



Dr. Loyd H. Riley

April 12, 1927 - December 4, 2018

Dr. Loyd Hart Riley,

Left this world in peace on December 4, 2018. He was born April 22, 1927 to Loyd B. and Lora J. (Hart) Riley in Kirksville, MO. In 1930 his parents moved to Chicago, IL, where his father worked in the stock yards. During WWII, he and both of his parents worked in a war plant. Loyd graduated from high school in 1945. The day after graduation, he and several high school friends went to be inducted into the United States Army. After basic training, Loyd was assigned to work as a medical/surgical technician on the hospital ship USS Marigold, which sailed from San Francisco. His service was to treat and assist with American wounded being transported back from the Philippines to the United States. It was during this period of service that Loyd decided to become a physician.

While Loyd was in the service, his parents moved back to Kirksville, MO. After his discharge in the fall of 1946, Loyd went to Kirksville State College (now known as Truman University) on the GI bill. After finishing his undergraduate degree, he then attended and graduated from Kirksville School of Osteopathic Medicine in 1953. While attending college Loyd met Beverly Nan Cragg. They were married in Kirksville on June 18, 1950. After finishing his residency, Loyd and Beverly moved to Odon, Indiana in June of 1954, having heard of a shortage of physicians in that area of the state. It was there that Loyd began his general practice that spanned from June 1954 to summer of 1994. He delivered two generations of babies that numbered over two thousand. Loyd

was always known as “Doc Riley” and served his community well. He also was the handy man at home that could fix, build or repair just about anything. Loyd and Beverly were long time members of Odon First Christian Church. They had many friends and through the years enjoyed boating, horse camping and RV traveling. They also enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren. From 1994 to 2004 they were “snow birds” in Winterhaven, FL. In 1998, they moved to Indianapolis, IN, to be closer to family. They were members of Indian Creek Christian Church.

Loyd is preceded in death by his parents; and wife Beverly. He is survived by his brother, Arthur Riley, Kirksville, MO; three children, Brad Riley DO, Granger, IN. Pamela Riley-Smith, Plainfield, IN, and Bruce Riley, Bloomington, IN. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Matthew Riley, Megan (Riley) Diewart, Adam Christman, Andrea (Christman) Seib, Jarod Christman, Andrew Riley, Jordan Riley and Jessica Riley. In recent years he was also blessed with 12 great-grandchildren.

The family of Loyd Riley would like to thank the staff at Sugar Grove Senior Living Community in Plainfield, IN, and Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care for their compassionate care of him. A private family service will be held December 13, 2018.

Loyd was an active member and 1967-1968 past president of the Indiana Association of Osteopathic Physicians. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Loyd H. Riley DO, memorial contributions can be made to the Motyka Dannin Osteopathic Educational Foundation, 3200 Cold Springs Road, Evans Center Suite 107, Indianapolis, IN 46222. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Sorry for you loss, but thankful we have those blessed, special memories to have for life. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers as we remember another special person that was part of our lives growing up in norther Daviess Co. So thankful for our small towns and precious communities and physicians we had in our young years.

Becky Sprinkle Rollins

Becky Rollins - December 09, 2018 at 06:53 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Doc. was a great part of Odon for a Long time helped me thru ills and pains was missed when he retired .

Paul Moore - December 07, 2018 at 08:49 PM

JS

“ I notice he had a grandson, Jarod. He delivered our Jarod and he called him J Rod. He was a good man.

Judy Shake - December 07, 2018 at 04:40 AM

RC

“ Doc was a wonderful and great man as well as my doctor for many years. Thanks you for all you did for me and my family. Prayers for your family during this time of sorrow. Hold to those precious memories, they will always be there when you feel the tug on your heart from his absence. God Bless and take care.

Ron Crew - December 06, 2018 at 06:57 PM

JH

Doc was a good and kind man. He delivered me when I was born and was my Dr for many years . Fly high Dr Riley you will be missed

Julie Hart - December 08, 2018 at 10:27 PM

CA

“ *Dr. Riley gave Steve what the VA failed at. Great care and understanding. So sorry he is gone. Wonderful , kind and gentle.*
Cher Atchley

Cheryl Atchley - December 06, 2018 at 03:54 PM

RB

“ *Ron And Malinda Bell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loyd H. Riley*



Ron and Malinda Bell - December 06, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CS

“ *Doc and Bev and their children are some of the first friends of our family that I can remember. The group of young families at the Odon Christian Church had so much fun together and were in and out of each others' homes. Doc delivered 3 of the 4 girls in our family. Pam was my friend and I spent nights at their house. I loved going out to their family home and their wide-open yard (at least that's how I remember it).*

Cindy Jarrett Schade

Cindy Jarrett Schade - December 06, 2018 at 09:13 AM

JB

“ He was our family doctor for years - loved him. So nice to everyone. I remember him letting me try out the table he got that had rollers and worked on your back - I had no problems with my back but he knew I would enjoy making sure it worked Bruce - if you read this - I remember you as a classmate and I always thought highly of you and your family. Wishing you all well and will be thinking of you all.

Janice Freed Barker - December 06, 2018 at 08:36 AM



Penny Robertson

Prayers for the families. Doc was great & caring person, seen him many times in his office. My parents was great friends with Doc & Bev. Thinking of you all.

