



## **Arnold W. Ryan**

**October 26, 1951 – July 10, 2015**

(From Pivont Funeral Home July 2015)

Arnold W. Ryan, 63, of Maple Street in Bellepoint died Friday, July 10, 2015 at the Bower's Hospice House in Beckley, West Virginia following an extended illness. Born October 26, 1951, Arnold was the son of the late T.L. "Punk" Ryan and Iona Harris Ryan.

Arnold was a retired bus driver for Raleigh County Schools where he also served as both Transportation Director and Assistant Transportation Director. Arnold was a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, serving Raleigh and Summers Counties, for five terms between 1984 and 1996. Early in his life Arnold helped establish and served as fire chief of the Alderson Tri County Volunteer Fire Department and for some time Arnold was an EMT with OH9. Arnold's affiliations included Raleigh County Service Personnel Association, the WV School Service Personnel Association, Hinton Ruritan Club, Hinton Lion's Club and the Mercer County Prayer Action Committee.

Survivors include his mother Iona Harris Ryan, his loving wife of 42 years, Karen Ayers Ryan; two children Melinda Ryan Swagger and husband Greg of Charleston, and Arnold W. Ryan, II and wife Alecia of Lockbridge; three treasured grandsons Hunter Lee Swagger, Dean Mason Ryan and Aden Lane Ryan.

Surviving siblings are Melvin Ryan and wife Gail of Griffith Creek and Wayne Ryan and wife Robin of Bellepoint. Arnold will also be missed by his uncle Hugh Harris of Alderson, father-in-law John Ayers, Sr. and partner Debbie Bradley of Alderson, brother-in-law John Ayers, Jr. and wife Pam of Alderson as well as a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

As a follower of his Savior Jesus Christ, Arnold was active with congregations of the Vinyard of Yahweh in Johnson City, TN, Ari Yehudah Messianic Congregation and Hebraic Christian Fellowship in Bristol, TN. Arnold also supported and was involved in various ministries within Summers and Mercer Counties. Arnold's mission during his last several years was reaching out to the lost of Summers County, especially the youth and showing them God's love.

Arnold made arrangements to donate his body to the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV so that from his passing others may have hope for a cure to the illness that he suffered.

A celebration of Arnold's life will take place Sunday, July 19th at 3 pm at Pivont Funeral Home in Hinton, West Virginia with Eddie Harris officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Greenbrier Baptist Youth Camp.