



Shelly A Ryan

October 20, 1979 - July 17, 2025

Shelly Ann Kregel Ryan, age 45, passed away peacefully on July 17, 2025. Born on October 20, 1979, Shelly lived a life marked by compassion, generosity and joy.

Shelly was a devoted wife to her husband, Carl, and a loving, attentive mother to their two daughters, Emily and Tessa. Her family was the heart of her world, and her fierce, unconditional love will remain with them always.

She was the beloved daughter of Charles and Nancy Kregel and a cherished sister to Matt (Jackie) Kregel. Shelly was also a treasured aunt, friend, and mentor. Her kindness extended far beyond her immediate family—she was known for her ability to listen deeply, offer comfort freely, and show up for others without hesitation.

Shelly dedicated 18 years to teaching, shaping young minds with patience and heart. Her love for children extended into her role as a foster parent, where she provided care and stability to seven children over five years. Her nurturing spirit, paired with her boundless empathy, made her a guiding light in many young lives.

A lifelong Disney enthusiast and lover of swing dance and Hallmark movies, Shelly brought a sense of fun wherever she went. She found happiness in

life's little moments—sharing laughter with her nieces and nephews, spending time with friends, and creating memories filled with love and meaning.

Even in illness, Shelly remained selfless and strong, meeting each challenge with grace and courage. Her quiet resilience and radiant spirit will never be forgotten.

A celebration of Shelly's life will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 2:00–6:00 p.m. at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home in Beecher, IL. A funeral service will follow on Monday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m., also at Hack-Jensen, with burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to help support Shelly's daughters and honor her legacy of love and care.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-shelly-ryan>

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

1407 W Church Road
Beecher, IL 60401

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Manatt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shelly A Ryan.* ”



Manatt - July 27, 2025 at 08:00 AM

BC

“ *Mrs. Ryan was always there for me and she will forever be a permanent footstep in my path for success, she always encouraged me and pushes me to my best abilities, I am so devastated to be informed of this information and may she rest well in heaven. 💕💕* ”

Bri Chapman - July 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ *Mrs. Ryan was truly a blessing to my family. She was an amazing educator to both of my sons. We truly loved her. My prayers and condolences are with her family.* ”

Diana Harrigan - July 25, 2025 at 11:10 AM

PD

“ We were so fortunate and blessed to have Shelly in our lives and to know her. We met her as a young High School Freshman and watched her grow into such an extraordinary, remarkable, amazing woman.

A loving daughter, sister, best friend, wife, mother, "Our Shelly" who will always be in our hearts and memories

Our love and deepest sympathies

Archie & Penny



Penny DeRidder - July 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM

KD

“ Kyle and Heather Dreger purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shelly A Ryan.



Kyle and Heather Dreger - July 24, 2025 at 11:20 AM

CG

“ Over the years, Mrs. Ryan poured so much love and wisdom into my nieces and nephews. She was a truly lovely person and a gifted teacher. May God continue to place people in her daughters' lives who will pour into them, just as she so faithfully poured into so many scholars. Please accept our deepest condolences.



Christina Griffin - July 23, 2025 at 11:37 AM

BG

My sweet Shelly peace to your family always. We will miss you! ❤️🙏

Betty Graham - July 24, 2025 at 08:25 PM

BS

“ Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Shelly A Ryan



Barbara Smith - July 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

RE

“ Reinders purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shelly A Ryan.



Reinders - July 22, 2025 at 02:48 PM

LR

“ Lauren McFarlane & Nicole Rhoades purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shelly A Ryan.



Lauren McFarlane & Nicole Rhoades - July 21, 2025 at 09:44 PM

JB

“ Our deepest condolences to Shelly's whole family! Lots of great memories from when all the kids were little. It was great watching her and Karl dancing at their wedding! May God be with you all 🙏❤❤



Jerry and Barb - July 20, 2025 at 07:21 PM

TM

“ I want to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Ryan. She was my daughter Morgan’s 3rd grade teacher this past year, and her influence in our lives was truly remarkable. Morgan was thrilled to have Mrs. Ryan as her teacher and formed a deep connection with her. The news of Mrs. Ryan’s passing has left us heartbroken. She had such a positive impact on Morgan and so many others. She will be profoundly missed.

Tarsha Mahome - July 20, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelly A Ryan.



July 20, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Much sympathy at the news of your loss.

Cheryl Hartill - July 20, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MA

“ One brave little girl who grew up to be a beautiful woman inside and out. Will be missed by so many. God hold her family in your healing arms!

Mary - July 20, 2025 at 09:06 AM

MD

“ Although I’ve known Carl for a lifetime, I first became friends w/ Shelly in my first performance w/ the Beecher Part-Time Players. We made so many memories in our few productions together & our good friendship continued on to parties and outings together, a trip to Michigan, taking walks w/ our dogs, and bringing Emily & my niece to plays & events. You may have made your last performance Shelly, but your memory, smile & laughter will continue to live on with us! We love you!



Melissa & Randy Duncan - July 19, 2025 at 03:59 PM

EF

“ Erin F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly A Ryan.

Erin F. - July 19, 2025 at 02:16 PM

SP

“ So heartbroken to hear of the passing of Shelly. She was a wonderful neighbor. Sending all my love to her children, husband, parents and all who are mourning the loss of this wonderful woman.



Sara Piszczek - July 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM