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James P. Riley, 90 of Newark went to that big golf course in the sky March 7, 2020 at Sharon Brooke. He was born July 26, 1929 in Newark to the late Herbert and Oma (LeFever) Riley. He owned and operated Riley's Bakery at 19 West Church Street as did his father before him.

Jim graduated from Newark High School in 1947, lettered in three sports and then enlisted and served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of the Ohio State Board of Retail Bakers, Rotary Club of Newark, Elks #391, American Legion and a lifelong member of Moundbuilders Country Club.

Fifty years in the bakery business ended with Jim retiring to care for his failing wife, Pat. After 54 years of marriage she died in 2002 leaving Jim alone to pursue the second great love of his life, golf.

He is survived by his brother in-law, William and Diane (Blakeley)Koman of Newark; sisters in-law, Georgeann (Koman) Rose of Michigan, Lucy (Tyrer) Riley of California and Patty Lou (Sullivan) Riley of Zanesville; his companion, Delores Williams; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death and meeting him at the nineteenth hole are his parents; his treasured wife, Pat; his brothers, George and Don; and brother in-law, Ronald Rose.

Vensil & Chute Funeral Home – Newark Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.



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SB

Sandy Brenner posted:

Bill and Diane, I am sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I loved that man. He was a gracious man and seemed to know everyone and never had an enemy. I know he missed Pat and I know he enjoyed his golf. May you be at peace and enjoy many good memories. Sandy Brenner

August 4 at 2:33 AM

SR

Skip Rose posted:

Jim was a wonderful kind generous man that will be missed.

March 12 at 5:53 AM

WT

William Tracey posted:

Jim was a fine man and a good friend. I will miss him in life and on the links. My condolences to Dee and the Riley family.

March 11 at 2:41 PM

DP

Deb (Smith)Pound posted:

RIP Jim, Pat was a good buddy back in the (old) Humane Society days.

March 11 at 12:16 PM

TB

Terra Blake posted:

So sorry to hear. Such a nice man. Thoughts go out to all that knew him

March 11 at 5:44 AM

TR

Todd Riley posted:

We are so sorry for Jim's passing. He was a great guy and we shared a passion for golf and sports in general. He will be missed. But the three brothers are together again. Thoughts and Prayers to Dee and the entire family.

March 11 at 1:25 AM



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JP

Jess & Judi Pickering posted:

So sorry to hear the news. He was a great guy and a god friend

March 10 at 9:20 AM

CW

Carol Wolfe posted:

So Sorry To Hear Of Jim's Passing.....I Worked At The Bakery For Many Years With Jim and Pat...He Was A Good Man...Thoughts And Prayers Are With Dee and His Entire Family..May He R.I.P.....Carol Wolfe

March 10 at 8:15 AM

FT

Fred & Carol Taylor posted:

Jim was a great friend. He will be missed by many. He and Fred shared many golf trips together. We have many memories at MCC. RIP dear friend.

March 10 at 4:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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