



Roger Dell Riley

January 30, 1945 - September 23, 2021

Roger Dell Riley was born on January 30, 1945 in Dallas, Texas to Charlie Norrette and Ora Corine Riley. Roger passed away on September 23, 2021 in Huntsville, Texas.

After school, he served in the United States Marine Corps and spent two tours in Vietnam. He went to work for Stewart & Stevenson on September 10, 1977 and that is where he met the love of his life. His future bride, Connie had been employed there four years. She had a friend that worked in the same department as Roger and was getting him to get all the scoop on Roger he could and report back to her.

Connie invited him to the company Christmas party that year and the rest is history. After a two-month whirlwind romance, Roger and Connie were married on December 22, 1977. Most of their friends thought they were crazy but this December would mark 44 wonderful years together.

Along the way, Roger loved to fly and got his Private Pilot license in 1981. He retired after a long career at Stewart & Stevenson on January 30, 2016, which was his 70th birthday.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Ora Riley and grandson Roger Hartgrave. He is survived by his loving wife Connie, son Kenneth Dell Riley and daughter Corine Riley Kane. He is also survived by his stepchildren John Dill, Tracy Morris and Cynthia Dill. Seven grandchildren; Dustin Hartgrave, Lauren Perkins, Lexi Cadwallader, Austin Dill, Addison Dill, Cassandra Morris and William "Trey" Morris. As well as two great

grandchildren; Scarlett Hines and Dustin Hartgrave, Jr.

Visitation will be held at 9:00 am on October 1, 2021 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX, with a service immediately following at 10:00 am. Burial will take place at 3:00 pm at Hillcrest Garden of Memory in Hillsboro, TX. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Garden of Memory

3838 E State Hwy 22
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Graveside Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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3838 E State Hwy 22
Hillsboro, TX 76645

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Dell Riley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



John Dill - October 01, 2021 at 06:04 AM

JD

“ When I was 15, knowing where the spare set of keys were to the Torino, sometimes I would drive it to school. Finally, after a couple months, I handed Roger, my Step-Dad, the spare keys and told him I'd been driving the Torino to school. He said, "Yeah, I know." You can imagine how surprised I was with his response. I asked him how did he know. His words... "Boy, don't you think I know how I park my car in the driveway? I knew it had been moved several times and you were the only one that could have moved it because your mother was with me."

I was expecting to be in serious trouble. Roger never said another word about it. A month later, just before I turned 16, Mom & Roger loaned me the money to buy my first car, a 1972 Ford Pinto. There was a Ford Pickup Truck that I really wanted and was about the same price, but they told me they thought I'd kill myself in the pickup, so if I wanted their help, it would have to be the Pinto. For the next 3 years, I did everything imaginable with that car to try to destroy it. I hated that car, my friends laughed at me because of that car, and I figured the sooner I destroyed it, the sooner I could get a different car, maybe a pickup truck like I really wanted. Now looking back, that Pinto, in spite of the hell that I put it thru, was the best car I've ever owned.

Roger didn't have to be the Dad he became to me and my sisters. Lord knows we made it very difficult for him in the beginning. But he was our Dad, in the good times and the bad. His Love, his consistency and his patience never wavered. Ok... Sometimes not as patient as he could have been... LoL... But more patient than we deserved!!!

I'm going to miss you Roger... We're all going to miss you... Thank you for being the Dad that you didn't have to be. I'll always love you!!!

John Dill - October 01, 2021 at 05:48 AM

CO

That's beautiful Johnny. ❤️

Connie - October 04, 2021 at 01:55 AM

RB

Well its really sad that I'm his first daughter RaeAnn Riley Roger Adopted me when I was about 3 his name is on my birth certificate. But I am no where Mentioned. I know my Aunt Brenda still to this day calls me as her niece. I love My Dad Roger Riley even for this that happen in my life time. I love my Memew and granddaddy. I'm still a Riley to this day 2023 you will never be forgotten Roger Riley, your daughter RaeAnn

RaeAnn Baughn - March 24, 2023 at 02:29 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Farrell - October 01, 2021 at 01:11 AM

DB

“ *Roger was a loving husband to my sister, no one could make her smile the way he can.
He was always gracious to me and my children, during a difficult time in my life he and Connie invited my son to stay during the summer. I will never find the words to describe what that meant to me and my son had a blast with them. Roger will be missed by all who knew him.*

Debbie Bierman - September 30, 2021 at 02:22 PM

BW

The world lost a good man, husband and patriot. i have known him since I was 12 and always admired him even though we haven't spent much time together in many years..RIP my friend

Billy wagoner - September 30, 2021 at 08:13 PM

TM

“ *I'm Connie's oldest daughter...aka her favorite. Roger, my stepdad has always been Roger to me. I know when I was a teenager I made my parent's hair turn gray by myself. But they survived the 5 of us kids. My life changed forever when they decided to move us kids to Colorado. It's been my home for the last 32 years. Roger walked me down the aisle, held his grand babies, and was always there if I needed anything. He loved to tell me how much he hated my Denver Broncos. 🙄*

He's been a good husband to my mom, and a natural at being a Grandpa. We'll miss you, Roger!

