



## William C. Riley

October 1, 1938 - February 3, 2010

Albany-William P. Riley, 71, died Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Whittier Health and Rehabilitation Center in Ghent. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary Finnigan Riley.

He was a 1957 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, and then served his Country in the US Navy. He retired from Ralph's On The Park as a bartender.

He was the dear husband of Mary-Jean Delehanty Riley; beloved father of Patrick Riley (Julie) of Richmond, VA and Bridget Riley of Manhattan; grandfather of Claire and Finnegan; brother of Frank Riley of Saratoga and the late Mary VanDenBurg and James Riley; brother in law of Marlene Riley, Doreen Waite (Richard), Diane Howard, June Springer (Kenneth) and the late Janis Lee Delehanty, Jane Riley, and Jerry VanDenBurg; several nieces and nephews survive.

Funeral services Friday, February 5, 2010 at 9:45 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, February 4, 2010 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy, NY.

Those wishing to remember Bill in a special way may send a contribution to The Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave the family a special message on their Guest Book; view Bill's Cinematic Life Tribute; obtain directions or a Prayer Card; or share a photo or E-Card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William C. Riley*



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *William C. Riley*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *To the Family sorry for your loss. Bill was a great man and friend to the ACP gang. I have so many fond memories. Bill was more than a bartender... a friend for life always there for you and made me welcome. We need more Riley's in the world. God Bless you Bill.##imported-begin##Kevin Bates##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2013 at 01:23 PM



“ *Mary Jean & Family,  
We were very sorry to hear of Bill's death. We knew Riley for almost 40 years. He was a good man, a good friend and will be greatly missed. He and his family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Patrick & Winnie Robinson##imported-end##*

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February 07, 2010 at 12:16 AM



“ Riley was a part of life for myself, and most students of Albany College of Pharmacy, during our time there. Always friendly and willing to offer a few kind words, he was a great guy that I feel privileged to have gotten a chance to be around. I think every one of us felt like he was a friend to us, and we're all going to miss him. Until we meet again...  
Adam Young

February 05, 2010 at 04:54 PM



“ Willie will be missed. I think he and I were the last Dodger Fans in Albany.  
Richard O'Brien

February 05, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ I spent many a long night at Ralph's with Riley. I'm not sure if I've ever met a more friendly person. The guy truly had a heart of gold, and was a father, or grandfather-figure, for us ACP kids. He will be missed.  
brian

February 04, 2010 at 10:51 PM



“ One of the true rocks in our whole family. Uncle Bill will always be loved, remembered, and truly missed. I LOVE YOU UNCLE BILL.  
James Thomas Mitchell

February 04, 2010 at 06:45 PM



“ Riley, I spent 30 yrs of cold nights and hot afternoons standing next to you with the rest of the guys from the cooler crew. You always made me feel like family. At the bar you were everyones brother. The TV show "Cheers" had nothing on our times at Ralphs. I wish I could have told you one more time how grateful I am for knowing you. Till I see you again.  
John Wylie##imported-begin##John Wylie##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 05:59 PM



“ I met Riley many years ago at Yezzi's where he taught me to bartend. He also taught many of us the importance of being humble and being a genuine person. He set a great example for the many people he encountered and be-friended along the way. A wonderful man and a true friend.##imported-begin##Mike Quinn##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 09:58 AM



“ It was at Ralphs and he walked over and asked what I'd like to drink. He made me feel important. From that moment foward, he has been a active part of my life. the quiet strength behind my sister.  
Kenny and I, as well as our children, will miss Riley,,,,,Bill,,,,,Uncle Bill, forever.  
None of us really knows what tomorrow brings.....so we live for today and we remember our yesterdays....and those in our lives that touch us deeply. ...and have a profound impact on our lives....for that Bill Riley I will always carry you in my heart and be a better person for having known you...for having been loved by you... thanks Bill.....and MJ ...We love you Sister Mine....June##imported-begin##JUNE SPRINGER##imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 08:11 PM