



Paul Joseph Ryder

March 21, 1945 - December 17, 2025

Paul Joseph Ryder, 80, of Coventry, CT, passed away peacefully on Dec. 17, 2025 in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in West Haven. Born March 21, 1945, in New Haven, a son of the late John F. and Margaret E. Houlihan Ryder, he was a graduate of Hamden High School and also the University of New Haven and was employed as a salesman for many years with several different companies. Paul was a proud member of the US Army where he earned the rank of Sergeant serving with Battery A, 5th Battalion of the 16th Field Artillery Regiment, a unit famous for service with the 4th Infantry Division playing key roles in Vietnam. He was an active member of American Legion Post # 52 in Coventry. In his spare time he enjoyed woodworking and often made wooden toys for the children of relatives and friends and was an avid UConn basketball and football fan. Paul loved music and was gifted with a pleasant singing voice. He was generous to his family and friends, and he always met people with a warm smile and an open heart. Paul loved Coventry and the surrounding towns with their rolling hills, stone walls and beautiful homes. He is survived by his eight siblings and their spouses, John W. (Christina) Ryder of Waterford, William D. (Marie) Ryder of Wallingford, Rosemary Ryder (Alan) Golia of Westerly, RI, Kevin (Christine) Ryder of Hamden, Dennis (Peggy) Ryder of Durham, Marian Ryder (Joseph) Barbiero of Wallingford, Patrice Ryder (Richard) Crovo of Millersville, MD and Christopher (Lori) Ryder of Hamden. Also, numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 9th, 2026, at 11:30am in St. Rita Church, 1620 Whitney Ave, Hamden. Interment with military honors will be at a later date in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden will be Friday morning prior to the funeral mass from 9:00-11:00am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post # 52, PO Box 51, Coventry CT., 06238.

Cemetery Details

Middletown State Veterans Cemetery

Bow Lane
Middletown, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

St Rita's Church
1620 Whitney Ave
Hamden, CT 06517
(203) 248-5513

Tribute Wall

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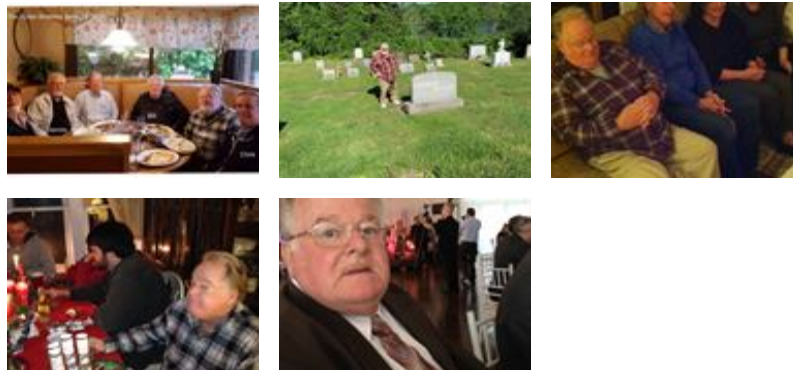
“*Members of the American Legion, District 4, are deeply saddened to learn of Paul's passing and extend their heartfelt condolences to Paul's family. We appreciate and honor Paul's dedicated service to our country and to the American Legion. Paul was greatly respected and admired by his fellow legionnaires, and he will be missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Respectfully,
Len Theroux
Chaplain, District 4*

Len Theroux - January 18 at 05:03 PM



“*20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - January 06 at 01:02 PM

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“*Paul, you and I have been brothers for 80-plus years. We have spoken by phone 4-5 times a week about UConn basketball, the politics of the day, and many other topics. We traveled together to many places, and I enjoyed your sense of humor as we did. You will be sorely missed, my brother. Love. Jack*

Jack Ryder - December 30, 2025 at 11:45 AM

DR

Paul, you are the older brother who taught me many life skills like how to throw a baseball and a football. You always told me not to give up when things start to turn sideways. You will always be remembered with love!

Dennis

Dennis Ryder - January 06 at 10:50 AM