Tracy Lynn Morris



Tracy Morris - September 30, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



September 29, 2021 at 11:43 PM

JM

“ Roger was such an amazing brother in law! He and Connie were so perfect together, they fit just like a glove. I am so grateful that God put them together.. He helped me with several struggles in life, always wrapping his hand around my shoulder and telling me - you got this - in the hardest of times. I was always so thankful for his help. He and my husband (who I lost to cancer a few years ago) were fast friends, something was always up when they were together. A very mischievous duo.. I loved their kinship, and know they are in heaven having a heck of a time, and looking for ways to prank Connie and I.
I will miss you so much Roger, more than you know.... I know you are in Heaven with the best of the best! I will miss you Much love to Connie and the family..

Jeri Moravits - September 29, 2021 at 11:18 PM

KA

“ Roger & I are cousins and same age, so we were running buddies a long with Brenda growing up. There were 4 boys & 1 girl in their family and 4 girls & 1 boy in ours. So we all had someone to run with when we all got together at Mamaw Burts house. That was nearly every Sunday. Cousins are so special & our first friends in life. I don't know why Cousins grow apart in life after we all moved in different directions, but it happens. Roger was a kind soul and a good man, awesome Father and Grandfather! Connie was the Love of his life. I always enjoyed our visits with Roger & Connie! We would just take up right where we left off. He will be so missed by his family. He was truly a family man. Much Love to Connie & family
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Kay - September 29, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LA

“ my name is lauren i'm rogers granddaughter and i've lived with him and my nana most of my life from childhood to adulthood and still currently live with them. but this won't be any specific story about him or me or our many laughs or disagreements we had but i would like to say that even tho we didn't get along all the time he was always there. he was there for me when i had my daughter his first great grandchild. he was there for me when i got married he walked me down the isle. he was there for me anytime i needed him and sometimes i'd hear about something i'd done and i'd learn not to do that again but he was always helping others even those who didn't help him in return. i was just getting my life together when papa got sick and i never got to show him that he could be proud of me and that i would always give back to him when he needed me, of course he knew that already who else would make coffee dang near every morning for him. anyways i hope he knows i loved him and that i respected him and that i will miss him very much. rest easy papa i got nana ☐🕊️✨

lauren - September 29, 2021 at 10:01 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger Dell Riley



M. Hyvl - September 29, 2021 at 08:01 PM

CR

“ Roger was a great man. A kind and generous man. We met in 1977 when he was hired at Stewart & Stevenson where I worked. A girl friend of mine worked in the same office he did and was gathering information and bringing it back to me. He was divorced, has 2 children, etc. It was funny, we had a Company Christmas Party coming up and I wanted to invite him but having trouble conjuring up the nerve to ask.. Finally one day I called him and asked if he could come to my office for a minute. He did and I explained the Christmas Party and asked if he'd like to go. He said "Sure!" just like that, and that was the beginning of us. We began dating which usually consisted of us taking 5 kids to the skating rink while we sat on the sideline and watched them skate. Or we'd drive down to Galveston and ride the ferry to Bolivar and back. After a whirlwind 2 month romance we decided to go the Courthouse on our lunch break and get married. All our friends thought we were crazy but this Dec 22nd would have been 44 years . I love him, I miss him, and he will live on in my heart forever.

Connie Riley - September 29, 2021 at 02:35 PM

JD

“ Roger was our cousin . Our parents were very close so us kids were close . We learned as kids Roger was was tough if he had to be but so very nice was his true personality. He loved and served his country because he was an honorable man .But his true love was his family and was always there for them. He will be missed

Jimmy and Virginia and Deborah

jimmy and Virginia and Deborah - September 29, 2021 at 02:30 PM

CR

“ *Connie Riley purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



Connie Riley - September 29, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



September 29, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



September 29, 2021 at 11:14 AM

RF

“ *Richard, Brenda & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



Richard, Brenda & Family - September 28, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



September 28, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *Jeri Moravits, Colton and Kayci purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Roger Dell Riley.*



Jeri Moravits, Colton and Kayci - September 27, 2021 at 09:07 PM