



Francis H. Riley Jr.

April 4, 1926 - July 19, 2013

Visitation for Francis H. Riley Jr., 87, of Bradley, will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Father Anthony Nugent will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. He passed away Friday (July 19, 2013) at Bradley Royale Health Care Center.

Mr. Riley was a custodian and bus driver at BBCHS. He was born April 4, 1926, in Kankakee, the son of Francis H. and Lillian Ziemer Riley. He enjoyed traveling to national parks and was an avid photographer.

Surviving are three nieces, Kathy Sanzotta, Kris (Tom) Moore, and Karleen (Robert) Lergner; four great-nephews, Kellen (Julie) Moore, Drew (Jocyn) Lergner, Dylan (Katie) Lergner, and Kirby Moore; and one great-niece, Sadie Sanzotta.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Ann Riley and Martha and Robert Kell.

Memorials may be made to Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School - www.bbchs.org/

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat Riley was a gentle man and a gentleman. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a kindness to all. He worked for my father during the 1960's and, during that time, was often assigned to drive me to a summer camp I attended in Michigan and eventually to College when I went to Michigan State University. How privileged I was to share those long trips with his steady hand and even temperament at the wheel. His memory will always bring a smile to my face and a lightness to my heart. Pat, I celebrate you for a life well lived. May you rest in peace. Cass Book

Cassandra Book - July 28, 2013 at 03:51 PM

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“ Adios Poncho great employee who loved BBCHS and the Village of Bradley; "HE TOOK CARE OF US ALL" Denny Bossinger

Dennis Bossinger - July 25, 2013 at 11:16 PM



Rennetta Smith

“ My condolences to the family.

I rode Mr Riley's bus in high school. In the winter, he would get up early, warm up the bus, and park it in our neighborhood. That way, instead of us waiting in the cold for the bus, a warm bus was waiting for us. It was a kindness that many teenagers took for granted, but a kindness that, years later, I still remember.



Rennetta Smith - July 24, 2013 at 09:17 AM

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Poncho was truly a gift. Through many years, he suffered me kindly and drove my students and me to places to and from North Street. He had this very special quality of supporting all of us at BBCHS with his strong gentle ways. We shared many precious memories---but most of all, I will remember seeing him and his wonderful camera at sunset---by Davis Creek. He would be parked there waiting to catch the perfect glimpse of a deer family grazing in the fields. He knew the deer.... he knew their habits, babies, and they knew him. His caring heart took care of all living things like family. Heaven just got a new angel.

Lana Brown - July 24, 2013 at 10:39 PM