



Richard "Riley" Caldwell

May 27, 1935 - January 6, 2011

Richard A. "Riley" Caldwell, 75, of Iron Mountain and Gurnee, IL died Thurs. