



Wanda (Reeves) Riley

April 21, 1937 - April 9, 2025

In Loving Memory of Wanda (Reeves) Riley

Wanda had a gift for bringing beauty into the world—not just through the flower arrangements she so lovingly created and shared, but through the kindness she showed to everyone she met. With a heart full of love and a spirit that seldom spoke ill of others, she touched the lives of many.

Her love for Gene was unwavering, a bond that remained strong until his passing. They were both retired and enjoyed life on the Little Red River for many years, sharing a love for fishing and bird watching. Wanda found immense joy and pride in her family—her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—each of whom carries a part of her warmth and legacy.

Wanda's memory is cherished by her son, Douglas Eugene Riley, and his wife, Debbie Bisbee

Riley. Their daughter, and her first granddaughter, Autumn Griffin, alongside her husband, Collin, and their two sons, Dax and John Griffin, will forever hold her memory close. Her grandson, Austin Riley, and his wife, Pía Quiroga-Riley, continue her legacy through their five children: SaraBeth, Nate, Hannah Kate, Isabella, and Gabriel.

Her first daughter, Tammy Dixon, and her husband, Jim Dixon, hold dear the many cherished moments shared. Their sons, Drew, with his wife Katie, and Bryce, with his wife Kaitlyn and their daughter Baylor, brought her much pride and happiness. Her second daughter, Sonya Riley Davis, and her husband, Chris Davis, share in the legacy of love Wanda built. Their children, Mary Katherine Reese and her husband, Colton Reese, along with their son, Carter, and Riley Davis and spouse, John, will forever carry the lessons and love she so freely gave.

Wanda is also survived by her beloved sister, Neaomie Reeves Ryan, and was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Riley, and her parents, Gladys and Homer Reeves. She is also preceded in death by her three brothers: Don, Jim Jr. (J.J), and Roy Gene Reeves.

Wanda found great joy in supporting her 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren in their many school sports activities, always cheering them on with love and pride.

Wanda had a successful career in real estate, working for many years and earning the recognition of a multi-million-dollar producer on several occasions. She also served on the Searcy Realtor's Association board, contributing her expertise and leadership to the community.

Her love, kindness, and gentle spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew and cherished her. Though she has passed from this world, her presence will always be felt in the love she shared and the beauty she left behind.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 2:00pm, at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Visitation will precede the service, with family hour beginning at 12:00pm, and public at 1:00pm. Interment will follow in Carter Cemetery in Russell, Arkansas.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Carter Cemetery

Carter Cemetery Rd
Bald Knob, Arkansas 72010

Previous Events

Family Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
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Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda (Reeves) Riley



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 17, 2025 at 03:23 PM

TC

“ My mom bought a place on Rainbow island after my dad passed in 1988. It was just a weekend getaway for the family. One weekend in 1998 I came over for the weekend with my then girlfriend Donna. One day we walked around the island and saw a cute little house with a for sale sign in front. We decided to walk around for a quick look. As we walked down the drive we heard a ladies voice say "do you want to look at it"? As Wanda popped through the hedges. We said "sure". By the time we left, we had a signed contract on the place. The rest is a great story. Donna and I married. We moved here full time and have lived a perfect live together on the river just 2 houses down from Gene and Wanda. That day we met turned out to be life altering for us. Thank you Wanda Riley for being in the right place at the perfect time. Tim and Donna Carr

Tim Carr - April 18, 2025 at 09:48 PM

SQ

“ Ms. Riley was a wonderful woman. She always had such a welcoming smile and was kind to everyone. My condolences to the Riley family. I know she will be greatly missed. Steve Quattlebaum

Steve Quattlebaum - April 17, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda (Reeves) Riley.*

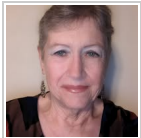


April 16, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *Prayers for all the family. I know she will be missed!*

Charles and Freda Christian - April 16, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ *Wanda was one of the sweetest ladies I ever met. She was always so kind to me and my grandkids. But she was strong also. I love to visit her and Gene at their house on the river. It was easy to tell she poured her heart into her yard and flowers. I know she missed Gene. They were both truly good people and always good to me. I know the memories her family members have will always be in their hearts and bring them comfort. Kathy Thompson*

Kathy Thompson - April 16, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ *It is sad to know that she has gone but we can always remember her as a grand lady and REALTOR.*

Barbara S Duncan - April 16, 2025 at 04:39 PM



Been friends with this Lady and her Husband for many years, I loved Wanda and know she felt the same way. I heard someone in my backyard one day, upon examination I found Wanda digging a hole, I asked What are you doing, she said Im planting a flower here on this corner, it looks bare over there. She will be missed.

algean Haas - April 16, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DL

“ When I moved back to Searcy and was house shopping met Wanda. What a professional lady and a very warm and caring individual. 🙏
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David Laffoon - April 16, 2025 at 03:05 PM

NL

“ Neomie Ryan, Diana & Linda purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Wanda (Reeves) Riley.



Neomie Ryan, Diana & Linda - April 16, 2025 at 02:46 PM

KF

“ Kona Ice Friends purchased the Sweet Solace S pray for the family of Wanda (Reeves) Riley.



Kona Ice Friends - April 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM

KF

“ Kona Ice Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda (Reeves) Riley.

Kona Ice Friends - April 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM

JH

“ *Ms. Wanda was true friend and a caring Mom, when she found out our daughter was on this earth she called and stated whatever we did was to be sure Robin got all her shots and vaccinations on time. I remember her asking later when i saw her Did you get all the shots for Robin. I assured her we did. Johnny & Mary Hodges*

Johnny & Mary Hodges - April 15, 2025 at 07:25 PM