



Riley G. O'Neal

April 15, 1935 - May 16, 2021

Riley O'Neal was born in Lohn, Tx on 4/15/1935. He was the middle child of 3 siblings born to Jackson Riley O'Neal and Ida Mae Morris. He is preceded in death by his father Jackson Riley O'Neal and his mother Ida Mae Morris. He is survived by his wife Mary Louis O'Neal, his sister Nina Mae O'Neal Blair from Dallas, TX and brother Emzie Lee O'Neal from Pleasanton, TX. He is also survived by many cousins, nephews, and nieces. Riley's struggle with cancer ended on May 17th of this year with his wife Mary at his bedside. Riley and Mary resided in the same neighborhood in the same house for 54 years. Everyone on Seeling Blvd. knew Riley and Mary. His sister Nina recalls that Riley was born in a one room house in the middle of a wheat field. At the age of 18 months his parents moved to Corpus Christi, Tx. He was sick a lot the first couple of years of his life. His eyesight was bad and he would walk off the side the porch. He learned to be tough because boys would make fun of him for wearing glasses and would break them. He always tore into them very bravely. Riley never cried or showed any signs of weakness. Riley and Emzie had always been very talented! At an early age Riley began to draw horses and other animals. His teachers would have him draw on the windows or chalkboard to decorate for Holidays. He always won first place in drawing contest. At the age of 20 he joined the military and served about 2 ½ years in the Navy. Riley worked at several jobs but ultimately ended up working Civil Service at Kelly AFB. Which is where he met Mary. Riley and Mary never had children but they adopted the neighborhood kids and poured their love into

them. Riley enjoyed saying that he was married to an older woman and that she robbed the cradle. We will miss you Riley. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 9 from 11:30am – 1:30pm with graveside services to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery at 2:15pm.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Graveside Service

JUN 9. 2:15 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Nancy Moore Family & Shirley Womack family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Riley G. O'Neal.*



The Nancy Moore Family & Shirley Womack family - June 06, 2021 at 03:05 PM

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“ *Nina Blair & Emzie O'Neal purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Riley G. O'Neal.*



Nina Blair & Emzie O'Neal - June 06, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Joe Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Riley G. O'Neal*



Joe Sanchez - June 02, 2021 at 09:16 AM

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“ We were neighbors for 16 years and wish it had been for many more years. I enjoyed my relationship with Riley and Mary. We were both veterans and both served in the Navy. We shared many weekends and evenings watching the Spurs and the Cowboys on TV. Riley loved to put on a tough act but he was all heart and loved to meet people. everyone on Seeling Blvd. knew Riley and Mary. I used to tell my friends that we had our own private security guarding our street. It was Riley. I will miss you Riley and our evenings on the driveway talking trash. (clean trash). Ed Tello

EDWARD TELLO - May 28, 2021 at 02:45 PM