



John Philip Riley

September 23, 1945 - January 3, 2017

John Philip Riley, 71, of Huntsville, TX died Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at home surrounded by his family.

John is survived by his wife Vicky (Hopp) Riley of Huntsville; his son and daughter-in-law Paul and Dixie Riley of Bryan, TX; daughter and son-in-law Andi and Ed Chatal of Huntsville; two step granddaughters Melanie and Bryan Morris and Alyssa Hackney of Bryan, TX; mother-in-law Jacky Hopp of Nicollet, MN; brothers and sisters-in-law David and Pam Hopp of Fairfax, MN, JoEllen and Jim Brevitz of Nicollet, MN, Paula and Terry Vollmer of Mankato, MN, Steven Hopp and Lyle Jackson of Minneapolis, MN, Chet Hopp of Minnetonka, MN, Kris and Bill Juberien of St. Peter, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law John Hopp.

John Philip Riley, the son of John Edd and Frances (Pifer) Riley, was born September 23, 1945 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They moved to Pharr, TX when he was two. He graduated from PSJA High School in 1963 and attended two years of college at Pan American College in Edinburg, TX. He was united in marriage to Victoria Hopp December 27, 1969 in Nicollet, MN. John was a veteran, serving in the United States Air Force as a jet engine mechanic. He spent most of his tour of duty stationed at Randolph Field in San Antonio, TX, with a three month temporary duty in Vietnam.

John returned to the Rio Grande Valley and worked in the office supply

business. He started out with McKnight's Office Supply, and thru buy outs went to Jones Office Supply, Jones and Cook Stationers and retired in 2012 from Gateway Printing. He was also a retired member of the Pharr Volunteer Fire Department and spent many years working with the Boys Scouts of America. He loved spending time with his family, working with his model trains and hunting.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to the donor's choice.

Memorial services will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 20, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Philip Riley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *The Chew/Korzec Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of John Philip Riley.*



The Chew/Korzec Family - January 19, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ *I'm so sorry.. We Love you.....And I'm here if you need to talk..
Love Sheila and family*



Sheila Latham - January 12, 2017 at 11:36 PM

PJ

“ Vicky,
Never had the pleasure of meeting you. You must be a real jewel since John picked you to be his wife. I was a classmate of John's from jr high thru high school. We were also in Boy Scouts together. Great guy. Only recall seeing him once or twice after graduation as I moved away from the Valley. At the time he was at Mc Knights Office Supply. Looking thru the photos, you were fortunate to have had a number of joyous experiences. Memories were made and shared! Hopefully those memories will give you and your family strength to carry you thru the days ahead. May God Bless you all.
Phil Leibowitz, Jr
Temple, Texas

PHIL LEIBOWITZ JR. - January 09, 2017 at 09:29 AM

TP

“ Vicky,
I worked with John at McKnight's Office Supply when I was just a young man. I learned a lot from John as we delivered office machines and office furniture together. He was a kind man and always willing to help. He never missed a day of work, he was very dedicated to his job.
I last saw John right before he retired from Gateway Printing. I just happened to be there buying office supplies and I saw him. He told me that they had plans on moving to Huntsville and that was the last time I saw John. My condolence to you and your children. John will be missed I know. My prayers are with you and all the Riley family, may he rest in peace.

Tony Perez
Donna, Tx.

Tony Perez - January 08, 2017 at 12:18 PM

AN

“ 35 files added to the tribute wall



Andi - January 05, 2017 at 08:14 PM

LV

“ *Andi, Paul, and Mrs. Riley,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many
fond childhood memories of Mr. Riley. I will
keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. With
love, Luzita*



Luzita Vela - January 05, 2017 at 05:28 PM

AC

“ 2 files added to the album John



Andi Chatal - January 05, 2017 at 03:17 PM

MO

“ *Mary Oliver lit a candle in memory of John Philip Riley*



Mary Oliver - January 05, 2017 at 07:49 AM

MO

Mrs. Riley, we send prayers your way ! Nationwide (The Chris Batten Insurance Agency). Your Agents

Mary Oliver - January 05, 2017 at 07:52 AM

LN

“ *Larry, Priscilla and all the Nelson's purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Philip Riley.*



Larry, Priscilla and all the Nelson's - January 05, 2017 at 07:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Philip Riley.*



January 04, 2017 at 07:14 PM

CM

“ Cecilia Monks lit a candle in memory of John Philip Riley



Cecilia Monks - January 04, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Philip Riley.



January 04, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ Kerri Hom lit a candle in memory of John Philip Riley



Kerri Hom - January 04, 2017 at 05:52 PM