



Obituaries

**Francis X. Ryan, 45, dies,
coach, teacher and Democrat**

Francis X. Ryan, 45, head of the guidance department at St. Johnsbury Academy for many years, athletic coach, and well-known Democrat who was chairman of the Caledonia County Democratic Committee, died Sunday in Groton, Mass. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Ryan was born Oct. 7, 1925 in Salem, Mass., and served in the Pacific theater in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He held his B.S. in business administration from Boston University and became affiliated with St. Johnsbury Academy in 1951, teaching commercial courses. He earned his master's degree in education from Salem State College in 1962 and was appointed guidance director at the academy in 1964.

Frank Ryan had been Democratic county chairman since 1967 and had been active in party politics since John F. Kennedy's campaign in 1960. He was secretary of the St. Johnsbury Democratic Committee in 1963 and county campaign manager for Philip H. Hoff, when the former Vermont governor

ran for the U.S. Senate in 1970. Mr. Ryan himself ran for the state Senate in 1970, but was unsuccessful.

He served on the Vermont Social Welfare Board and was a trustee of the interracial Vermont-New York Youth Project. He was a past member of St. John's parish council of St. John's Church and an usher there. He was a former trustee of Northeast Kingdom Mental Health.

Mr. Ryan served as a football line coach for several years at the Academy and was also baseball coach and jayvee baseball coach.

Survivors are his wife, Margaret; three sons, Mark, Christopher and Jonathan; his mother, Mrs. Edward Ryan Sr.; a sister and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. John's Church, St. Johnsbury. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends who wish contribute to the Francis X. Ryan Scholarship Fund in care of Vincent Darnan at St. Johnsbury Academy.

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