



Earl Riley

August 7, 1956 - July 29, 2025

Earl Riley, 68, died July 29, 2025 at Memorial Regional Hospital in Mechanicsville, VA. He was born to Louise Riley on August 7, 1956, in Richmond, VA, 3 minutes after his twin brother Irvin. He was educated in Richmond Public Schools and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1974. He furthered his education at J. S. Reynolds Community College, and not long after, around the age of 20, he started his career working for Richmond Recreation and Parks. Earl held many positions for Recreation and Parks during his career, to include youth counselor, basketball coach, mentor, supervisor, and much more. Earl retired from the city after dedicating over 40 years of service, and he spent his retirement being the primary caretaker for their mother, Ms. Louise Riley.

Earl loved the Lord and attended church with his brothers Irvin and Edward (Boo Boo) every Sunday as a child. Being raised by a mother who taught her son's how to take care of themselves, Earl became a great cook, kept a clean house, and was a sharp dresser. It was the norm to see Earl and Irvin show up to a cookout decked out in a suit and tie.

Earl was preceded in death by his mother Louise Riley. He is survived by his brothers Irvin Riley (Chandra), and Edward "Boo Boo" Riley (Bernice); nephews Edward Antonio Riley, Marcus Gray, Brandon Riley, Jerod Christian, nieces LaShelle Pulliam, Shivonne Payne and Octavia Weaver, and a host of

cousins.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Graveside Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Earl was one of the most important people in my life. A true mentor, friend and he will always be a part of who. I turned into as a man. - John DeMoss.

John - April 20 at 12:41 AM

AD

“ Aileen Coles Davis lit a candle in memory of Earl Riley



Aileen Coles Davis - August 13, 2025 at 12:47 PM

KB

“ Family and friends continue to treasure the memories of Earl. We went to Baker school and Benjamin Graves with Earl and Irvin. Rember GOD IS FAITHFUL. Prayers and God's peace to you all. Michael, Renee and Kathy Braswell.

Kathy Braswell Bagby - August 09, 2025 at 08:22 PM

CW

“ Like the saying goes, "We go way back like seats in a Cadillac". Have known the Riley's ever since they stayed on Hill Street. When they moved on Coutts Street they had the coldest water in the projects. We use to get the same thing for Christmas, Union Hardware Skates from Bridges. Spent many days playing roller derby at the old Rec Center on St. John and Charity and skating down St. James Street Hill. Last but not least, the Benjamin A Graves days, waiting for a fight to break out to get free deserts 🍌 Peace and Love. I know you are going to tell them you got a Skate Key around your neck so let you in!!

Your Brother From Another Mother,
Clarence Wilson (Bit)

Clarence Wilson - August 09, 2025 at 05:47 PM

DG

“ We (Jay, Shawn & Shequia Green, Niki Hack) first met Earl at William Fox Elementary School in 1976 or '77 when he worked the afterschool program sponsored by Richmond Rec & Parks. He was awesome with the kids & they loved him. I just asked about him during the ribbon cutting for the re-opening of William Fox but no one could tell me whatever happened to him. That was just a couple of days ago so needless to say the news of his passing comes as a great shock & wave of sadness. This earth has lost a true gem. Our family expresses our deepest condolences to Earl's family & pray that God's comfort will keep you all through this difficult time. Rest easy Earl.



Debi Gomez - August 09, 2025 at 04:30 PM

SM

“ Earl and I first met while attending J. S. Reynolds College and later reconnected when he started working for the city in Recreation and Parks. He was a dedicated and well-respected co-worker that I had the pleasure of working with for 40 years. Earl was a mentor, sharp dresser, life of the party, great cook and most of all truly a great friend. He will be missed.



Sureatha McGhee

Sureatha McGhee - August 09, 2025 at 02:04 PM

AJ

“ Earl was always a spirited person at Thomas Jefferson High School and beyond. On behalf of Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1974 we extend our sincere condolences to the family of Earl Riley. May he rest in eternal peace! Andrea Trent Johnson and TJHSC74

Andrea Trent Johnson - August 07, 2025 at 10:48 PM

TC

Earl Riley was a cool guy. Well respected and just a lot of fun. He loved to laugh 😂 and you always knew where you stood with him. Never any guessing on how he felt. I also have to say he was hilarious! I am gonna miss the brother a lot. But Earl is going home to be with our Savior now and forever. Rest in Peace Earl. You earned it 🙏🙏🙏

Thomas Coffey - August 07, 2025 at 11:39 PM

PB

“ From the Gordon family, our love and prayers envelop you during this challenging time, praying for seamless healing and comfort for your family.

Reflecting on cherished memories of Earl and I cycling through Richmond, Va, for hours before streetlights lit up the evening sky, fills my heart with joy.

Those moments were truly special, and I'll forever treasure them. May God's divine blessings and peace be with you, Ervin, and your family



Patricia Gordon Breggs - August 07, 2025 at 10:17 PM

HC

“ The Carter family would like to express our condolences to the Riley family for the loss of our lifelong friend, Earl. He was a caring, fun-loving character who always kept you laughing. Earl was always there to extend a helping hand. His dedication to assisting the development of our youth is exemplified through his 40-plus years of service with the Recreation and Parks division of the City of Richmond. Thank you for a job well done. RIP, my brother!!!



HENRY CARTER - August 07, 2025 at 02:28 PM

PC

Prayers go to the family and just know my condolence also. Knew the twins from being around them for many years. Rest now Earl 🙏🙏
Priscilla Coe

Priscilla Coe - August 08, 2025 at 10:59 AM

PC

“ Earl and I became close friends on the campus of Virginia Union University during undergraduate studies in the mid ‘70’s. He was fun loving, always smiling and willing to help me out in any situation. Later, during adulthood, he exhibited those same qualities whenever our paths crossed. He has entered my memories as I am currently fulfilling endeavors in the STVU Seminary. To God be the Glory. Praying peace for his family. 🙏

Pastor Deborah Crumm-Price - August 07, 2025 at 09:49 AM

BS

“ Bro P. Smith and I met Earl at Walmart. Glad to get to know him in his visits to services at Church of Christ at Sandylane Earl was very friendly. Encouragement and love to the Brother Ervin, wife, family

Brother & Sister Perry & Sister Linda Sm - August 03, 2025 at 04:55 PM

BR

I had the pleasure of growing up together with Earl, Irving, and Edward Riley. We are were like family. My condolences to the Riley family, Earl will truly be missed. RIP until we meet again

Brenda Reid - August 07, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 02, 2025 at 12:54 PM