



Wilburn Marshall Riley

October 28, 1912 - April 18, 2015

Wilburn Marshall Riley, 102, passed away on April 18, 2015, in Roswell. He was born on October 28, 1912, in Coleman, Oklahoma, to Flora Channel Riley and Luther Edward Riley, their first born son.

In 1934, Wilburn married Stella Marie Long. They celebrated 70 years together until she passed in 2005. Having had seven children, their first two were twin boys, who died in infancy.

Wilburn left Oklahoma in 1942, moving to Chula Vista, California. After the war, he joined the Union of Operating Engineers, local #12, retiring after 30 years. In 1977, they moved to Roswell. Wilburn missed Stella after her passing. They loved playing games of all kinds, together or with family and friends. He bought a white 1995 Cadillac in 2008 when he was 95 and drove until he was 98 when his vision dimmed.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Stella; a son, James; eight siblings and six-half siblings.

Surviving Wilburn are four daughters: Florene Riley of Roswell, Eva Levell Davis, of Arkansas, Donna Jean Marrow (Wilburn, Buster) of Roswell; Glenda Marie Leas (Dennis) of East Peoria, Illinois; two half-brothers: Herman Riley of Oklahoma and Larry Riley (Toi) of Thailand; two half-sisters: Glenda Dyer and Barbara Combs (Donnie) of Oklahoma. Also surviving Wilburn are 20 grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; 29 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in

the Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2015, in the Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Memory Lawn. Ken Davis will officiate.

Pallbearers are Billy Altstatt, Darrell Williams, Desmond Williams, Jimmy Davis, Danny Davis and Wayne Gaumond.

Honorary pallbearers are James Riley Jr, David Gaumond, Dave Gaumond Jr, Tyler Gaumond, Danny Davis Jr, Paul Davis, Johnny Davis, Gene McBroom, Ray Gene Harris, Zachary Harris, Ezekiel Harris, Zane Harris, Sam Riley, Curtis Olivier, Mike Olivier, Eric Busby, Jason Busby, Jesse Busby, Joah Williams, Steven Williams and A. J. McBroom.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with Wilburn's family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilburn Marshall Riley*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *he will be missed I loved talking with him at the riley reunions he always had such great stories to tell about my mother and father*



cindy miller - April 23, 2015 at 07:56 AM



“ *My mother and father told great stories of him. And we laughed for hours. Loved talking to him at family reunions.*

peggy hokett - April 22, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ *Grandpa Riley was tons of fun when we would play games together. Grandpa Riley was simply fun to be around.*

Leslie Davis - April 22, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ *It's hard to say goodbye to a great man. He was a grandpa i never had. I have many great memroies its hard to pick a favourite so all of them is my favourite. So i will say goodbye him and i will miss him a lot.*

Gene - April 22, 2015 at 02:09 PM

SF

“ Sanford Long And Family lit a candle in memory of Wilburn Marshall Riley



Sanford Long and family - April 22, 2015 at 12:54 PM

SF

He was always special to us. We will always remember his smile and love he shared with us. We will miss you, Uncle Wilburn.

Sanford Long and family - April 22, 2015 at 12:58 PM

PB

“ Pat, Charles, Ramona & Brenda purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wilburn Marshall Riley.



Pat, Charles, Ramona & Brenda - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 PM

RB

“ I have many fond memories of time spent visiting with Wilburn at the Riley family reunion. He will be missed.

Ramona Riley Bratcher - April 22, 2015 at 11:04 AM

DD

“ One of Grandpa's Visits to Kansas sticks out to me. Of course we played lots of dominos & cards; but one night really stands out. We were playing Regular Count Dominos, now understand Grandpa always played to Win !!! He "Blocked the Board" on Glenda & me; without hesitation, said "Count your Dominos"; !!! & Without hesitation Glenda said, "Grandpa, I am not playing with you anymore, Her Indian came out !!!! Grandpa just Grinned Ear to Ear and Laughed !!! He was a Hoot !!!! He always enjoyed going to Church and always Talked about how he enjoyed The Message !!! Praise God for such a Wonderful Grandpa, and now Home with Grandma !!!!

Danny Davis - April 21, 2015 at 04:43 PM

GD

Grandpa loved sitting on our big front porch in a rocker, we played dominos for hours every day and our cats loved him.

Glenda Davis - April 21, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilburn Marshall Riley.



April 21, 2015 at 02:59 PM

SW

“ *My Grandpa Riley was one of a kind! He was the kindest, most thoughtful man I've ever known...I have a lifetime of sweet memories, from riding in the back of his old green truck, to playing canasta , poker and of course marbles. My favorite memories are the long talks we've had these past four years...I love and miss you grandpa*

Sharon Williams - April 21, 2015 at 02:11 PM

LD

“ *My dad was such a sweet man to be around. He loved people. The more at his house the happier he was. He loved playing any card game and dominoes. He was always ready to learn a new game, as long as everyone could play and laugh. Never did he ever refuse to help his children. He was a good listener, so important when we had a problem. He had lots ol' timer sayings. He loved to have pictures made with children and grand children.*

Levell Davis - April 21, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilburn Marshall Riley.*



April 21, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Our hearts go out to all of Wilburn ' s family during these hard times John Riley.*



John Riley - April 21, 2015 at 12:46 PM

LD

“ *My grandpa was a very great man he helped many people in his lifetime and accomplished many different things. I was quite close to him and i will miss him dearly and love him very much*

Leah Davis - April 21, 2015 at 10:37 AM

CA

We all will miss him dearly

Carol - April 21, 2015 at 01:58 PM

KD

“ *Prayers to all the family!!
Kim Haigler Dreessen*

Kim Haigler Dreessen - April 21, 2015 at 07:41 AM

CM

“ *My Grandpa was the worlds best ever he so loved playing cards Dominoes and Marbles with all his Grandchildren we have truly lost a treasure in life i miss you grandpa*

carol mcbroom - April 21, 2015 at 06:22 AM

SH

“ Thinking about you guys. Will be living you up in prayer. Bob & Shirley Haigler

Shirley Haigler - April 21, 2015 at 01:12 AM

JS

Sorry for you loss prayer for the family Joyce and Ray Surles

Joyce Surles - April 21, 2015 at 07:18 AM

PE

I will miss 'Grandpa Riley'. What a delightful man to be around!! My time knowing him has been short, but he made a lasting positive impression on me. Loved learning and playing marbles with him. He was a true competitor. And, just a delightful person to be around.

My prayers are with the family as you have laid your loved one to rest. May the beautiful character traits you saw in your father, grandfather, great/great great grandfather, brother, sister, uncle, cousin, and friend motivate us to emulate these characteristics in our own lives. In that way we carry him with us forever along with the beautiful memories we have made. Love to the family. Pat Edmonds, Roswell, NM

Patricia Edmonds - April 25, 2015 at 08:35 AM

JG

Sending love and prayers to all that loved cousin Wilburn, I saw him twice at the Riley Reunion in Atoka, he told me memories he had of my Dad John Riley. Dad was 6 yrs younger than him and I'm sure they had many great times together, he will be missed by all that knew him, Jeri Riley Gibson and family, much love

jerildine riley gibson - April 26, 2015 at 08:47 AM