



Robert W. Riley

April 5, 1958 - February 20, 2011

SPRINGFIELD-Robert W. "Wayne" Riley, 52, died on February 20, 2011 at his home in the historic Hill McKnight district of Springfield, MA surrounded by those who loved him dearly. He was born in Eagle Lake, ME on April 5, 1958 to Robert and the late Frances (Perreault) Riley and had lived in Springfield since 1981, coming from Hartford, CT where he had been employed for many years in banking for the former Connecticut Bank & Trust. He had worked his way up through the industry, managing credit card departments and repossessions. He had also worked in management for F.L. Roberts. He will be remembered as an unselfish, caring, kind, hard-working, loyal man who enjoyed reading, and was an avid collector of antiques and Cambridge glass. Predeceased by his mother and brother, Kevin Riley, his survivors include his long-time life partner, Raymond W. Talbot of Springfield; his father; his brothers: David Riley of Tucson, AZ, Sean Riley of Sherman Oaks, CA, and Jason Riley of Bath, ME; his sisters: Susan Riley of Tucson, AZ, Terri Riley of Albuquerque, NM and Patricia Riley Smith of Bath, ME; two aunts: Judy Plourde of Eagle Lake, ME and Pamela Vlahos of Terryville, CT; one uncle, Ronald Perreault of Portland, ME; nieces and nephews; a favorite sister-in-law, Susan Roberts-Riley and many friends. Services are private. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. For expressions of sympathy please visit www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

RT

“ As April begins I think often of the approaching anniversary of your birth. The memory of the days we spent together gives me pause. The days seem long and tiresome...I miss your presence and look forward to meeting you once more.



Ray Talbot - April 03, 2025 at 11:43 PM

RT

“ As I turn 70 years old today, I think back to all the times you professed never getting old I guess you were right..and only the good die young. Therefore, I guess I still have some time left. But it is so hard since you've been gone. The days seem without much purpose. And the time passes slowly, while I anticipate my own passing. I wait to be able to see you again, and wonder...

Ray Talbot - February 04, 2024 at 09:49 PM

PV

“ RIP MY HANDSOME NEPHEW. SAY HI TO MY SIS AND MOM AND DAD. RAY YOU CAN CALL ANY TIME LUV YA AUNTIE.

PAMELA VLAHOS - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

TR

“ Miss you already Bro!!!

Terri Riley - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SC

“ WAYNE RILEY IS MY 1ST COUSIN..I REMEMBER WAYNE AS BEING A FUN LOVING AND KIND MAN W/ A BEAUTIFUL SOUL. I HAVENT SEEN HIM IN QUITE SOMETIME BUT VERY SAD TO HEAR WHAT HE HAD TO ENDURE CONCERNING HIS ILLNESS. WAYNE I LOVE U CUZ AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER U AS THE BEAUTIFUL PERSON U R U WILL ALWAYS ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART!!! PLEASE TELL MY BOYS I LOVE EM AND I WILL SEE U AND THEM AGAIN ONE DAY. I LOVE U WAYNE DONT EVER FORGET THAT BE MY GUARDIAN ANGEL..I WILL BE EXPECTING U FROM TIME TO TIME XXXOOO LOVE SUSAN CECHHETELLI

Susan Cecchetelli - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SR

“ Your birthday approaches.\r\nI miss you more than the spring rain.\r\nLove and cherished thoughts toward you.\r\nEternally grateful, Susan

Susan L. Riley - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

BW

“ Ray,\r\nBilly & I would like to extend our condolences to you and Bob's family. In our business sometimes you meet some people that are just customers and then there are those who are just genuinely nice people and You and Bob sure fit in that category. We always enjoyed our conversations with both of you and will certainly remember Bob. He was always so helpful to us when we needed his expertise on glassware. As time passes we hope for you to have your memories bring a smile to your face when you think of your life long partner.

