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Evans Harold “E.H.” Ryan, 102, of Chaffee passed from this life Wednesday, February 13, 2020 at Auburn Place in Cape Girardeau. He was born October 30, 1917 in Harrisburg, AR, son of William Sherman and Cleo Esther Evans Ryan. He and Wanda Ryan were married February 4, 1940. Evans was an engineer on the Frisco Railroad for 37 years. During those years, he was proud of his service as the Local Chairman of his union, the UTU.

Evans was a lifelong member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church of Chaffee.

He is survived, admired, loved and missed by daughter, Carol Cannon; daughter-in-law, Judy Ryan; granddaughters Karen Cannon Brown, Kathi Cannon Stone (Tim), Lynn Ryan, Kas Ryan; grandson Chris Cannon (Pam); grandson-in-law Ron Shelton; great-granddaughters Andrea Ryan Crawford (Tommy), Kori Brown Skidmore (Travis), Kari Stone, Caitlin Cannon Hayward (Jake), Madison Cannon, Mackenzie Cannon, Lindsay Tivoli, Brittany Ryan, Amanda Ryan; great-grandsons Ryan Shelton (Jessica), Reid Shelton (Jenella), Alex Stone, Michael Ryan (Ashley); great-great-granddaughter Everly Shelton; great-great-grandsons Gage Skidmore, Miles Hayward, Merrick Hayward, and Rip Shelton.

In addition to wife, Wanda, he was preceded in death by his parents; sons John Ryan and Bob Ryan; sister Rae Davidson; brothers James, Hugh, William and Edwin; granddaughter Stacy Ryan; grandson Randall Ryan; and great-great-grandson Noah Cook and two lifelong friends, Bud Slaughter and Vopel Watkins.

Evans had a kind and loving spirit with a wonderful sense of humor. He was grateful for all the blessings he received in life and never took his relationships for granted. He maintained a positive attitude toward life, regardless of his circumstances, and never lost that positive attitude or sense of humor even to the last day of his life. He had a warm and generous heart, always taking care of those he cared about. He was hard-working and honest in all his endeavors

Evans' loves were Wanda - the greatest "catch" of his life, fishing, traveling, camping, and hunting. Hawaii, Alaska and the Bahamas were some of their favorite travel destinations. Throughout their 71 years of marriage, he and Wanda spent 32 winters as "snowbirds" in Avon Park, FL where they made many lifelong friends. Evans loved God and his family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

For the last year of his life, Evans lived at Auburn Place Assisted Living in Cape Girardeau, where he received excellent care. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to their staff and to the staff at Crown Hospice for their loving and compassionate care.

Visitation will be from 5-8pm on Sunday, February 16 at Amick-Burnett Funeral Chapel in Chaffee. The funeral service will be held at 10am Monday, February 17 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church of Chaffee, with Fr. Randolph G. Tochtrop officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorials may be made to the St. Ambrose Catholic Church of Chaffee, Mo.

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