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Howard M. Ryon, Jr., 57, of Browntown, passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at his home.

A funeral service will be Friday, October 14, 2011, at 3:00 p. m. at the Front Royal United Methodist Church conducted by The Rev. Gary Heaton and assisted by The Rev. Dale Ramsey. Burial will follow at the Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Ryon was born April 15, 1954 in Leesburg, son of the late Howard Melvin Ryon, Sr. and Jean Vandeventer Ryon.

He was a graduate of George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church. He was a retired sergeant with the Front Royal Police Dept. He also had many part-time jobs including Valley Medical Transportation, Turner-Robertshaw Funeral Home, Paul Mellon's Rokeby Farm, and served as bailiff for Warren County Courts.

He was a member of the Front Royal United Methodist Church, Unity Lodge #146, AF& AM, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #33, a long-time member of the Front Royal Volunteer Fire Department, and a past member of the Warren County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jane Ball Ryon; a brother, Robert L. Ryon of Coppell, Texas; a sister, Anne V. Ryon of Manassas, Virginia; and his special companion dog "Noel".

Pallbearers will be Michael Miller, Richard Furr, J.R. Dove, Todd Smedley, William "Bill" Robinson, Kevin Fultz, Clint Keller, and Eddie Langland.

Honorary pallbearers will be James "Pete" Pomeroy, Michael Silek, Hal Shaner, Hoss Feldhouser, Larry Daniel, Steve Schiro, Mark Warner, George Cleveland, Doug McNeil, Robbie Seal, Steve Bauserman, Alvin Pettit, Martha Foster, Janie Clatterbuck, Billy Chapman, Rocky Graziano, Kenny Sours, Gary Shaffer, Linda Underwood, Mike Ellinger, and members of the Unity Lodge #146, AF& AM.

The family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall at the Front Royal United Methodist Church.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. William Major as well as all the girls at Virginia Cancer Specialists in Winchester for taking such great care of Howard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Front Royal Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 567, Front Royal, Virginia 22630, or to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601 or to the Front Royal United Methodist Church, 1 W. Main Street, Front Royal, Virginia 22630.