



John Carl Riley III

April 14, 1956 - April 21, 2026

John Carl Riley, III, 70, of Dix, passed away at 9:12 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at his home.

He was born April 14, 1956, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, the son of John Carl Riley, Jr., and Wanda Mae (Solomon) Riley. On June 21, 1975, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, he married Betty Jo Hohl, and she survives in Dix.

John was a graduate of Rome Grade School and Mt. Vernon Township High School. He was the owner of Riley T.V. Hospital for many years, and also worked for TA Travel Center performing Fuel/Water Separator Testing. He was a member of Meadowbrook Christian Church, and was a member of the Rome Lodge #721 A.F. and A.M., and later, Mt. Vernon Lodge #31 A.F. and A.M., and the Ainad Shrine. He served as Rome Township Supervisor, Precinct Committeeman, Vice President of the Jefferson County Township Officials Association, and served on the Illinois Township Supervisors Board of Directors and the Dix-Kell Water and Sewer Board of Directors. He was also the founder of the Dix-Kell Cable Company. He loved farming and fishing.

In addition to his wife, Betty Riley of Dix, he is survived by two daughters, Melissa O'Bryan and husband Billy, and Jenifer Hefner and husband Ryan; grandchildren, Devin Riley, Kelsey Riley, Isaiah Riley, Triston Riley, Zoe Granderson and husband Marcion Gallant; great-grandchildren, Emily Charlie Jenkins, Lucy Tarifa, and Karma, Marceline, and Kaizer Granderson; siblings, Rick Riley and wife Norma, and Diane Hall and husband Dean; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, John C. Riley, IV; parents, John and Wanda Riley; brother, Paul Dean Riley; and sister-in-law, Bernice Riley. In accordance with his wishes, cremation rites for Mr. Riley will be accorded and a memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Meadowbrook Christian Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, with Michael Sheets officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service, at the church. Memorial gifts may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital or Residential Hospice, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Meadowbrook Christian Church
840 Meadowbrook Rd
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Memorial Service

MAY 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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840 Meadowbrook Rd
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Carl Riley III.*



April 30 at 06:53 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of John Carl Riley III.*



April 30 at 12:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Carl Riley III.

April 30 at 12:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Carl Riley III.*



April 29 at 03:37 PM

BW

“ *Bryan Webb purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Carl Riley III.*



Bryan Webb - April 28 at 02:17 PM

JH

“ *Special memories of John from Jason Harris*



Jason Harris - April 26 at 03:44 PM

JH

“ *John was a kind, sweet soul. My sincerest condolences to the family. Blessed to be his neighbor and friend, I will forever cherish our golfcart rides to the pond, and his generous gifts of home grown tomatoes, corn, and fresh fish. More than just a Landlord, my boys and I looked up to him and learned from him. He was so kind and loving and our friendship was very special to me. May God bring the family peace and comfort at this difficult time.*

Jason Harris and family.



Jason Harris - April 26 at 03:41 PM

EC

“ I went to high school with John, great guy. Praying for comfort and peace for the family at this sad time.

Ed Carlson

Edward Carlson - April 24 at 10:30 PM

TL

“ John was always looking for ways to help and never turned down a request. He always made the time to help another and share a story, always with a smile and laugh. He was truly compassionate and always showed love for his fellow man. Rest in peace now, your job well done.



Tim and Linda - April 22 at 11:43 PM

LB

John was a close friend and wonderful person. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Larry & Patty Bethard - April 23 at 06:27 PM

AW

So sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. I remember going to the TV shop and bought a TV there many years ago and him bringing out and taking care of us. He was such a sweet guy and always had a smile. Thoughts and Prayers for all the family ! 🙏🙏🙏

Anna B Wells - April 23 at 11:11 PM

RA

I met John while I was the Senior Regional Field Engineer for Zenith Electronics. He was truly a very good man and will be missed greatly. I always enjoyed talking to him. Rest in peace my friend

Robert Albright - April 24 at 01:54 PM