



## Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley

February 17, 1932 - December 31, 2017

Jimmie L. Riley, age 85, died Sunday night, January 31, 2017, at the Siteman Center For Advanced Medicine. From his birth in Gilmore Arkansas, on February 17, 1932, to his death on Sunday, he cared for the people around him with love, faith, and humor.

Jimmie was born to the late T.C and Edith (Andrews) Riley and was second eldest of six children. From a young age, he learned the value of hard work and enjoyed working with his hands. He was employed as a construction worker for than more than 35 years and tinkered as an auto mechanic in his spare time. He enjoyed reading the Bible, fishing, assembling puzzles, playing checkers, and watching Westerns. Jimmie was a humorous man, and it was rare to visit him and not leave with tears of laughter. While he was good at helping others to smile, visits from his grandchildren would always brighten his day.

Faith in God was central to Jimmie's life. He served faithfully as a Deacon at Community Fellowship Church for more than 25 years, and despite his declining health, he kept that commitment until the church disbanded in 2016. His love for God, family, and friends was unconditional.

Left to honor and remember him are Jimmie's loving wife of 32 years, Mrs. Lillie M Riley; 4 siblings; Mr. Willie (Ruth) Riley of Racine WI, Mr. Charles

(Lois) Riley of Tucson AZ, Mrs. Hattie (David) Riley-Coles of Racine WI, Mrs. Ellen (Roger) Riley-Bunt Of Mt Pleasant MI, 10 children; Mrs. Carolyn (Joseph) Murchison of Saint Louis MO, Mr. Michael (Tina) Riley of Longview TX, Mr. Frank (Michaela) Riley of Heilbronn Germany, Mrs. Neva (Marc) Taylor of Saint Louis MO, Mr. Keith (Tonia) Riley of Swansea IL, Mr. Jimmie (Malaika) Watkins of Saint Louis MO, Mrs. Ronjula (Willie) Kent of Saint Louis MO, Mr. Edward (Wanda) Watkins of Saint Louis MO, Miss Cassandra Jones of Saint Louis MO, Mr. Rickey Jones of Saint Louis MO, forty-two grandchildren, fifty-five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, brother, T.C. Riley, and children Larry Riley and Maxine Riley.

Visitation for Jimmie L. Riley will be held from 10:00 AM-11 AM at Valhalla Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services will be held at 11 AM at Valhalla Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Valhalla Cemetery. The Post Funeral Reception will be held as follows:

Leonard Missionary Baptist Church  
1100 N. Compton Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63106

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery  
7600 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, MO 63133  
(314) 721-4900

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery  
7600 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, MO 63133  
(314) 721-4900

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Miranda Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley*



Miranda Clark - January 16, 2018 at 05:56 PM

CR

“ *Carla Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley*



Carla Riley - January 15, 2018 at 11:49 AM

MR

“ *Michelle Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley*



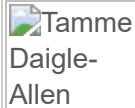
Michelle Riley - January 07, 2018 at 07:22 PM

Tamme  
Daigle-  
Allen

“ *Tamme Daigle-Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley*



Tamme Daigle-Allen - January 06, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ *Jim Riley was the real gem, he was a God-fearing man, A real example of a man, father, teacher & husband should be. Jim was more like a uncle or father than a cousin he always gave you great advice he had the biggest smile always joked and was in a good mood. Rest up now Jim till I see you again, love you and miss you. The boys say there see you in heaven.* 🥹💔

Tamme Daigle-Allen - January 06, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ *Tamme Daigle-Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley*



Tamme Daigle-Allen - January 06, 2018 at 07:20 AM

DG

“ *Wow! I'm at a lost for words. So many memories and you've been a part of my life since I was 4 years old. Condolences to the rest of your family. You will surely be missed.*

Deon Gillon - January 06, 2018 at 02:11 AM

BH

“ *Can't believe he's gone!! I have too many memories and hear his jokes and laughter in my head right now!! More like a father than my uncle!! We never had to go without anything growing up and still didn't as a man.. His heart was huge.. Blessed to have been blessed with an uncle like u!! Most Ppl will never get the chance to experience love like the love I experienced from u Unk!! Love u forever!! Happy u don't have to suffer anymore, but I'm in so much pain right now knowing ur not here. #tears:(*

Bennie Hill - January 05, 2018 at 09:18 PM

RK

“ I could not have been blessed with a better man as a Dad. He had Unconditional Love for God, Wife, Siblings, Children, Grandchildren, Family and Friends. His Love and Humorous Personality will be missed by us all. LOVE YOU DAD...

Rhonda Kwnt - January 05, 2018 at 08:37 PM

RK

“ Rhonda Kwnt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley



Rhonda Kwnt - January 05, 2018 at 08:30 PM

TR

I came into the family 36 years ago so I grew like a child with their parents. Dad talked, gave advice, loved me just like he borne me. I'm grateful to see and know the character of love, strength, kindness, being direct but not harsh, willing to help anyone. Michael and I was very blessed to know that what he instilled in us growing up, we could applied it to our children and other people. Thanks Dad because you gave your Michael the characters of a man, father, friend, husband and a son of God. Love you Dad

Tina and Michael Riley - January 08, 2018 at 03:14 PM

NT

“ Neva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Riley



Neva Taylor - January 05, 2018 at 03:46 PM

NT

*Your love is as warm still in our hearts as is the light of this candle bright. Smiling in heaven. I know he is.*

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**Neva Taylor** - January 05, 2018 at 03:48 PM

ID

*Mr. Jim always smiling, the angels in heaven are signing his name.  
Love always Bugg*

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**Iris Diltz** - January 05, 2018 at 04:35 PM