



Nelson "Red" Riley

March 17, 1930 - March 21, 2021

Nelson "Red" Riley, 91, of Forest City, passed away at his home at 7:54 a.m., on Sunday, March 21, 2021. He was born March 17, 1930, in Pekin, during the largest blizzard of the 1930s, to Chester and Liela (Burnham) Riley. He married Rita Bradley and had five children. In 1981, he met his life partner, Diana Null, with whom he spent 40 years.

He was a life long farmer and fifty year member of Labor Local #231. He was an active member of Masonic Lodge #476 AF&AM, in Manito, where he was a 32nd degree Mason. He enjoyed family, farming, and horse back riding. He hosted a semi-annual "Red Riley Trail Ride" at Sand Ridge State Forest for 35 years.

Red is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: George and Lester Riley; two sisters: Betty Godby and Marian Halley; two children: Richard Nelson and Barbara Chasteen; and one grandson: Jason House. He is survived by three daughters: Paula (Harry) Hainline and Lonna Riley, both of Victoria, IL, and Terry (Ted) Niebrugge, of Delavan; two step-daughters: Crystal (John) OldField of Petersburg and Kelly (Jeremy) Null-Schott, of Springfield; as well as the love of his life, Diana Null. Also surviving are ten grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and three-great-great-grandchildren.

Anyone lucky enough to know Red Riley knows of his large personality and true love for life. Red always believed in working hard and playing harder. He will truly be missed by many. His laugh will always be something to remember.

Red always enjoyed his friends and cherished his family.

Visitation will be held at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, in Manito, on Thursday, March 25, 2021, from 11:00 a.m., until 2:00 p.m. Masonic Rites will begin at 1:30 p.m. Graveside rites will be held at Forest City Cemetery, at 2:30 p.m. In accordance with current COVID guidelines, masks will be worn indoors and the funeral home will be limited to fifty guests at a time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, in Chicago. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Forest City Cemetery

Forest City, IL 61532

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito
301 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box #442
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-6157
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Masonic Rites

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Graveside Service

MAR **25**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Forest City Cemetery
Forest City, IL 61532

Tribute Wall



“ *Nelson "Red" Riley*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *All my memories of you are from when I was so young, grandma shared so many stories, I remember the horseback riding and still have the pictures! With love, Samala - Mary's grab baby*

Samala Shafer - May 25, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Nelson "Red" Riley.*



March 24, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss and praying for God's comfort.*

Teresa and Matt Kline - March 24, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nelson "Red" Riley.*



March 23, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ We just lost a legend. Red was probably one of the first people I met around the Ridge. We rode a few miles together. I have missed not seeing him for the past year. RIP Red. I send my deepest sympathy to his family.

Gary Hampsmire - March 23, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Nelson "Red" Riley.



March 23, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nelson "Red" Riley.



March 23, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to all the family. I loved Red like a father and he will be missed so much. I will never forget all the riding we did and all the good times we had. I am glad he is at peace.*

Pam and Pat Reel - March 22, 2021 at 11:57 PM

PR

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Pam Reel - March 22, 2021 at 11:52 PM

CG

“ He was truly a great guy, Paul, Shawn ,Casey and I want you to know you are all in our prayers

Cristina Guilliams - March 22, 2021 at 06:03 PM

JC

“ Terry, Lonna & Paula,

I wanted to let you know my thoughts are with you and your family at this time. I am thinking of all of you.

Julitta Carpenter @ State Farm In Havana

Julitta Carpenter - March 22, 2021 at 04:36 PM

BB

“ Rest in peace you old fart. Prayers of comfort to his family. Red was a great guy and will be missed .

Barb Thomas Bice - March 22, 2021 at 08:58 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Nelson "Red" Riley



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 22, 2021 at 07:44 AM

DP

“ RIP Red. You will be missed by many. My prayers for his family. 🙏

Dawn pullum - March 22, 2021 at 06:56 AM

PA

“ Rest in peace 🙏

Patty Ann - March 22, 2021 at 04:37 AM

PA

“ Patty Ann lit a candle in memory of Nelson "Red" Riley



Patty Ann - March 22, 2021 at 04:36 AM

VC

“ Sorry for your loss prayers for the family Red will be missed dearly



valerie Thompson Crosiet - March 21, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nelson "Red" Riley.*



March 21, 2021 at 05:08 PM