



Michael Judson Riley

September 24, 2020

Michael Judson Riley, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, went to his eternal rest on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at his home. Michael was 60 years old. He was born on April 12, 1960 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Fate Riley and Ruth Moise Riley. He graduated from Johnson C. Lockett Elementary School, McDonogh 35 Senior High School, and attended the University of New Orleans.

He began his career of service as an orthopedic technician at East Jefferson Hospital. After realizing that wasn't his calling, he joined the New Orleans Police Department. Michael dedicated 32 ½ years of service to the people of New Orleans. Most of his career was spent in the 5th District. In 2015, Michael retired from NOPD as a detective in the White Collar Crime Bureau. After a very brief retirement, he became a Court Security Officer at the Eastern District of Louisiana, US District Court.

During both careers, Michael received numerous accolades and awards for his outstanding service to the community. In addition to having a successful career, he was an active member of different organizations in the community. He was a proud member of the Xavier University Preparatory School's Dad's Club, serving as the president of the club for numerous years. He was an active member of the Beau Brummell Club, Inc., serving as the Recording Secretary. Michael sang in the church choir and was an active member of the

Men's Ministry at St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. He was also an active mentor of the Boy Scout Troop #185 and the Fraternal Order of Police. He belonged to a Parliamentary Club in the Greater New Orleans area. Michael Riley will be remembered for his dedicated and loyal services to his family, his church, his community, and the New Orleans Police Department.

Anyone who knew Michael knew how much he loved and cherished his family. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. Mourning his loss is his beloved and faithful wife of 30 years Deidre Keyes Riley; children Danielle Riley, Megan Riley, Melissa Riley, and Gabrielle Riley; his beloved granddaughters Dayanna and Da'Nay Garner, and McKinlee Heidelberg; siblings Theodore Riley (Anna), Carmen Riley Bazile (Gregory), LaVerne Riley Price (James), Harrison Riley, and Lawrence Riley (Yolanda); devoted Mother-in-law Brenda Lawless Keyes; brothers-in-law Charles Keyes (Angela); Todd Keyes; sister-in-law Stephanie Keyes Butler (Leon); god daughter Dhehir Kelly; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends. Michael was preceded in death by his mother Ruth Moise Riley, his father Fate Riley, and his brother Vernon Riley.

Due to the government's social distancing guidelines, the family will have a private Mass of Christian Burial, however a public visitation will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. at St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great Catholic Church on 2916 Paris Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana 70119. Rev. Father Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ will be officiating the Mass. Followed by a private burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery at 4000 Norman Mayer Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana 70122. MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE VISITATION, MASS, AND BURIAL. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and send condolences to the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Leo/St. Raymond Catholic Church
2916 Paris Ave
New Orleans, LA

Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo/St. Raymond Catholic Church
2916 Paris Ave
New Orleans, LA

Tribute Wall

JM

“ So very sorry about your loss. Mr. Riley was a kind yet gentle force who made me feel safe every day at that court house. He was a wonderful man and his presence will be greatly missed. Jennifer Mitchem

Jennifer Mitchem - October 07, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JH

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the Riley family. Take your rest from the toils of this troubled world my roneagle classmate!
Joe Harris

Joe Harris - October 02, 2020 at 05:25 PM

EB

“ To the entire Riley family, I send my deepest sympathy. As a resident living on Feliciana St., I grew up with the respectable Riley family.
Michael was and to my knowledge, had always been soft spoken and mild mannered.
When ever I would meet him, he greeted me with kind words and a smile. I'm sure he will be missed by many and I'm just glad I had an opportunity to meet him on his journey called life. May Michael rest in eternal peace and may our Heavenly Father grant peace and understanding to the bereaved family!

Sending Love ❤️ and Prayers 🙏,
Edith Magee Brandon

Edith M. Brandon - October 01, 2020 at 06:31 PM

LA

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends of CSO Riley. His light and joy will be missed by myself and so many others serving within the Fifth Circuit.

LaToya Allen (Clerk's Office, U.S. Courts)

LaToya Allen - October 01, 2020 at 04:31 PM

CH

“ I haven't worked an event with Mike for a long time now, but when we did, I always felt safe and protected, even if it was just him by himself. For my productions, outside events, and the school's evening events, it was always calming for me to know he was there. When students' parents were late picking them up, Mike would stay with me until everyone had gone. We did not do a lot of socializing outside of school, but I will always remember him as my kind and protective friend. I will miss him tremendously. We have lost another mighty oak in our forest.

Colette Handy

Colette Handy - October 01, 2020 at 04:14 PM

DB

“ What a kind, generous person Mr. Mike was. We were so honored he had joined Troop 185 to assist the boys in their growth and leadership. I had several conversations with him - his deep love of his family was always evident. I know he will be missed. My sincere sympathy and condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, and family.

Dee Boling, parent, Troop 185

Dee Boling - October 01, 2020 at 08:59 AM

FS

“ My sincere condolences to Mike's family, Mike was that kind of individual who displayed a calming and level headed nature. To work with Mike is to know someone with a love of people and his city. His family was first in his life and he treated any encounter as he would of his family. Mike left a shining example of what all men should strive, God bless.

