



Ryan Arata

July 20, 1930 - December 9, 2011

Ryan John Arata, 81, of Surfside Beach, SC. passed away Friday, December 9, 2011 at his residence after an extended illness with ALS.

Mr. Arata was born July 20, 1930, in Hallowell, ME to the late John P. and Elizabeth Violette Arata. He was preceded in death by his sister Violette Bernier. He graduated from Hallowell High School in 1948 where he played baseball and basketball. He served in the Korean Conflict as a Navy Corpsman from 1951 to 1952 and was attached to the First Marine Division. He graduated in 1954 from Benjamin Franklin University, Washington, DC with a Bachelor of Commercial Science and in 1955 he received a Master of Commercial Science.

He was a Certified Public Accountant and worked many years in Washington, DC at a large duplicating corporation as the Secretary-Treasurer and Director. He was an avid skier and from 1975 to 1981 he won numerous silver and gold medals in the Nastar racing. He was a past Commander of the VFW Post 10420 Murrells Inlet, SC. He was also a member of the ALS support group at Socastee United Methodist Church, Socastee, S.C. He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include Mary Arata, mother of his children; son, Tom (Zuzana) Arata of Arlington, VA.; two daughters, Kathy (Tod) Crean of Waukesha, WI., Sharon (Todd) Roberson of Swainsboro, GA.; stepmother, Avis Arata Millett of Ocala, FL.; a sister, Joyce (Bill) Perry of Gardner, ME.; brother, Carl (Shirley) of Winthrop, ME; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and several

nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 PM, Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the South Carolina Chapter of ALS, 1064 Gardner Rd. Suite 101, Charleston, SC 29407.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Home Instead Senior Care and Southern Care Hospice.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel are in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12.** 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
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Service

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Tribute Wall

NH

“ We are friends of Tom's & Zuzana's and want to express our condolences to the Arata family. We never met Mr. Arata in person, but it sounds like he had a full, interesting life, and he will be missed. Noreen & Roy

Noreen Hannigan - December 13, 2011 at 02:16 PM

JH

“ Our sympathy to the family. Ryan and I were classmates together at Hallowell High School. He was a good friend and we corresponded via e-mail during his illness. So sorry for his loss. He was a good soul.
Joan & Al Hague



Joan Mosher Hague - December 13, 2011 at 09:13 AM

LW

“ I'd like to begin by offering my sympathy to Mary, Tom, Kathy, and Sharon.
My dad met Ryan while serving as a Navy Corpsman in 1951. We shared a lot of laughs and good times during vacations at Myrtle Beach, playing Yahtzee and cards. I used to look forward to going to the Arata's, because I had so much fun ice skating on their backyard rink, parties, and midnight mass on Christmas Eve. I think what I'll remember most about Ryan was his smile and zest for life.
May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hendrix White

Lisa H. White - December 12, 2011 at 09:58 PM

PB

“ ryan and i both graduated fro hallowell high. i was one year ahead of ryan. i knew ryan and his family as he lived on the same street, page st., as a good freind of mine, mike wyman. a close relative, betty knickerson, and i skied the hill out back of his house in the light of a full moon. allways fond merries of carl knickerson, the high school maint. person whom was part of the family. a loving and kind family whom i allways loved and respected. paul c. burd, conover1929@roadrunner.com

paul c. burd - December 12, 2011 at 06:35 AM

PB

“ Paul C. Burd lit a candle in memory of Ryan Arata



paul c. burd - December 12, 2011 at 06:26 AM



I WILL NEVER FORGET THE LAUGHS RYAN, WALTER, AND MYSELF HAD AT THE VFW. EITHER ON THE BOWLING MACHINE OR JUST TALKING. BEFORE YOU KNOW IT WE WILL ALL BE DOING IT TOGETHER AGAN. GOD BLESS YOU RYAN! ED W.

Edward Wilkin - December 13, 2011 at 05:43 PM