



## Mrs. Lillie Riley

February 22, 1946 - April 3, 2025

Mrs. Lillie M. Riley, age 79, passed from this life on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Saint Louis University Hospital. From her birth in Blytheville, Arkansas, on February 22, 1946, to her death on Thursday, April 3, 2025, she remained loyal to her family and friends and committed to her faith in Christ.

Lillie was born to the late John Gadis and Jennie Rose Riley and was the eldest of 9 children between her parents. She graduated from Harrison High School class of 1964 in Blytheville, Arkansas, and later in life earned a bachelor's degree in teaching from Harris Stowe College in Saint Louis, Mo.

Lillie confessed her life in Christ at the age of 9. She always practiced faith in God and never hesitated to share God's love and grace with others. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, Treasurer, and Usher at the Community Fellowship Church for over 25 years.

Lillie was a social butterfly who saw the good in most people. In the late stages of her life, she enjoyed reading her bible, working word search books, watching soap operas, and being present in the lives of family and friends – especially her grandchildren.

Jimmie and Lillie united in Holy Matrimony in 1985, and 2025 would have

marked 40 years of marriage with the late Jimmie Lee Riley.

Left to honor and remember Lillie are her daughter, Mrs. Ronjula (Willie) Kent Jr., and grandchildren, Willie Kent III and Alexia Kent.

Siblings: Mr. Jimmy Cook of Arkansas, Mr. Lee Gadis, Ms. Claudine Moore, Ms. Dorothy Washington, Mr. Tommie Gadis, Mrs. Joyce (Rodney) Mickens, Mr. Jermaine (Lisa) Gadis, all of Indiana. Mrs. Janis (Bennie) Hill of Saint Louis, MO. 3 In-Laws: Mr. Willie (Ruth) Riley, and Mrs. Hattie (David) Riley, both of WI. Mrs. Ellen (Roger) Riley-Bunt of MI.

Uncles: Mr. Wille Earl (Mable) Riley of Illinois and Mr. Mack (May) Gadis of Indiana. Aunts: Miss Luella Cole, Mrs. Juanita (Jeff) Lewis of IN, and Ms. Eula Conway of MI.

Children by Marriage: Ms. Carolyn (Joseph) Murchinson, Mr. Michael (Tina) Riley of TX, Mrs. Neva (Marc) Taylor, Mr. Keith (Tonia) Riley, Mr. Edward (Wanda) Watkins, Ms. Michelle Jones, Mr. Rickey Jones. Daughter in Law: Malaika Watkins.

Nephew: Bennie Hill and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends. Special friends: Geneva (Lucy) Kent, Iris (Bug) Diltz.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, Spouse Jimmie L Riley, Brother James Gadis, and Children by Marriage: Larry Riley, Maxine Riley, Frank Riley, and Jimmie Watkins.

Services for Lillie (Mae) Riley

Date: Wednesday, April 16th, 2025.

Times: Wake, 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM  
Funeral & Burial Service, 11:00 AM

Location: Valhalla Funeral Chapel  
7600 St Charles Rock Road,  
St. Louis, Missouri 63133

Repast Location: Celebrity's Banquet Center  
12119 Bellefontaine Rd  
St Louis, Missouri 63138

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Valhalla Chapel of Memories  
7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

## Funeral Service

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Ronjula and family we share your loss. Your mom was a ray of sunshine to us and her encouraging words will live on in our hearts forever. We thank God, for the time we had with her.*

*-Uncle Willie Earl Riley & Mable  
Woodridge, IL*



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**Willie & Mable Riley** - April 16, 2025 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ *Malaika and Marie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.*



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**Malaika and Marie** - April 16, 2025 at 12:29 AM

MM

“ *Malaika and Marie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lillie Riley.*

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**Malaika and Marie** - April 16, 2025 at 12:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.*



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April 14, 2025 at 03:23 PM



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

April 14, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved, Mrs. Lillie Riley. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May her memory be a source of comfort, and may you find peace and strength in the love of those around you. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

-SLU, SOE

Alexandra - April 14, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.



April 14, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.



April 12, 2025 at 01:51 PM



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

April 12, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ To the Riley and Kent family, I would like to wish you and your families the very best regarding the passing of your loved one. May his peace be with you always.



**Velevia McNeal** - April 11, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.



April 10, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.



April 10, 2025 at 11:49 AM

LW

“ *Lillie Wooldridge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Riley*



Lillie Wooldridge - April 09, 2025 at 09:58 PM

RM

*My deepest condolences and prayers to Ronjula, Bill and grandchildren. You are in my thoughts during this difficult time. Renee and Wayne Myers*

Renee Myers - April 10, 2025 at 06:54 PM

KA

“ *Sorry for your Loss Rhonda sending Prayers to you and your Family here at US Bank. Your Mother is beautiful peace to you and your family. Sincerely Kathy*



kathy - April 09, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Tiffany Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Riley*



Tiffany Shaw - April 08, 2025 at 11:29 PM



*I don't know what to do now no grandparents 🥹🥹🥹*

Tiffany Shaw - April 08, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ *Granny we really going to miss you im so loss tell granddad i miss him i love you both 🥹🥹🥹🥹*



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**Tiffany Shaw** - April 08, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ *From your granddaughter Carla Riley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lillie Riley.*



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**From your granddaughter Carla Riley** - April 08, 2025 at 09:47 PM