Fenner Sedgebeer (Retired NOPD)

Fenner Sedgebeer - October 01, 2020 at 08:19 AM

AH

“ Michael my brother i will always remember you as one of the coolest, nicest, most caring and most respectful person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Once more I would like to say thank you for our little talks, everything that you've ever done for my family and always giving my daughter good guidance. I love my brother.

Antonio Haynes - October 01, 2020 at 05:39 AM

PB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Peggy M Brothers (N.O.P.D.)

Peggy Brothers - October 01, 2020 at 02:08 AM



“ *Deidre and Family,
 Sending sincere condolences from myself, Elgin and our family on the passing of your Beloved Husband, Father and Loved One. May God hold you all close to comfort you during this difficult time and may your memories of Michael bring joy and laughter to replace your tears. Big hugs from my heart to all of yours.
 Alicia (Brandon) Thomas (Xavier Classmate, Physics Dept. 1983-1985)*

Alicia Thomas - September 30, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ *You recently called me to wish me happy retirement. We had a short conversation and you advised me it was a pleasure to work with me in the fifth district. I'm glad I had the chance to work with you. You were a great Detective and I'm going to miss you so much. Rest in Peace my brother in blue. You will be greatly missed. I also send my condolences to Mrs. Riley, his daughters, and his entire family.*

Micheleen Scott - September 30, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *To the Riley family, you have my deepest condolences. The family will be in my prayers. Michael will be missed on Gallier Drive just for the little things he did. I send my love and prayers to the family . Alsylbia (Ms AI)*



Alsylbia (Ms AI) - September 30, 2020 at 09:26 PM



May God the give family strength in this time of your lost. Praying for you all .R. I.P. Michael

Janet Murphy - October 01, 2020 at 08:45 AM

CR

“ When I was a young culinary student in Chef Carmen Riley’s class, I was introduced to Michael. After catering several Riley family celebrations I was fortunate enough to have become friends with many of the family members. Because Michael and I shared a birthday we had that in common. Fond memories helping Chef Carmen for a wedding or a birthday. Always a beautiful family celebration. My sincere sympathies to the family and especially Michael’s wife. He is in Glory and Peace. May God protect and comfort you during this time. Chef Jan Rost

Chef Jan Rost - September 30, 2020 at 09:24 PM

PG

“ Michael was my friend and brother he always had my back always made sure my girls and I were alright I will miss you so very much. Rest my friend you're where you always wanted to be with you're Father in heaven I keep you're Family in my prayers



Patricia McGee Guidry - September 30, 2020 at 12:08 PM

IS

“ My prayers and condolences to the Riley family. Michael Riley was my first FTO training officer at NOPD and he was a dear friend and mentor to me. I am a better person after meeting him. God has a way of putting the right people in your life.

Ignatius Jones, Sr. - September 30, 2020 at 12:06 PM

SW

“ My childhood friend. We grew up around the corner from each other, then Mike and my brother Mike became Policeman. Always Respectful, always smiling, always friendly. My Deepest and Hearfelt Condolences to his family. We love you Brick, Rest Peacefully!!!!!!!!!!

Sharon Winfield - September 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM

MH

“ I offer you my prayers and love Deidre and your children. Please know that you and your family are held with love, prayers, and concern. May the Lord bless you with the strength and care you need. Prayers are with You

Merle Harris - September 29, 2020 at 10:48 PM

CM

“ I never knew him personally, but his wife taught math at the school I'm currently attending. During the time I've known Mrs. Riley, I have grown to love and care for her, and am hurting for her and her daughters at this time. I pray that God opens the gates of heaven to his child. This family has my condolences❤️❤️



Casey Mitchell - September 29, 2020 at 06:27 PM

CM

“ My dearest, I'm having such a difficult time in finding the words to express the sorrow and grief that your god daughter Erika Davis and I are feeling at this time.

You have been such an example for us both in the way you lived your life, such kindness that you shared with everyone that you met was rare in today's world. You were the loving father and husband, you gave the unselfish gift of your time in serving your community and church just as our Savior did for His for fellow man. Rest well in the arms of our Heavenly Father as a one of the choicest spirits who has truly been faithful in all things required of you. We will forever keep you in our hearts never forgetting how your compassion touched us all.

Carolyn H McElveen - September 29, 2020 at 04:29 PM

IR

“ We just spoke last month. You always checked in on all your NOPD classmates. You will be missed. Sending prayers of comfort to Deidre and your daughters. Rest well classmate!!!

Iris McMillon Carey (NOPD Retired) - September 29, 2020 at 04:03 PM

ED

“ My sincerest condolences to Micheal 's family. He was a light in this neighborhood. He will truly be missed.

Ethelrene Davis - September 29, 2020 at 02:08 PM

LG

“ Louella Gatlin lit a candle in memory of Michael Judson Riley



Louella Gatlin - September 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

MH

“ *My fallen Roneagle,*

A Great Husband, Father, Grandfather and Neighbor for many years. You will be missed Mr. Mike. So many memories shared with you. Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. Rest on in god's perfect peace Mr.Mike.

*Tee Deidre, Meg, Missy, Gabby and McKinlee
We love you!*

Love Always, Monique, Triston Sr. and Triston Jr.

Monique Hunt - September 29, 2020 at 01:26 PM

CA

“ *Megan and Melissa,*

Thinking of you and your family and sending my sincere condolences in your time of sorrow. May comfort and peace find you during this difficult time. You are in my prayers.

*With Sympathy,
Christa A. Watson
Lake Forest Social Worker*

Christa Albert-Watson - September 29, 2020 at 01:21 PM

BW

“ *Condolences to the family. Mike was an outstanding and beautiful soul. He is a member of the Knitters (McDonogh #35 C/O 78. Mike was a great friend and always helpful. Get your rest now Mike! God bless you and your family. Bernadine Williams*

Bernadine Williams - September 29, 2020 at 01:08 PM

Madie
Bee

“ Well Big Guy, your work here is complete and you have earned your wings. It was such a pleasure, working, those many years, on The Police Department with You. The many times we spoke of our Megans and your bonus Mellissa!. We even shared cooking tips. I remember when you were thinking about retiring, the many calls, because I retired before you, about what to expect. You were so devoted to your family and anyone that had a conversation with you felt they knew your entire family. I know you are gonna be missed by everyone who crossed your path. To Deidre and your kids just know your husband and Dad was a wonderful person admired by many. May God bless and keep you during this difficult time



Madelyn Batiste
(Retired) NOPD

Madie Bee - September 29, 2020 at 12:48 PM

CK

“ Mike would call me every other month just to say hello and check on me. I will miss those calls. He was a good man and a good friend. RIH my friend!!!!

Craig Kilbert - September 29, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Officer Riley will be missed at the courthouse, where he always had a friendly greeting to share when he checked on our chambers.

Margot Want - September 29, 2020 at 12:16 PM

TG

“ CSO Riley was always so kind and helpful to me at the Federal Courthouse. May his entire family be blessed and comforted by fond memories during this difficult time.

Tamia Gordon - September 29, 2020 at 11:58 AM

RC

“ It saddened me greatly to hear of Mike's passing. He always greeted me at the courthouse with a warm smile and kind words, asking about my kids and showing me pictures of and speaking with great love for his children and grandchildren. But my sadness over his passing reminds me of how blessed I am to have met Mike, and to have shared so many friendly conversations with him. Please remember: "Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4. My sincere condolences to Mike's family and friends.

- Rebecca Coman

Rebecca Coman - September 29, 2020 at 11:54 AM

CP

“I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.” —Leo Buscaglia

I was so very sorry to hear about the loss of our CSO Mike Riley and very impressed to read of his accomplishments during his life. We will miss his smiling face greeting us each day. Our thoughts and prayers are with his beautiful family during this time of sorrow.

*Cathy Pepper
Official Court Reporter
United States District Court*

Cathy Pepper - September 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

“ Poem for Michael J. Riley

Faces of old and faces of new, people we know and people we knew.

Working together then drifting apart, Now an earthly ending and in Heaven a new start.

From the NOPD and U.S. Marshal's Service with many Stories yet to Be Told, God said to Michael it's time for you to "Come Up to Heaven and Be on Patrol"

An Awesome Husband, Father, Grandfather, Warrior and Friend Who fought the good fight all the way to the end.

Michael had so many quirks and sayings that will carry on into the next generation and the life after, but most importantly I know he would say to all of us right now when you think of him there is no guilt in laughter.

So the following words I share are for us all to remember – Michael

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care, feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.

We cannot grieve forever, he would not want us to, he'd hope that we would carry on the same old way we always do.

So, let's always remember the traditions, good times and the way Michael showed us all that he cared, and focus on the days that were spent together with him and all the special moments we shared.

Let Michael's memory surround you, a word you may hear someone say, will suddenly re-capture a time past or an hour in a day.

That word or thought brings him back so clearly as though he was still here, and fills you with feelings that he is always near.

For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart, and Michael will live forever locked safely in Your Heart.

Love and Prayers,

John H. Schmidt (DHS-Homeland Security Investigations)

John Schmidt - September 29, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JT

Joyce Edwards (a neighbor from the community area Feliciana/ Miro/ Galvez streets-To the Riley Family. You all have ours deepest sympathy. It was a great neighborhood where we got our foundation. Michael served as NOPD officer in 5th District to keep the neighborhood safe for generations to come. Michael finish the race. Don't weep and don't mourn. Be glad he was man with integrity, respect, caring, and compassionate about keeping the neighborhood safe for the generations to come!!!! You will see again on the other side.

Great family Theodore, Carmen. LaVerne, Harrison, and Lawrence. To his spouse and children you have great support from the Riley Family, the legacy lives on. GOD Bless

Joyce Edwards, Dallas Texas - October 01, 2020 at 01:44 AM