



## William "Bill" Riley

December 12, 1933 - July 5, 2020

William Boyd "Bill" Riley of Adams Tennessee passed away peacefully July 5th, 2020 with his loving wife and all four children by his side. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 10am in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother John Casey officiating. Burial will follow in the Bellwood Cemetery with Abner Herndon, Lucas Haley, Jared Batson, Sam Lowe, Troy Pearson, Drew Miller, Wes Jones and Tyler Chowning serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Tyler Sneed, Ross Natividad, Jeff Haines, Blake McClard, Kody Rendleman and Eli Fleeman. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 from 4-8pm and again on Wednesday, from 9am until the hour of service at 10am.

Mr. Riley worked his entire career as a successful farmer in the Adams Tennessee area and though he had to scale back his physical efforts in recent years, he always kept up with the Riley Brothers farming activities by site visits and listening to radio communications.

Bill Riley served his family and community through his life in many ways. He was a good husband to his wife and good father to his children and through his Christian faith, strong work ethic, and top moral character, he provided the basis for his children's successes in life and business. He was a member of the Port Royal United Methodist Church, previously served as treasurer of the Sadlersville United Methodist Church for 17 years, he was an active member

in the development of NFO Grain Port, he served on the Robertson County Board of Education in the 1970's and 80's, he served as a member and director with the local Robertson County Farmers CO-OP, and many other community and career service opportunities. He served on the Robertson County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Bill was even known to plow snow with his tractor from Adams to Keysburg, KY some winters to help people access the roads. He was born at home in Adams, TN on 12/12/1933, graduated from Jo Byrns High School in 1952, lived and worked in the Adams community for 8 decades and worked on his property until the day before his passing.

Mr. Riley was blessed with a great family comprised of his wife of 65 years, Joan Moss Riley, four children, Billy Joe (Laurie) Riley of Springfield TN, Randy (Lisa) Riley of Adams TN, Bobby Clay (Joanna) Riley of Adams TN, and Patsy Riley (Larry) Fleeman of Springfield, TN. He also has 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren with some living locally while others are in various areas of the country. Family members preceding Mr. Riley in death include his parents, William Bryant Riley and Letita Peden Riley, two favored aunts, Minnie Riley and Hattie Peden, twin sister, Wilma Jo Draper, and two older sisters, Ruth Evelyn Carter and Mary Elizabeth Irish.

The family expresses its sincere appreciation to the staff at Skyline Hospital for their efforts in Bill's care. They also appreciate all the prayers and support from family, friends, and extended church members from several area congregations. Thanks is also extended to the Austin and Bell Funeral Home staff and to John Casey for providing the funeral services.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Port Royal United Methodist Church. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Bellwood Cemetery

Adams, TN 37010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
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## Funeral Service

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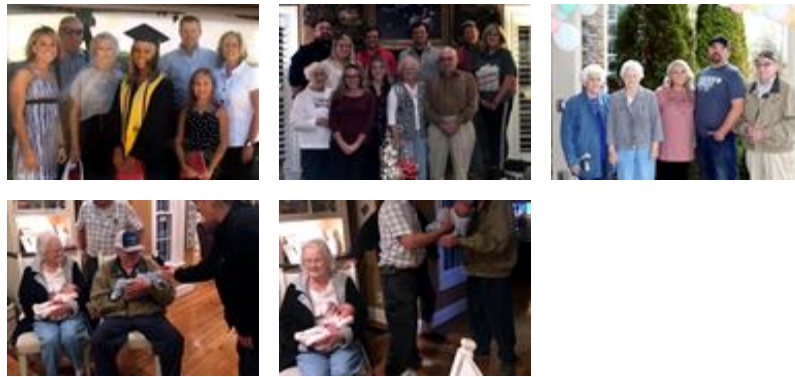
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# Tribute Wall



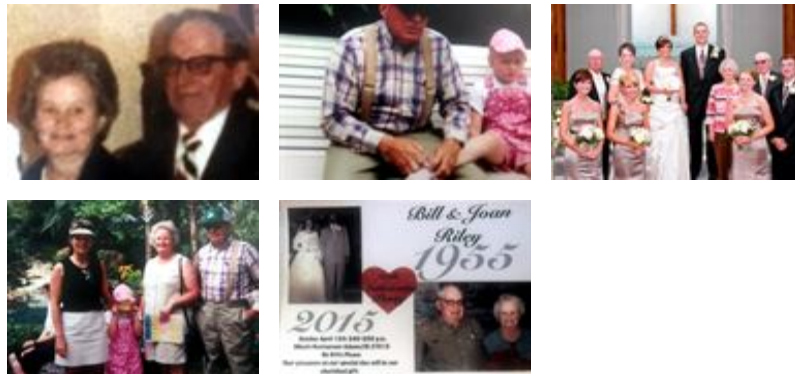
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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - July 07, 2020 at 03:02 PM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - July 07, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ *Donnie And Jerri Gupton And Family lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Riley*



Donnie and Jerri Gupton and Family - July 07, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Riley.*



July 07, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JD

“ *Patsy,  
So sorry for your loss of Papa Bill, your father. our prayers and thoughts are with you on your loss. Will be thinking about you tomorrow.  
Love you and Larry  
Jim and Dot Dye*

Jim and Dot Dye - July 07, 2020 at 09:33 AM



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July 06, 2020 at 11:43 PM

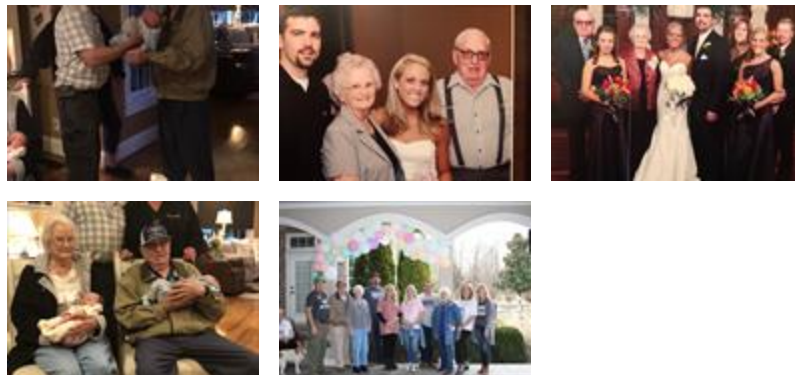


“ *Sending my prayers and love to Ms. Joann and family.*

**Ann Crenshaw** - July 06, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ *We love you Papa Bill! We look forward to the day when we are all together again in heaven! It's not goodbye, just see ya later ❤️  
Love, Jessica, Troy, and Riley Layne*



**Jessica Riley Pearson** - July 06, 2020 at 06:20 PM



*Im so sorry Jessica. It saddened me to hear about Bill.*

**Mark Vogle** - July 06, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Riley.*



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July 06, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ *What a fitting tribute written here for Mr. Bill as I always called him. In the 40 plus years that I worked in Ag Retail and had personal contact with him he was always the gentleman. I consider him a true friend. He will be missed. To the family who William and I hold dear know that we are thinking of you all and that you are in our thoughts and prayers. He left this world doing what he loved best...with whom he loved best. God bless you all.*

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**Cheryl Elliott** - July 06, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Riley.*



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