



John O. Riley Jr.

March 27, 1940 - August 17, 2025

John O. Riley Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2025, at the age of 85. Born on March 27, 1940, in Washington, D.C., John was the cherished son of the late John O. Riley Sr. and Mary Annabelle Schwartz Riley. He grew up with a deep love for family and a strong sense of duty and integrity, values he carried throughout his life.

John is survived by his loving wife of almost 25 years, Angela Sarro Riley.

John served honorably in the United States Air Force, embodying the values of duty and dedication throughout his years in uniform. His service to his country was a source of great pride to both him and his family.

John is lovingly remembered by his children: John Riley(Robin), James Riley, and Sheila Riley Vallance. Stepchildren Ronnie Lemmons (Bev) and Theresa Lemmons. He was a proud grandfather to AnnMarie Schwartz Walden (Stephen), Samuel Riley(Kathleen), Veronica Riley(Reuben), Sarajo Morgan Sinclair, Codi Vallance, Austin Vallance and step grandchildren: Cody Lemmons, Dillon Kite (Nichole), Melissa Kite. His legacy continues through his great-grandchildren, Estelle Riley and Molly Riley, who brought him much joy in his later years.

John is also survived by his sister, MaryAnne Riley Pearson, and will be fondly remembered by extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother James William Riley, and his former wife, Cecilia.

John was confirmed Catholic on April 20, 2019 at St. Louis Catholic Church-Castroville, Texas.

John's kindness, wisdom, and friendly personality touched all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

A Visitation will be held from 9:00 am - 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Castroville, Texas followed by a Funeral Mass starting at 10:00 am. A Graveside Service will take place later that day at 2:00 pm at Mission Burial Park North Dominion.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests for donations to be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in his memory.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church
610 Madrid St
Castroville, TX 78009

Funeral Mass

AUG 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

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610 Madrid St
Castroville, TX 78009

Graveside Service

AUG 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North Dominion
20900 I-10
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Greatest friend I ever had. John will be remembered until my last breath.*

Jc

John - March 28 at 07:21 AM

MP

“ *Dear Angela, thanks for the loving care you and Joey gave Johnny. We had a great childhood, together. In our adult years, Mickey and I shared a loving friendship with the two of you. Lots of fond memories. You two showed everyone the loving Christian life you shared, with everyone. Johnny, will truly be missed. My prayers are with you and family. With lots of love, big sister Mary Ann*

Mary Ann Pearson - August 28, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MR

“ *When his granddaughter needed tires for her car or performed in colorguard...he was there.*

When his grandson graduated O.C.S. and became a naval aviator, he was there...

He had a kind and loving heart for his grandchildren and it was very much noticed and appreciated.

M. A. Riley

M.A. Riley - August 26, 2025 at 06:32 PM

SK

“ *Whenever you were with John, he had a way of making you laugh and he always had a smile for you. John will be missed dearly.*

Scott & Julie Kramm

Scott & Julie Kramm - August 25, 2025 at 02:58 PM