



# Buddy Riley

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## **Buddy Riley**

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**B**uddy Riley, age 60 of Batesville, died Monday, September 20, 2010, at his home. Born September 2, 1950 in Batesville, he is the son of Dorothy (Nee: Baker) and Vernon Riley. He married Kathy Brinkman January 21, 1978 at St. Louis Church in Batesville. He was a supervisor with Batesville Casket Company for 39 years and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1461, Sons of the Legion in Brookville and the Batesville Bowery Brothers. For those that knew Buddy, two things were a constant in his life. He had a great love for the outdoors and family and friends were extremely important to him. He liked deer hunting and fishing and Kathy remembers going turtle hunting with Buddy many times when they were first married. Since they didn't have much money starting out, "it was cheap entertainment for us." He also loved to hunt mushrooms and was the self proclaimed "Mushroom King." All of that didn't compare to the enjoyment he got from getting on his motorcycle for long rides. Because family was so important to Buddy, they always looked forward to getting on his bike for trips to Kentucky to visit with family. Many also considered him a great friend and enjoyed spending time at the Bowery. A huge University of Kentucky and Cincinnati Reds fans, countless nights were spent listening to or watching games. A perfect get together was a pot of bean soup, corn bread, cold Bud Light and friends. Children were special to Buddy and he enjoyed working with special needs children or with those from impoverished backgrounds. Kathy shared that his proudest moments were the adoption of their son R.D. and R.D.'s recent graduation. Buddy is survived by his wife Kathy; son R.D., both of Batesville; mother Dorothy Riley of Metamora; sisters Diana Carey of Connersville and Debbie Edwards of Metamora. In addition to his father, he is also preceded in death by his brother Tommy Riley. Visitation is Thursday, September 23rd, from 1 – 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, September 24th, at the pavilion at Liberty Park and burial will follow at St. Louis Cemetery. The



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family requests memorials to Hospice of Margaret Mary Hospital or the Y.E.S. House in Manchester, Indiana.



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AN

**Alice Knigga Of Aliceknigga@Sbcglobal.Net** posted:

My husband worked with Buddy for many years. I was actually only in his company a few times, but felt I knew him through Denny's nightly recap of his day's activities. There have been more Buddy Riley stories around my dinner table than you can imagine...each one better than the last. What a guy! All men die...only some men live...Buddy lived! God bless your family. Alice and Denny Knigga

September 23 at 8:00 PM

MG

**Michelle Mcbeath Of Guilford** posted:

My heart goes out to the Riley family! I have never met a family that welcomes people of all kinds in and have a beer and a story. Believe me, there were some stories too! Kathy, you have got to be one, if not the strongest woman I have ever met! I hope when time comes for me to pull all my strength to get me thru whatever circumstance is before me that I can pull it off with such dignity and poise as you have. You are the WOMAN! Buddy will be forever missed by all! Bowery will never be the same. I love you all!

September 23 at 8:00 PM

RI

**Renee Raver Schwegman Of Indianapolis, In** posted:

As a native of Batesville, I knew Buddy Riley. I am a huge IU fan and always noticed his UK decorations at your house...even though I am an IU fan, I always enjoyed seeing his 'love' for his school displayed!!! He had a zest for life and truly enjoyed it to the core...something a lot of people don't do and he was lucky he found that 'true' enjoyment of life! It seems unfair that he was taken from his worldly life too soon, but it is a sweet blessing that he truly enjoyed life so much while he was here.

September 22 at 8:00 PM

RI

**Renee Raver Schwegman Of Indianapolis, In** posted:

Kathy....Being a native of Batesville, I grew up knowing of Buddy Riley. As a huge IU fan, I always noticed his UK decorations at your house...even though I was an IU fan, I always loved seeing his 'love' for his team! He had a great zest for life and truly enjoyed his life. It seems unfair that he was taken from this worldly life so soon, but it is sweet to know that he truly enjoyed life to the fullest!

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LG

**Laura Vierling Holcomb Of Byron, Georgia** posted:

Kathy, When I first heard of Buddy's diagnosis, I lifted you and your family up in prayer. Now I lift you up again for God to give you strength to get through this. I know he leaves a void that no one else can fill. Mary Neukam sends her condolences also. The sorrow you feel today we cannot truly share, but may it comfort you to know we understand and care. Sincerely, Laura Vierling Holcomb

September 22 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Rick Webber Of Batesville, In** posted:

I had the privilege of knowing and working with Buddy for most of my life. I can't think of a time he did not make me laugh and enjoy his company. Buddy, was a big hearted, caring, and kind individual that would help anyone. Kathy, and R.D. our prayers and thoughts are with you. Rick, Cheryl, John, Alisha. God Bless,

September 22 at 8:00 PM

MR

**Michael Riley** September 23 at 5:25 AM

Buddy Riley was my cousin. His Father Vernon and my Father Roy were Brothers. To talk about the life, the Legend of Buddy Riley would take a lifetime. He was feared by many, but lived by so many more. Some of the Best memories of my life were the times as a youngster I spent with him in his town Metamora and then as an adult when he Cathy and RD lived in Batesville. It was my place as his cousin to drive him crazy and boy I did a great job of that. I miss him terribly. Michael Riley Port Charlotte, Florida.

TH

**Tony Hoegeman** posted:

I AM SO SORRY FOR UR LOSS. I LOST MY DAD ON DEC 27TH 2009. BUCK HOEGEMAN..

September 21 at 8:00 PM

RI

**Rhonda Phillips Of Batesville, Indiana** posted:

Kathy & R.D., May you know that Buddy is finally at rest and is finally peacefully sleeping with no pain and no regrets. He loved both of you very much & will forever be with you in your heart, mind & souls. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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DG

**Donna Spears-Lecher Of Greensburg, In** posted:

Buddy (and Kathy) were my saviors when my husband Ronnie Spears died 22 years ago. We share many, many wonderful memories! Mushroom hunting, Coon hunting, fishing, motorcycles, etc... Although I haven't seen Buddy and Kathy much through out the past years, each time I would stop by, I was welcomed with open arms and have always felt like family. Buddy you will be missed greatly and will remain in my heart and mind always! God Bless you Kathy and R.D., that he help you through these tough times and in the future. Love, Donna Meyer Spears-Lecher and Family

September 21 at 8:00 PM

HV

**Heather Schneider Of Virginia Beach, Virginia** posted:

Batesville has lost an honored citizen whom will be deeply missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Chris, Heather and Kansas Schneider

September 21 at 8:00 PM

TF

**The Gary Abplanalp's Of Orlando, Florida** posted:

Dear Kathy and Family So very sorry about Buddy. He was a very special person. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sorry we are not able to be with you. However our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless Gary & Barbara Abplanalp Orlando, Florida

September 21 at 8:00 PM

GT

**Greg Ferris Of Tallahassee, Fl** posted:

WOW! What a guy. As a training manager at BCC I often worked with Buddy. He was a role model as well as a kind man. He will be missed by many of us! Greg

September 20 at 8:00 PM

SB

**Steve Pinkston Of Batesville, In** posted:

Buddy was a great guy to work with and always made my day interesting everytime I got to see him. He's missed here at BCC and my thoughts are with his family and friends. We're all better people for having known Buddy Riley.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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