

James William Riney Sr.

April 17, 1930 - May 10, 2018

An extraordinary man has gone to heaven on May 10, 2018 peacefully in his home with his family by his side. James William Riney Sr., 88, of Orlando, FL was born one of 10 children to the late Guerdon and Mabel Riney on April 17, 1930 in Owensboro, KY. He was of Irish descent and very proud of his heritage. He graduated from St. Mary's College High School Dept, then Brescia College in 1953, joined the U.S. Army with honorable discharge in 1955. He sold life insurance in Owensboro and then completed his master of education degree in 1964 from Spalding University in Louisville, KY. He was a high school Latin and English teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal from 1959 to 1967. He moved to Fort Pierce in 1968 working for the school board. In 1972, he moved to Orlando to work as an Education Consultant for the Florida Department of Education and was a real estate salesperson. He received the Migrant Education Lifetime Achievement award in 2007. After he retired, he continued to provide advocacy services to students and their families. He was an active member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church serving as an usher, choir member and Eucharist Minister. He enjoyed golf, swimming and spending valuable time with his family. He served on the church parish council and school board also served on the Diocesan School Board, was Past Grand Knight of the St. Joseph Council #5958 and Past Faithful Navigator of 4th Degree Monsignor Bishop Assembly #0162.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sarah Cornell Riney; daughters Katie (Tim) Kilkelly of Tampa, FL, Jamie (John) Gutweniger of Orlando; son James Riney Jr. (Nicole) of Orlando; 8 grandchildren Johnny, CJ, Ryan, Sarah, Aimee, Lily, Allyson and William; sister Beverly Cambron and brother Don Riney (Dee).

In lieu of flowers, the family request a donation to be made in his name to the Priest Retirement Fund. Please send checks to: Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, P.O. Box 4905, Orlando, FL 32802. Please Note in the check that it is for in lieu of flowers for Jim Riney priest retirement fund.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Vigil Service

MAY 16. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32809

Reception

MAY 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
6200 S Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32809
(407) 855-5391

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *My condolences to the family of James Riney Sr. He was my ninth grade English and Latin teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1962-63. He was a cordial and caring man. Wishing you comfort.*

Gordon Wieland

Gordon D. Wieland - April 26, 2020 at 12:12 AM

RI

“ *Thank you, Sarah for my time with James, I never knew how my day would end...but everyday I knew how it would begin. Each day he gave me something to think about..along with all the other individuals that have gone before him. God has taught me so much through my time with James and I am thankful. His stories and lessons he learned in life were wonderful to hear and I'm glad I could see them with such clarity ..he loved his family very much...he will be missed. I hope it comforts you and your family to know that he was preparing for his journey...he had great faith and our lord was by his side....god bless you and thank you, for letting me be a part of your life...Rita*

rita - May 16, 2018 at 06:08 PM

WC

“ *Sara and Family,*

*Uncle Jim was truly a great man!
He was admired and respected by everyone and always ready to
listen and talk with anyone who needed help.
Sorry we were not able to attend the services but Uncle Jim and all
of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bill and Carol Cecil

W.M. Cecil - May 16, 2018 at 05:15 PM

EB

“ *Eddie Bori lit a candle in memory of James
William Riney Sr.*



Eddie Bori - May 16, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
James William Riney Sr..*



May 15, 2018 at 04:06 PM

DL

“ To Sarah & Family

Our deepest sympathy~ Jim Riney will remain in our memories and within our hearts. Remembering, as to hold onto, never forgetting all the happy times at SJV~choirs, Masses, many ministry activities, in our Small Christian Community fellowship and prayer group, and during our visitations. Now, life is changed yet not ended. His soul now departed from his body will forever be free to be with all his loved ones both on earth and in heaven.

United, we will continue to celebrate Jim's life old and anew with his glorious Easter resurrection.

Lovingly in Christ,

Dawn and SJV Small Christian Community#13

Dawn Lim - May 15, 2018 at 01:38 PM

MS

“ *I know how much Jim will be missed believe me I truly know ,He was a dear friend to my family my husband Edward and son Sean great memories and a lot of laughter my prayers are with you Sara and your family. Just remember he is in God,s hands watching over all over you no more pain Imagine all those Angels up in heaven guarding us all.What celebration they are having.God bless! your friend Mary Squires*

mary squires - May 15, 2018 at 09:02 AM

RL

“ Jim and I would go to Starbucks for coffee and conversation often. We first met in 1977 when my family had moved to Florida. Jim and I had been in the same Army unit , 69th Signal Battalion, at different times we talked about that a lot. We would always stop to talk with him on Sundays when we came into the Church. Jim was a very good friend.

Robert and Katharina Lemley

Robert Lemley - May 14, 2018 at 02:45 PM

BW

“ Dear Aunt Sara Mae & family,
Please know you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Uncle Jim was a wonderful man and a great uncle. I have some wonderful memories of him and your family coming to KY to visit with our family and staying at home many times. He was such a compassionate and loving man and I will always cherish his beautiful smile and his kind heart.

May you feel the love and support from all those who love you as you go through these difficult times.

Love & prayers to all of you.

*Betty Cecil Wallace
(Uncle Marion & Aunt Maxine's daughter)*

Betty Cecil Wallace - May 14, 2018 at 01:12 PM

JM


“ Jim was a very special man who gave of himself to anyone who needed help of any kind. He above all loved his family and the Lord. He gave of himself to help out in anyway to his beloved parish, St John Vianney. Dear Lord, thank you for sharing him with us all. We send our loving thoughts and prayers to Sarah and the whole family. His relatives are probably having a pint at Riney’s Bar in Ireland in his honor. We love you Jim.

James and Paula Magee - May 14, 2018 at 01:00 PM

BK

“ Sarah and family,
I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing . You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this very hard time. May God hold each one of you close.
Barbara Keneally

Barbara Keneally - May 12, 2018 at 05:04 PM

 Rozan
Jordan

“ Dear Sarah and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Jim was a kind and generous man. It was apparent to everyone how much he loved and cherished his beautiful family. Praying for all of you that you find peace and solace in the many wonderful memories you have.
Tom and Rozan Jordan

Rozan Jordan - May 12, 2018 at 04:23 PM

NW

“ *What a great man! Jim was the consummate gentleman. Sarah and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will be in Orlando this week but my husband is entering the hospital Wednesday for a procedure on Thursday so I am unable to attend Jim’s service. Know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.*

Nancy Warpenburg - May 12, 2018 at 03:35 PM