Bill & Beth Wallace - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ Robert W. Riley

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ God's Garden
God looked around His Garden
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew you'd never ever
Get well on Earth again.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".
Then He took you up to Heaven
With hands so gentle and kind.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God welcomed you home.
We will always miss you, Wayne,
but are glad that you now enjoy the
peace you deserve.
Flourish in God's garden...
Ray

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ Welcome Home
I can't believe that I'm here having to say
goodbye
And I can barely see you through these tears I cry
I close my eyes
I can hear the sound
As angels gather round
Saying this is where you belong
Welcome home
There are the days that my heart aches wishing you
were here
But I know where you are the hurt and the pain
disappear
There's no more tears
What a lovely sound
Angels all around
Saying this is where you belong
Welcome home
Welcome home
Welcome home
Michael W. Smith
album, "Wonder"

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ *Can't Cry Hard Enough*
I'm gonna live my life
Like every day's the last
Without a simple goodbye
It all goes by so fast.
And now that you're gone
I can't cry hard enough
No, I can't cry hard enough
For you to hear me now.
Gonna open my eyes
And see for the first time
I've let go of you like
A child letting go of his kite.
There it goes
Up in the sky
There it goes
Beyond the clouds
For no reason why
I can't cry hard enough
No, I can't cry hard enough
For you to hear me now.
Gonna look back in vain
And see you standing there
When all that remains
Is just an empty chair.
And now that you're gone
I can't cry hard enough
No, I can't cry hard enough
For you to hear me now.
There it goes
Up in the sky
There it goes
Beyond the clouds
For no reason why
I can't cry hard enough
No, I can't cry hard enough
For you to hear me now.
David Williams and Marvin Etzioni
The Williams Brothers, album

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

PV

“ *I Can Almost See You Smile In The Memories Of My Mind Bringing Me The Peace I Struggle So Hard To Find. I Can Almost Hear You Telling Me Don't Be Saddened Or Afraid Just Remember All The Good Times When We Joked, Laughed And Played. I Can Almost Hear You Say To Me One Day You'll Be Here Too For Love Lives On, And I Will Be Here waiting To Welcome You. I Miss You More Each Day Auntie Pam*

pam vlahos - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AU

“ My Handsome Nephew I Miss You More Than My Heart Can say. There Is Not a Day That Goes By That I Don't Think Of You. We Were On The Beach The Other Day With The Grandkids And Hannah Out Of The Blue Says I really Miss Uncle Wayne and i said so do I. soooooo will Miss you at xmas Dinner but know you will be sitting At The big Table. enjoy Your New Life. You deserve the peace and comfort. miss you til we are together again. love you auntie

auntie - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ I'll have a blue Christmas without you\r\n\r\nI'll be so blue thinking about you\r\n\r\nDecorations of red on a green Christmas tree\r\n\r\nWon't be the same dear, if you're not here with me\r\n\r\nAnd when those blue snowflakes start falling\r\n\r\nThat's when those blue memories start calling\r\n\r\nYou'll be doing alright with your Christmas of white\r\n\r\nBut I'll have a blue, blue, blue Christmas\r\n\r\nsung by Elvis Presley, words by Jay W. Johnson and Billy Hayes\r\n\r\n\r\nIt will just never be the same without you Wayne...Christmas is just another day...and every day goes by so slowly.\r\n\r\nMiss you...Ray

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ Another year goes by...and the approaching birthday looks bleak without you...it just won't be much of anything to celebrate when you are not here. The only consolation is that you are at peace, now and forever. \r\n\r\nAll my love.....Ray

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AU

“ *My Handsome Nephew! I Can't Believe I Haven't Seen Your Smile Or Those Big Brown Eye's In A Whole Year! Love And Miss You! Til We Meet Again! Miss You Sooooo! Glad You Are At Peace! Auntie*

Auntie - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ *The Sweetness of Peace\r\n\r\n\r\nAfter the clouds, the sunshine,\r\n\r\nAfter the winter, the spring,\r\n\r\nAfter the shower, the rainbow--\r\n\r\nFor life is a changeable thing;\r\n\r\n\r\nAfter the night, the morning,\r\n\r\nBidding all darkness cease;\r\n\r\n\r\nAfter life's cares and sorrows,\r\n\r\n\r\nThe comfort and sweetness of peace.*

