

## **Larry Eugene Ryan**

Captain Larry E. Ryan, USN (Ret.), formerly of Union, WA, and most recently of Tiverton, RI, passed away on 4 February 2026, just days before his 88th birthday.

Born in Deadwood, SD, on 16 February 1938, Larry grew up with a strong sense of adventure, discipline and curiosity—traits that shaped a life of service, leadership and love of the outdoors.

A proud graduate of the Naval Academy, Larry devoted 31 years to the U.S. Navy—a commitment that shaped not only his career, but his values, his friendships and his view of the world.

He spent 14 years at sea aboard submarines and destroyers. Commanding the destroyer Higbee was among his proudest achievements— not for the title, but for the privilege of caring for the sailors entrusted to him.

He held several shore assignments, including director at the Surface Warfare Officer School and Branch Chief for Logistics Plans and Readiness at Headquarters, U.S. European Command. He earned a master's degree from the George Washington University and retired in 1987.

After retirement, his love for USNA endured; he proudly served as a Navy Blue & Gold officer. Helping others find their path brought him fulfillment.

Larry loved being outdoors. He found joy in skiing, hiking, sailing, golfing and running—including participating in the Hood to Coast Relay. Some of his proudest moments were sharing these passions with friends and family. There were plenty of stories to be shared over a good meal, in Washington or in Whistler with his Old GOAT friends.

Predeceased by his parents, Bill and Alice Ryan, he leaves behind his daughter, Paige Goulart (Mark) of Portsmouth, RI; son, Michael Ryan (Maggie) of Honolulu, HI; his former wife, Elizabeth D. Ryan of Portsmouth, RI; sister, Peggy Obenhaus of Boulder, CO; brother, Patrick Ryan (LuAnne) of Folly Beach, SC; and his cherished grandchildren, Gregg Ryan of Honolulu, HI, Ryan Goulart of Denver, CO, and Meagan Goulart of New York, NY.

Larry will be remembered for his distinguished naval service, steady leadership, love of adventure and the quiet strength he lived his life. His legacy lives in the family he loved the sailors he led and the values he passed forward.

*May-June 2026 Shipmate*