



## W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr.

January 15, 1931 - January 25, 2024

W.E. "TOM" RILEY, JR.

With his family by his side, W. E. "Tom" Riley of San Antonio entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the age of 93. He was born January 15, 1931 in Hunter, Texas to William E. and Emma Riley, Sr. who preceded him in death along with all of his siblings. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ann; son, Gary and wife, Lisa; daughter, Peggy Riley; daughter, Penny Riley and husband, COL James Lombard U.S. Army (Ret.); grandsons, Nathan, Jason and Jared Riley; sister-in-law, Mary Lee Sauer and husband George, sister-in-law, June Steinbring; and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was most proud of his marriage, children, and grandchildren, and he adored his wife more than anything. Growing up during the Depression, Tom lived a simple life and could always be found outside with his two friends, slingshots in hands. With birds, squirrels, and rabbits as their targets, the threesome helped put food on the table for their families and others during those troublesome times. His first job, even before he was of legal age, involved bartending at Riley's Tavern (the "beer joint" as he called it), owned and operated by his dad and brother and issued the first beer license in Texas after Prohibition. In 1952, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and proudly served during the Korean Conflict. After his service, he met the love of his life, Mary Ann, at Gruene Dance Hall. They spent many nights gliding across a multitude of dance floors. In 1955, Tom

became an employee of Samuels Glass Company where he dedicated 42 years and supervised many monumental projects, including the timely completion of Hemisfair. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, and fisherman, and will also be remembered for his story-telling, humor, coaching baseball/softball, and teaching life lessons through his example. He will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

## SERVICES

Visitation: Thursday, February 1, 2024, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive.

Funeral Services: Friday, February 2, 2024, 12:00 noon, Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church, 2515 Austin Highway, Pastor Ronald A. Windecker and Rev. Allyson Pryor officiating. Casual attire welcomed. Interment with Military Honors Wetmore Community Cemetery, 15041 Higgins Road. Pallbearers: Kenny Sauer, Scott Steinbring, Jeff Sauer, Nathan Riley, Jason Riley, Jared Riley.

Our family expresses sincere gratitude to the multitude of professionals who played an instrumental role in Dad's healthcare.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church, 2515 Austin Highway, San Antonio, TX 78218 or Wetmore Community Cemetery, mailing address P.O. Box 9526 Gloxinia Dr, Garden Ridge, TX 78266.

# Cemetery Details

## Wetmore Cemetery

15000-15086 Higgins Road  
San Antonio, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church  
2515 Austin Hwy  
San Antonio, TX 78218

# Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..*



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February 01, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *The Semmler family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..*



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**The Semmler family** - February 01, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *love, Melissa, Dustin, Debbie & Carol purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..*



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**love, Melissa, Dustin, Debbie & Carol** - January 31, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *Tammie J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..*

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**Tammie J.** - January 31, 2024 at 10:45 AM

FF

“ Fran Rabe and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



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**Fran Rabe and Family** - January 30, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



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January 30, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MD

“ Marc, Robbie, Jenny, Marv and Dixie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..

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**Marc, Robbie, Jenny, Marv and Dixie** - January 30, 2024 at 11:49 AM

MD

“ Marc, Robbie, Jenny, Marv and Dixie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



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**Marc, Robbie, Jenny, Marv and Dixie** - January 30, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ Raquel & Pedro Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..

Raquel & Pedro Family - January 30, 2024 at 08:36 AM

RF

“ Raquel & Pedro Family purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



Raquel & Pedro Family - January 30, 2024 at 08:36 AM

TB

“ Tammy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..

Tammy B. - January 30, 2024 at 07:25 AM

LA

“ Love, Tom, and Arleen purchased the Simply Ele  
gant Spathiphyllum for the family of W. E. "Tom"  
Riley, Jr..



Love, Tom, and Arleen - January 30, 2024 at 07:20 AM

AF

“ Alan & DeAnna Goss & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



Alan & DeAnna Goss & Family - January 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM

HF

“ Henry Sentmore and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



Henry Sentmore and Family - January 28, 2024 at 07:31 PM

AF

“ Andy and Jeff (your Austin family) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..

Andy and Jeff (your Austin family) - January 28, 2024 at 05:36 PM

AF

“ Andy and Jeff (your Austin family) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



Andy and Jeff (your Austin family) - January 28, 2024 at 05:36 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jennifer and Dennis Jenkins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



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**Love, Jennifer and Dennis Jenkins** - January 28, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SL

“ Sherri L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..

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**Sherri L.** - January 28, 2024 at 01:15 AM

SL

“ What a special man and a true Blessing to have known him. I loved hearing his stories of antics growing up, how the area around home was before being developed, the early years working at Samuel's Glass, many deer viewing car rides and seeing how so very proud he was of his family. Much Love & prayers for comfort—Sherri Lain

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**Sherri Lain** - January 28, 2024 at 01:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..



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January 27, 2024 at 09:46 PM

LS

“ *Larry & Sherry Golla, The Schwanz's purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of W. E. "Tom" Riley, Jr..*



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**Larry & Sherry Golla, The Schwanz's** - January 27, 2024 at 09:34 PM