



## Clyde A. "CJ" Ryder

June 8, 1962 - November 30, 2024

Clyde A. "CJ" Ryder, Jr. of Cadillac passed away peacefully Saturday, November 30, 2024 at his home. He was 62. CJ was born on June 8, 1962 in Tampa, Florida to Clyde A. & Carole J. (Paulsen) Ryder and they preceded him in death.

CJ moved to northern Michigan shortly after being born in 1962 and graduated from Manton High School in 1980. He went on to Adrian College for a short time. In the early 1980's CJ joined the United States Navy and served for over 10 years retiring in 1993 and also served in the Navy Reserves until 1996. He was the owner of the Century 21 Real Estate office in Cadillac for 11 years.

Golfing, hunting, fishing, and bowling were just a few of CJ's hobbies. He could also be found participating at events and functions at the Moose Lodge, AMVETS Post 120 and the American Legion Post 94 where he had served as Post Commander. He was also a member of the Cadillac Country Club and a former member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his son, Kyle Ryder of Cadillac; siblings: Chere Heasty of Cadillac, Tammy Jessee of Hastings, Chuck (Deb) Ryder of Advance, North Carolina and Cliff Ryder of Lexington, North Carolina and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Friday, December 6, 2024 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Tom Doherty officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. His final resting place will be Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home  
205 E. Cass St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-3411  
info@petersonfh.com  
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM.

Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Damn C.j. I'm really missing our BS session lately!*

Josh Winkelmann - December 27, 2024 at 11:41 AM

TF

“ *Tony And Jennifer Fuzi lit a candle in memory of Clyde A. "CJ" Ryder*



Tony and Jennifer Fuzi - December 13, 2024 at 08:56 AM

BT

“ *Clyde lived across the street from us while we were in school. A very good person. I know he was one of the people who looked out for my parents, and especially my mother after she was widowed. That shows a lot of grace to me. My sincere condolences for your loss. May your memories help ease the pain. Bonnie (Frank) Trygar*

Bonnie Trygar - December 04, 2024 at 09:27 AM

KD

“ *Worked with CJ for many years at Century 21. Many memories. Kyle I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you, Mike, Kenda and Dylan Denman*

Kenda Denman - December 03, 2024 at 07:55 PM

BP

“ *Bob&Erica Vrabel, Dennis&Terry Porter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clyde A. "CJ" Ryder.*



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**Bob&Erica Vrabel, Dennis&Terry Porter** - December 03, 2024  
at 12:27 PM

VS

“ *VFW NVS Washington Office Staff purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Clyde A. "CJ" Ryder.*



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**VFW NVS Washington Office Staff** - December 03, 2024 at  
12:23 PM



“ *I just knew of him he was always nice to me R.I.P. C J.Ryder he was good with people as well*

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**Tammy Gautz** - December 02, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RL

“ *Rick & Ann Lawrence purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Clyde A. "CJ" Ryder.*



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**Rick & Ann Lawrence** - December 02, 2024 at 05:49 PM

RI

“ I did not know the man; however, I am close with his brother Charles- who thought the world of Cj... and that tells me he was good soul- and I know now he is in Glory- and I am certain he is most welcomed there!

Rick - December 02, 2024 at 05:36 PM

KD

Worked with CJ for many years in real estate. Many memories. Kyle I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you!! Kenda, Mike & Dylan Denman

Kenda Denman - December 03, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ I met CJ when he served as Commander for the Legion. CJ worked tirelessly and selflessly to leave us with his legacy of duty, honor and leadership! He is missed and it was an honor to get to know him & his family. Prayers of comfort y'all!

Heather O'Connor - December 02, 2024 at 05:25 PM

KM

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to you all! CJ was a ray of sunshine and was always positive when visiting. He looked for the fun in life! I surely enjoyed bowling and golfing with him! he will be missed.

Konrad Molter - December 02, 2024 at 03:00 PM

NJ

“ My deepest condolences to Chere, Kyle and the entire family on the passing of CJ. Anything you need, please let your friends know.



Nancy Johnson - December 02, 2024 at 01:52 PM

GE

“ C.J. was my boss at Sams club, He sure had a great sense of humor. I enjoyed working with him. Proud of his service to our country. Rest in Peace, He sure loved his son.

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**Georgie** - December 02, 2024 at 09:04 AM