



Terrence Ryan

October 17, 1941 - August 20, 2023

TERRENCE RYAN 1941-2023

Terrence Ryan a native San Franciscan was a long time labor and political activist died on August 20, 2023 of lingering illness. Terry was what he proudly called a "card carrying" member of the Burton Machine. Those days, politics of the Burton's were closely aligned with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). In fact, former Mayor Willie Brown said that the headquarters of the Burton Machine was in the basement of the Janitors Union Hall at 240 Golden Gate Avenue. Terry ran the San Francisco Get-Out Vote operations to both Bobby Kennedy in 1968 and Jesse Jackson in 1988. He was also the Campaign Manager for Supervisor Joe Beaman in 1967. He was President of the San Francisco Federated Young Democrats and the Northside Democratic Club. He also served several terms on the San Francisco Democratic Central Committee and one term on State Democratic Central Committee. He was an officer or staff for five different SEIU Locals in the Bay Area, including being elected as Financial Secretary for SEIU Local 400, the San Francisco city employees union. Terry was a difficult man to supervise as he carried very strong opinions of how workers should be treated, whether they were members he represented or staff he worked with. Terry was very interested in opera and the San Francisco History especially labor and maritime.

Terry leaves a grieving widow of his third marriage to Dinah L. Villanueva-Ryan, a son Michael Ryan and only girl born to Ryan for over a hundred years, granddaughter Erin Ryan, both from Seattle. Previously, he was married twice to the late Betty Ann Clodfelter and late Marta Silvia Solotar. He leaves three brothers (not one of them as handsome as he is), Dennis & late Ginny Ryan of San Carlos, CA; Brendan Ryan of Brussels, Belgium, and late Kevin & Sandra Sanfilippo Ryan of Pleasanton, CA. He also leaves several nephews, Matt & Melissa, Vince, Julian and Dominic; a niece, Andrea, and numerous brothers in-law, sisters in-law and family friends.

His remains will be scattered in the San Francisco Bay with close family and friends. Scheduled memorial services entrusted to Skyview Memorial Lawn.

Previous Events

Scattering

OCT 4. 1:00 PM (PT)

Berkeley Marina
Berkeley, CA

K dock which is next to the harbor masters office