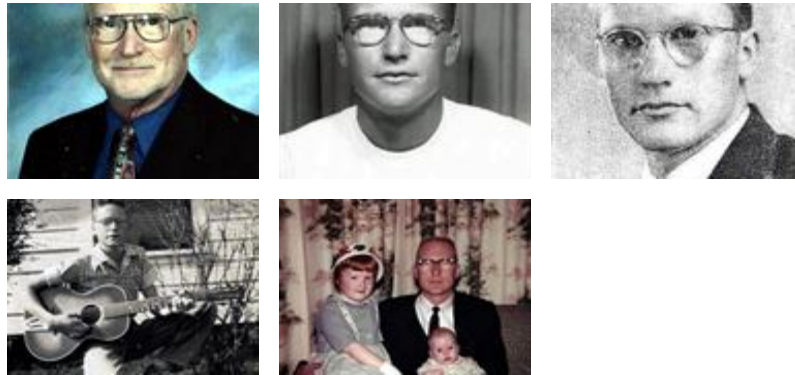
*I was so sorry to hear of Ryan's passing. He was a such a nice person. I have thought of you and your family for a long time. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sandra Painter Dean*

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**Sandra Painter Dean** - October 19, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ *41 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - October 19, 2023 at 05:29 PM

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“ *Worked with Ryan at Homelite. He was a good guy. Praying for family and friends.* ”



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**Jo Ann Howell** - October 19, 2023 at 02:21 PM