



Billie Rex Riley

September 29, 1926 - October 24, 2017

Billie Rex Riley, 91, of Dix, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at Countryside Residential Living Center in Mt. Vernon.

He was born September 29, 1926, in Kell, the son of John Carl and Nora D. (Hawkins) Riley. On June 21, 1947, in Mayfield, Kentucky, he married Ruth Ann Gatewood, and she preceded him in death on August 28, 1992. He later married June Stringer, on September 6, 1993, and she survives in Dix.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, stationed in Okinawa, Japan, as a Control Tower Operator. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was a self-employed mechanic. He was a member of Rome Masonic Lodge #721 AF & AM, in Dix.

Mr. Riley is survived by his wife, June Riley of Dix; one son, Dennis Riley and wife Ruth Ann of Senatobia, Mississippi; two daughters, Connie White and husband Jerry of Lake Jackson, Texas, and Becky Garwood and husband Larry of Benton; seven grandchildren, Monica Maxey, Celeste Brumbaugh, Tammy Riley, Abigaile Artly, Robin Lucin, Dennis Riley, Jr., and Derek Riley; six great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Brumbaugh, Isabella Brumbaugh, Damon Wright, Emma Maxey, Claire Artly, and Robbie Riley; one great-great-grandchild, Jayden Travous; two step-children, Jerry Stringer and wife Nancy, and Juva Wynn and husband Mack; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Harry Riley of Effingham; one sister, Mary Ann Beal and husband Wayne of Dix; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth Ann Riley; one son,

Larry Riley; brothers, James Riley, Floyd Riley, John Riley, Jr., and Oscar Riley; and sisters, Dorothy McBride, Aline Tate, Betty McCoy, and Nellis Smith.

As per his wishes, his body was cremated and no public services will be held at this time. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ My dad and Billie sure had many a fun time fishing at Rend Lake. One thing for sure that a good time was had by all when they were together. They both are missed.
Jimmie McBride Jr.

Jimmie McBride - October 26, 2017 at 10:23 PM

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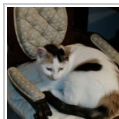
“ *Connie, Becky, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom and dad were such great people. I loved it when my dad said we were going to Billie's. My mom and your mom did so much for us kids. Love you all.*

Shirley Pittman Henson - October 25, 2017 at 03:16 PM

DH

Becky in so sorry! Prayers with you

Dana Harrell - October 26, 2017 at 01:22 AM



Sorry to learn of your loss. He was also preceded by his Step-Mother, Ruth Hayes McCrary Riley, and his Step-Mother, Edna Beasley Riley. Also by his Step-Brothers, Edwin "Bob" McCrary, Charles Earl Riley, and Robert Warren "Bob" Riley; and Step-Sister, Norma Jean Riley Chapman.

Jeanna Chapman-Ahn - October 26, 2017 at 07:58 AM

MR

“ *I remember so many nice things about Billie I remember him teaching me to water ski when I was a young kid. Billie always liked to see people have fun. I learned many of my mechanic skills from hanging around his shop. Billie you will be truly missed by so many.*

Mick Rioley - October 25, 2017 at 10:40 AM

MH

“ So sorry for your loss! Bill sure was a great man. Enjoyed visiting him and June and hearing stories and being shown things around the homestead. Thoughts and prayers to June and the family.

melissa hoh - October 25, 2017 at 09:01 AM