



Riley Daniel Smith

August 2, 1999 - August 21, 2023

Riley Daniel Smith, 24, of Indianapolis, passed away August 21, 2023. He was born August 2, 1999 to Michael and Sandra Ryder-Smith. Riley received his bachelor's degree from IUPUI with double majors in Political Science and Philosophy, with minors in Ethics and History. He was a court reporter for Marion County Superior Court. He was a former Boy Scout, enjoyed hiking, making tasty cocktails, Model U.N., Dungeons and Dragons, competitive robotics, hockey (go Fuel!) and was an avid sailor.

Visitation will be Friday, September 1, 2023 from 4:00 pm until the time of service at 5:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 East Washington Street.

Riley is survived by his mother, Sandra Ryder-Smith, and brother, Thomas Flanagan Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention online at <https://afsp.org>.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Indianapolis, IN 46219
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jim, Therese, Jason, Michael & Sam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Riley Daniel Smith.* ”



Jim, Therese, Jason, Michael & Sam - August 31, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Riley Daniel Smith.* ”



August 31, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JB

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I saw him less often as he grew up, but two memories come to mind. One was when the family was at Bass Lake and had rented a large “tube.” In the water I had trouble making it back to the tube, and Riley, (who had reached the tube) demonstrated his lifeguard training by calmly stretching out his leg as far as possible and saying, Grab my foot. Brilliant, and it worked.

The other memory is from one year ago when Riley sent me a vintage postcard he’d found in an antique shop. On it he’d written, Kick Cancer’s Ass. (And I am).

I know all we can do is try to arrive at some sort of acceptance of the terrible ache of losing someone as dear and special as our Riley.

He will always and forever be in our hearts.

Aunt Jackie and Uncle Rick

Jackie Burns - August 31, 2023 at 10:33 AM

JN

“ Jennifer N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley Daniel Smith.

Jennifer N. - August 31, 2023 at 07:09 AM

LR

“ Love and Hugs, Cindy Ricciuti-Brown purchased the "In our hearts" 30" Chime for the family of Riley Daniel Smith.



Love and Hugs, Cindy Ricciuti-Brown - August 30, 2023 at 03:47 PM

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Jackie Burns - August 30, 2023 at 12:11 PM

LS

“ I worked with Riley at the CJC. He always had a smile and said hi whenever I would see him or pass by his workstation. I spent more than a few lunch hours at the office kitchen with him. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Riley. My deepest condolences to the family.

Lisa Smith

Lisa Smith - August 30, 2023 at 11:29 AM



I remember his smile the most. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

Regina Sanders - August 30, 2023 at 03:29 PM

MS

“ I have the privilege to work last year with Riley, he was always with a smile, kind, intelligent full of life, he was enjoying traveling seeing new places and planning his new journal, he has a tender heart he was there to console me, when I cried he would give me a bear hug and telling that things will be better, I wish I can do the same for him. Riley rest in peace, I am going to miss you.

Minerva Smith - August 30, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ I met Riley in high school. He was outrageously funny and absolutely brilliant. There was never a dull moment. He was the kind of person that you could be completely yourself around. The king of a callback joke, a beekeeper, sailor, vexillologist, philosopher, fighter, and truly above all else: a good friend. I will miss him.



Jessica Hughes-Porter - August 30, 2023 at 06:24 AM

KR

“ We have so many memories of Riley running through my brain. Having the honor of being his “Grammy and Papa Ryder” we had the pleasure of witnessing him come into this world when he was born.

He was a smart child even as a toddler being able to read at a very young age. He loved reading, especially history books (His knowledge of history, especially World History and the Civil War, blew us away). We remember him clearly trying to teach us to play Chess when he was just a 6 year old.

Riley grew up to be a kind, gentle, fun, loving young man graduating from college with multiple honors.

We couldn't be more proud and will miss Riley dearly. May he rest in peace now.

Ken and Janice Ryder - August 29, 2023 at 07:10 PM

DS

“ I worked with Riley at the CJC. Every morning it was "Hi Riley" or in the kitchen at work it was always "What cha got for lunch Riley". We miss you. Rest in peace Riley. ❤️



Diane Stamatkin - August 29, 2023 at 05:19 PM

EJ

“ I was lucky enough to have met Riley a few years ago through a close mutual friend. Riley was such a funny, charismatic, intelligent, and caring person, and this was evident in every moment I spent around him. Please know that Riley will always be in my memory and in my heart. Rest peacefully, Riley.

Elyse Johnson - August 29, 2023 at 09:37 AM

KF

“ *In the couple of times I've met him, Riley was a sweet guy and always kind to me and others. He will be missed.*

Kian Farah - August 29, 2023 at 01:13 AM

AS

“ *Remembering Riley reading a book I brought him, from cover to cover in one sitting when he was a pre-teen, I was so impressed and happy that I chose that particular one out of the stacks of many. You are missed, sweet Riley, and will never be forgotten. Love, hugs and prayers, Aunt Shari*

Aunt Shari - August 28, 2023 at 05:07 PM