Penny Robertson - December 06, 2018 at 07:59 AM

DM

“ A one of a kind doctor and one of a kind man. Thought of him often when I lived in his old house in Odon after he retired and moved away Bruce, Pam and Brad you and your families are in my prayers. RIP doc.

Duncan Myers - December 06, 2018 at 08:25 AM

DM

“ Sorry and prayers for the family. He was a great doctor and man. I too missed him when he left Odon. He seen me and my children through many illnesses. God bless all.

Diana L Morrison - December 06, 2018 at 08:13 AM

BA

“ Doc and Bev were wonderful friends to my parents Gene and Alice Jarrett while Dad ministered at the Odon Church. Doc's office was just down the street from the church and parsonage so we could just walk to see him. I have great memories of riding in their boat and skiing at the stripper pits. Rest In Peace, Doc. May God give his family comfort.

Becky Jarrett Allsop - December 06, 2018 at 08:07 AM

CM

“ Remember him and the family well as I was one of those babies he delivered. Was a great guy and was part of the era where there was still home visits. Blessings to him and the family.

chris maryfield - December 06, 2018 at 07:36 AM

Jl

“ Many many years ago when I was 13-14 I ask my Dad about Dr Riley .
“ Dad what's a D.O. ? Dad being an MD explained to me he was a Physician just like himself that just had more training in manipulative Therapy than he did .
Ltiile did I realize that thanks to Dr. Riley and Dr. Frazier years later I would be one .
Thanks Dr. Riley for your great service and for being one of the Great ones !
Jim Rohrer D.O.

James R Rohrer II - December 06, 2018 at 07:27 AM

RH

“ How do you thank a man, that when I was age 6 diagnosed my father with colon cancer. He made sure that he had his surgery as quickly as possible. Thanks to him I got my father for over 60 more years. What a diagnostic milestone in those days. Thank you is just not enough, for saving his life. It allowed me time to spend with him, and learn to be the man I am today. I have almost 40 years as a lab tech, and he got to see most of them. God sent us a beautiful gift, when he sent you to us. Thank you beyond words.

Rick Herndon - December 06, 2018 at 07:16 AM

DC

“ Thank you Doc for bringing me into this world. The years that followed were filled with so many memories of time spend with the Riley's and Callahan's and all those late night weekends of playing cards and a noisy house of loving children. We will never forget the memories. Prayers and much love to Brad, Pam and Bruce. God bless you all.

David Clodfelder - December 06, 2018 at 07:11 AM

RM

“ Doc Riley was like family to everyone. He wasn't just a great doctor, but a compassionate and loving person to all. He was too good to see a sick child (at his house no less). I will always have a special place in my heart for the Riley family. May you evermore rejoice in heaven, well done good and faithful servant.

-Roy McRoberts, Solsberry IN

Roy McRoberts - December 06, 2018 at 05:06 AM

SD

“ Dr. Riley was the only doctor that I trusted to put my back in order again. I have missed him ever since he left Odon. He truly was the best! I also considered him and Beverly friends. You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. He was a good man and very caring. God be with you. You're in my prayers.

Sue Hochstetler Dart
Odon, IN

Sue Hochstetler Dart - December 06, 2018 at 02:20 AM

JA

“ This wonderful man was there when I came into this world. He not only delivered me, but also one of my brothers. Doc was truly one of a kind. He was SO good, it seemed he could just look at you and tell you what was wrong. He took the time to actually talk to a patient and listen to what they were saying. He gave me my first adjustment. Doc was a true healer. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Joy Abrams-brock - December 05, 2018 at 11:42 PM

JH

“ Dr Riley was my doctor for all my youth until I moved from Odon. I will always have the fondest memories of him. I know this time of year I remember driving past the corner where he lived and his house would be lit up with lots of white Christmas lights. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to all his family. I know my mother had the utmost confidence in Dr Riley and I know came out to my parents house and helped see dad off when my father had his first heart attack in the mid 1980s-- John Hochstetler

John Hochstetler - December 05, 2018 at 11:12 PM

JC

“ R.I.P. Doc. Not only was you are family doctor for many years, you was great neighbor and person. Thanks for everything you did for me and taught me. Thanks for allowing me to hunt squirrels in the woods and take care of the animals while you and Bev were away. Most of all, thanks for teaching me how to drive the old Ford tractor!! Thoughts and prayers to Brad, Pam and Bruce. PS give Kelly a dog treat and big hug from me!!

Jay R Crew - December 05, 2018 at 10:02 PM

JC

Doc and Bev were great friends - I don't know where to start...there are no words...They made me a member of their family and loved my sons. Kelly is long gone now...but J.R. grew up with Kelly...she would be so excited to see him and he was just learning to walk...her tail was huge and she would start wagging it the minute she saw him.which would knock him down and he go rolling back down the hill with Kelly right behind him. I remember the first time that I went to see Dr Riley...right after he came to town...I had an ear ache and he gave me pills...I thought he was the BEST doctor ever as I had always had to have a shot from other doctors. He was there when daddy died in 1958, All my love to Brad, Pam, and Bruce...I love you all..Jane Crew

Jane Crew - December 06, 2018 at 08:20 AM