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AU

“ *Happy Birthday In Heaven my Handsom Nephew!! Miss And Love You SOOO!!! Til We Meet Again!*

Auntie - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ *BooBoo...\r\n\r\nOn this day...the day when you graced the world with your presence, my heart rests heavy in my chest...\r\n\r\nI'm trying to keep on without you...but the days go by empty without you and sometimes they slip by altogether without your smile to anchor them...\r\n\r\nMy hands hold little hope and my mind remains distracted...\r\n\r\nI keep praying for some solace to fit the pieces together...to make the somber nights and spurious days\r\n\r\ninto a clear whole again...\r\n\r\nSome day the weight of time will slough off and we will again be together...spirits on the wind...\r\n\r\nPray for me, my beautiful man...I wait to see you again...\r\n\r\nGod bless us...and bring us together in a glorious place...*

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ As the school year ends...
I correct papers and exams...
And suddenly your face appears...
And the floodgates open...
Making all work impossible...
Sinking my thoughts in tears...
And washing away any hope of being useful...
Still I try to do the simple things...
The things that come automatic...
These will tide me over...
Give me the sense of completion, accomplishment...
Lord, give me strength to hold the days together...
And make a whole again of the disparate feelings that crowd my hours...
Tie together the minutes into a useful tapestry...
If only in illusion...
And forgetfulness...
Til the sweet resolution...
Amen.

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AU

“ Thinking Of You And Missing You Sooooo! Lv Ya!

Auntie - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ I cried when you passed away. I still cry today. Although I loved you dearly I couldn't make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating...hard working hands at rest. God broke my heart to prove to me that he only takes the best.
Rest my beautiful man...in peace eternal.
Ray

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ *That Fateful Day*
I can't forget that fateful day,
You had to leave, you went away.
A sadness filled me up inside,
Emotions that I could not hide.
Tears, they came, sadness too,
All my emotions, just for you.
Time will heal, so I was told,
But time could never fill this hole.
Here in my heart there is a place,
You're always there, keeping me safe.
It's filled with love and happy times,
It's never dark, your light it shines.
In heaven now you do reside,
To watch over me with Love and Pride,
I know One day, we'll meet again,
Until we do just know how, much I miss
You, and you are always with me.
Always!
Written by Dave Hedges

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ *My angel up in heaven,*
I wanted you to know,
I feel you watching over me,
everywhere I go.
I wish you were here with me,
but that can never be,
Memories of you in my heart,
that only I can see.
My angel up in heaven,
I hope you understand,
That I would give anything,
If I could hold your hand.
I'd hold you oh so tightly,
and never let you go,
And all the love inside of me,
to you I would show.
My angel up in heaven,
for now we are apart,
You'll always live inside of me,
deep within my heart.

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RT

“ Wayne...
As this day progresses, missing you weighs heavy on my soul. It has been 6 years since your passing, but the cuts are still so fresh...and the hurt never-ending.
All the turmoil of this world around me...the political and social upheaval...is without purpose. The world all seems so fruitless and tedious...and all the tiny, trivial people in it, scurrying about without apparent goal or care.
These past 6 years have been fraught with all kinds of attempts at finding you: reliving, redoing, detachment, involvement. Looking for you in all places possible. Yet nothing comes to me...
I still ache for you...and the tears come. I find you every day...in so many places and so many ways...and the burning tears sear my aging face with your memory.
I must end this now...before I fall into a deep and wide chasm. But you know what is in my heart, since that is where you live, and always will.
Pray for me, sweet man...til we come together again...
My heart...my soul...my love. Ray

Ray Talbot - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

RA

“ Wayne...as the anniversary of your passing approaches and I look at your beautiful face, my heart overflows and the tears come. Every year this time is hard and I can only pray that your soul is at peace. May God grant you the deep and peaceful rest that you deserve. I long to see you again and will always hold you close to my heart. Miss you.

Ray - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM