



## Gerald L. Riley

November 13, 1936 - September 25, 2011

Gerald “Jerry” Riley, 74, of Brown County, passed away early Sunday morning, September 25, 2011 at Bloomington Hospital.

He was born November 13, 1936 in New Castle, the son of the late Francis and Alberta (Blackburn) Riley.

Jerry was a 1954 graduate of Mt. Summit High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 – 1958 and earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Education from Ball State University. He also studied at Butler University where he received certification to be a guidance counselor.

He retired from education after 37 years spending 28 years at Franklin Central High School where he was a teacher, guidance counselor and football coach.

In his retirement Jerry was an avid golfer, worked at Tameka Woods Golf Course and was active in the Brown County Lions Club. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #495 in Indianapolis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis (Petry) Riley; daughters, Stacey Cleveland (Jim Dobbs) of New Palestine and Shari Allison (Jim) of Brown County; sons, Scott Riley (Donna Curtis) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Rick Fenter (Beverly) of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Angie Allison, Mike Allison, Mary Lacy, Susie Lacy, Jason Cleveland, Kellie Cleveland, Ashley Fenter, Nicole Satterfield, Kyle Fenter and Tyler Allison; great-grandchildren, Josh, Kaleigh, Elijah, Emaleigh, Alexis, Chloe and Connor; sister, Beverly Potts of New Castle, nephew, William Potts of New Castle and several cousins.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2011 at Sproles

Family Funeral Home in New Castle with military honors provided by a contingent from the American Legion.

Friends may call from noon until 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brown County Lions Club, P.O. Box 716, Nashville, IN 47448 or the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gerald Riley.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Phyllis and family -  
I am quite saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. We spent many fun times at Franklin Central, both when I was a student and as a colleague. What a great, happy, enthusiastic man with a wonderful sense of humor and infectious smile. Like SO many others, young and old, I am a better person for having been blessed to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this tough time.*  
*Mike Raters*

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**Mike and Julie Raters** - September 29, 2011 at 08:23 AM

JW

“ *Our condolences at this sad time, we all miss Jerry here at the golf course. Jim & Beverly*

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**Jim Wiegart** - September 28, 2011 at 11:52 AM

LN

“ *Stacey--I know this is hard. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Remember the smiles, hugs and good times! He is in a better place--in the arms of our Lord!!*

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**Linda Nentrup** - September 28, 2011 at 08:49 AM

LM

“ *Stacey, We are so sorry for your loss. Try to stay strong and hold on to all the fond memories. They will help you get through. Hopefully time will help to ease your pain. We are thinking of you and praying for you and your family! Love, Todd and Lisa Miller xo*

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**Lisa Miller** - September 28, 2011 at 08:05 AM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's family. As a co-worker and friend I will truly miss him @ Tameka Woods.

Bill Fote - September 27, 2011 at 08:41 PM

LH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Riley family. Fond memories of Jerry while he was at FCHS. Larry and Marilyn Hanni

Larry and Marilyn Hanni - September 27, 2011 at 07:12 PM

DN

“ I am very sad to hear of Coach Riley's passing. I always looked forward to seeing him each year at the golf outing. It wont be the same without him there. The Franklin Central football program has lost one of it's best alumni. My sincerest condolences and prayers to your family during this roughest of times.

Dan Nixon - September 27, 2011 at 02:43 PM

LL

“ Riley Family,  
Gerry was a counselor my first few of teaching before he retired; he always had a smile on his face and seemed to take all the craziness of teenagers with ease. Franklin Central High School loved Mr. Riley! Please know your family has my deepest sympathy.

Lisa Laker - September 27, 2011 at 10:17 AM

JH

“ Dear Family of Gerry Riley, I would like to express my deepest symapthies at this time for your loss. I considered Gerry a wonderful friend and colleague during our time together at Franklin Central. He was always there to help when needed and was a great asset to the students.

*I enjoyed a few hunting trips with Gerry to Tom Potts' property in southern Indiana. We had a blast letting our hair down and playing a little poker...and even going hunting even though most would have rather slept in!*

*May God hold you and your family in his arms at this time.*

*Jim and Shana Hoffman*

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**Jim Hoffman** - September 27, 2011 at 09:15 AM

TK

“ I was very saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. He was a great mentor and colleague to many of us at Franklin Central. My condolonces to the family on the loss of a good man.

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**Todd Kendrick** - September 27, 2011 at 08:51 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I was lucky enough to have worked with Gerry in the FC Guidance Office for the last 6 years of his career at FC. Gerry always managed to make us smile as he shared his stories about his family, his home in Brown County and life in general. Please accept my deepest condolences.

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**Deb MacNaughton** - September 27, 2011 at 08:34 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear about gerry. He and I worked and played golf together at Tameka. I consider it a priviledge to have known Gerry and to have had him as a friend

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**jim cripe** - September 26, 2011 at 10:12 PM

SF

“ *A wonderful friend and co-worker you will be dearly missed.*

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**Steven @ Penny Ferris** - September 26, 2011 at 06:08 PM

MS

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Gerry's passing, he and I have become great friends here at the golf course. May God bless and keep you all in this tough time. Mike Smith*

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**Mike Smith** - September 26, 2011 at 04:21 PM