



Larry Gene Riley

July 13, 1938 - March 25, 2021

Larry Gene Riley, age 82, of Cedar, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He was born on July 13, 1938 the son of Adrian Owen and Gleda Bessie (Grissom) Riley at home in rural Farson, Iowa. He attended Lone Tree Rural School and Hedrick High School for 1 year at which time he left to assist his father with the farming. Larry met Janet Latcham at the 3J's skating rink in Hedrick and on February 9, 1958 they were united in marriage on the Latcham Family Farm north of Hedrick.

Larry worked at the France Lumber Yard in Martinsburg, Iowa before taking a job at Amana Refrigeration. He later went to work for Springer Oil in Oskaloosa before going to work for Mahaska Bottling. During his 35 years at Mahaska Bottling, he acted as the shop foreman and eventually became an over the road truck driver for the company until his retirement. After retiring, he spent several years at Carriker Ford (now Kraig Ford) in Oskaloosa before retiring at 81 years old due to health concerns. After raising 4 children, Larry and Janet climbed on their Gold Wing Motorcycle and toured with a group of close friends, reaching 46 of the 48 continental states. Larry was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Cedar, the Cedar Crusaders, Wa Ke Ma Motorcycle club and the Armadillo Flats C B Club. He was a 30-year cancer survivor. He enjoyed many tractor rides through Southeast Iowa on his 1958 Case tractor. He was most happy when his kids and family would gather

in fellowship, when there was usually a raucous game of pitch or plans of a camp out.

Larry is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janet Riley of Cedar; his twin daughters, Jeanene Calhoun of Eddyville and Charlene Waller of Cedar; his two sons, Ray (Trisha) Riley of Kirksville and Rob (Alicia) Riley of Cedar; his grandchildren, Crystal (Kevin) Booy, Josh (Beth) Waller, Riley (friend Jennifer) Calhoun, Caulin Riley and Ella Riley; four great grandchildren, Braden, Brody, Brant and Briley Booy and a sister, Dorothy Thompson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adrian and Gleda Riley, his brothers, Earl, Lloyd and Melvin Riley and a sister, Helen Fitzgerald.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel with pastor Bob Voels officiating. Burial will follow services at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Ottumwa. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. The funeral service will be posted at the Bates Funeral Home's YouTube Channel for those who are unable to attend. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 28, starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Fremont Funeral Chapel with the family present from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to greet relatives and guests. Memorials may be made to the Cedar United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Lawn Cemetery

3002 North Court Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel
Walnut and Main Street
P.O. Box 276
Fremont, IA 52561
(641) 673-7366
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<https://www.fremontfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

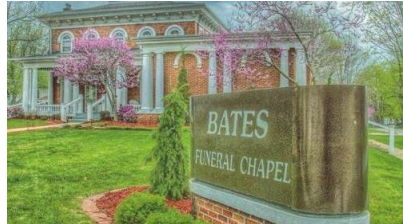
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fremont Funeral Chapel created a Bates Funeral Chapel You Tube Channel in memory of Larry Gene Riley*



Fremont Funeral Chapel - March 26, 2021 at 11:33 PM

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“ *Janet, Charlene, Jeanene, Ray & Robbie, Josh, Crystal & all your families, Larry, was a wonderful person and many fun memories of family get togethers at Joe & Charlene's. Brook & Larry driving for Carriker Ford both had many fun stories to share of their trips. Larry was always there to help - we so appreciated Char & him mowing for us in our time of need. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. We love you all! Brook, Brenda & Keith*



Brenda Todd - March 28, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Riley.*



March 28, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all,
Gene will be missed by all.



Jacque Johnson - March 27, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Larry Gene Riley.



March 27, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Larry Gene Riley.



March 27, 2021 at 01:39 PM

GM

“ Gary Mitterer lit a candle in memory of Larry
Gene Riley



Gary Mitterer - March 27, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *Have many fond memories of C.B club meetings and activites and spending time at the house with Larry, Janet and kids. My parents, Jerry and Mary Lou Fleener considered the Larry and Janet very dear friends. Love and prayers from Theresa (Jo) Briney*

Theresa Briney - March 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM