

In Memoriam of Dr. Elizabeth R. Ryan

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Elizabeth Ruth Ryan, EdD passed away peacefully on October 31, 2024, after a brief illness. She was surrounded by family at the time of her death and was cared for by former students during her hospitalization.

Dr. Ryan was passionate about her work in medical education. She served as the Director and Associate Dean for the Northwest-Gary Campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine from 2018-2023. Since 2023, she served the Indiana University Medical School in the role of Associate Dean for Educational Integration and Professor of Clinical Family Medicine. Her contributions to the growth and development of future physicians spanned decades. Her simple motto of “work hard, be nice and earn your credibility” brought her the love and respect of those with whom she worked.

Dr. Ryan was generous with her time. Representing the voice of a first-gen college graduate who worked her way up through the ranks, she was a member of the Steering Committee of the AAMC Group on Regional Medical Campuses and formerly served on the Executive Board of the AAMC Central Group on Educational Affairs. The Journal of Regional Medical Campuses benefitted from Dr. Ryan’s outstanding contributions as an author and reviewer.

Her passing leaves a hole in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing Elizabeth.