



James Edward Riley

November 3, 1930 - April 29, 2024

James Edward Riley, 93, of Willis, Texas entered the presence of his Savior on April 29, 2024.

Jim was born on November 3, 1930 in Houston Texas to Godfrey Edward Riley and Ora Mae Riley (Harris). He was honorably discharged from the Air Force Strategic Air Command 22nd Air Refueling Squadron in June of 1954 as a S/Sgt. He married Virginia (Ginny) in April 15, 1971. Jim and Ginny have 4 surviving children, Desa Leslie (Ray), Shannon Reyes (Richard), Sherry Hodges (Rick), Steve Wine (Sharon), Mike Coulter (Brenda), ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Church
4213 Mangum Rd
Houston, TX 77092

Catholic Mass

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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4213 Mangum Rd
Houston, TX 77092

Burial

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Lawndale
6900 Lawndale
Houston, TX 77023
(713) 928-5141

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Charlotte S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Riley.

Charlotte S. - June 30, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DL

“ I sure do miss you daddy. I'm sorry you had so much suffering towards the end. I was honored to visit you every day & bring you sweet iced tea & reminisce when you were able too! You had the best manners that last month, always saying thank you, sugar. Certainly wish things could've been different towards the end but I wasn't in charge of you. You were a trooper & you did the very best you could possibly do considering how bad off if you were. I know you're visiting with Wayne now & getting to talk with him every day again will make you feel much better! Until we meet again, daddy I love you.

Desa Leslie - June 03, 2024 at 04:00 PM

BH

“ Bob and Kay Hebert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Riley.

Bob and Kay Hebert - May 06, 2024 at 04:44 PM

BH

“ Bob and Kay Hebert purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Edward Riley.



Bob and Kay Hebert - May 06, 2024 at 04:44 PM

CR

“ Charles and Karen Resen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Edward Riley.

Charles and Karen Resen - May 05, 2024 at 05:37 PM

CR

“ Charles and Karen Resen purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James Edward Riley.



Charles and Karen Resen - May 05, 2024 at 05:37 PM

CF

“ Craig & Denise and John & Jill families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Edward Riley.



Craig & Denise and John & Jill families - May 05, 2024 at 05:21 PM

DE

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Desa - May 05, 2024 at 04:06 AM

DE

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Desa - May 05, 2024 at 04:05 AM

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Desa - May 05, 2024 at 04:01 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Desa - May 05, 2024 at 04:00 AM

SA

“Papa, I miss you so much. I had so many great times with you. I went everywhere with you when you had your place in Bastrop. You taught me how to ride a 4-wheeler, and started by you just having me hold your wrists to control the turns. After a couple of years, you were still riding with me, but you gave me full control of it all...the speed too!! There’s a hill coming Papa... “Climb! Climb!” And you know once you go up the hill, you have to go down... “Dive! Dive!”

You took me to my first auction house...you were looking for cows, but when that big white horse came out, you bet I raised my hand to bid...I was too little to know, but I was watching you do it with the steers so why couldn’t I do it for the horse.

Papa, what color is a burp?? BURPLE!! I remember when you told me that joke for the first time. You laughed and laughed!! I still remember that joke and tell it to people all the time.

Papa, I think it’s time for something sweet. Oreos? A 10-lb solid Hershey chocolate bar? Coming right up...just for you. Let me get a piece out of the freezer.

Remember my favorite place in the world? At your place in Bastrop overlooking the creek. You put a beautiful white bench up there just for me. I think of that place often. It’s absolutely gorgeous there. It’s a beautiful place to be and it’s peaceful. It’s close to heaven to talk to anyone there. So keep your ears open...and you’ll hear me. But if I’m not there, you may have to listen a little more closely.

Do you remember our trip to Ruidoso?? All the duck condos. And all the snow the last couple of days!! And the red dog I named Red. I’m sorry again about the bumper of your truck...for the record, the parking lot was icy and I wasn’t driving, but I’m glad you stopped because I really wanted to see the hand carved wooden bears.

Speaking of wood carved projects, I will forever cherish the cedar box you made me. I have always loved it and taken care of it. It still

smells like cedar. You put so much hard work into it...it took time from us riding the 4-wheeler, but I wouldn't trade it for anything.

And don't worry...I still remember you telling me the story about your childhood dog. I'll keep that story between us. People are too sensitive these days.

Papa, you never judged me. Never showed favorites. Never criticized me. Always supported my life and choices. Been there for so many events in my life. Softball, FFA, school events, Christmas, birthdays, and everything in between. I grew up a lot being around you and at your property. I got to go on many trips with you. I have so much I want to share about my life with you. I'm grateful for all the time I got with you, and wish that everyone else could have gotten the same experiences that I got with you.

I know how much you loved Mom and she loved you too. Who else would set pavers for you, or get down on their hands and knees to help you with a project. You and Mom had a bond that nothing else can match. You picked her out when she was a baby and she has always cherished that.

I know everyone else has lost you, but I have lost my Papa. I have so many memories with you and I'll hold onto them forever. You mean the world to me. I know you're always going to be with me. So go ahead and "Climb! Climb!" as it is time for you to go on to heaven. I will take care of Mom and will love you until my last breath. Thank you for all you did with me and for me. I love you Papa.

Savannah - May 05, 2024 at 01:42 AM

DE

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Desa - May 04, 2024 at 06:31 PM

DE

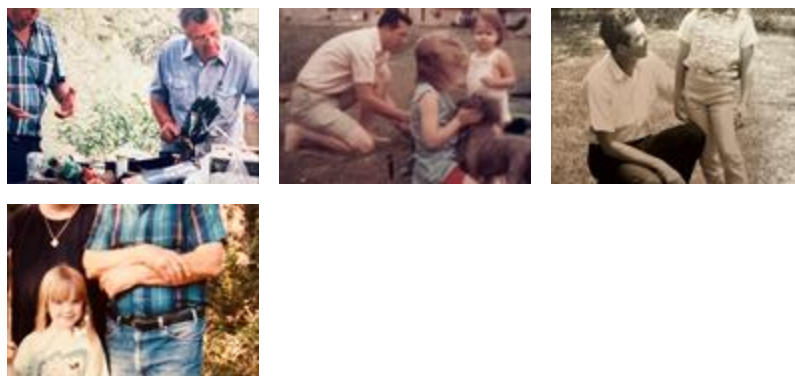
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Desa - May 04, 2024 at 06:27 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Desa - May 04, 2024 at 06:20 PM

JF

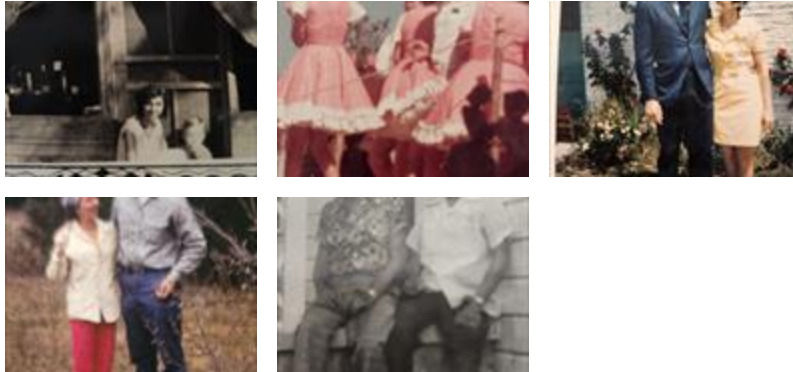
“ Jim and Evelyn Mason and families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Edward Riley.



Jim and Evelyn Mason and families - May 04, 2024 at 03:55 PM

DC

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Donna Clark - May 04, 2024 at 02:10 PM

SH

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Sherry Hodges - May 03, 2024 at 08:14 PM

SH

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Sherry Hodges - May 03, 2024 at 08:13 PM

SR

“ Flashback 30 years ago yet Dad never looks older. Love you Dad



Shannon Reyes - May 02, 2024 at 03:40 PM

SH

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Sherry Hodges - May 02, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DE

“ *Jim’s wonderful wife Ginny. He loved her dearly. They had 53 years of adventures and built a grand life together.*



Desa - May 02, 2024 at 11:59 AM

DE

“ *Great times with my dad!*



Desa - May 02, 2024 at 11:49 AM

DE

“ *Daddy,
I love you.
Desa*

Desa - May 02, 2024 at 02:31 AM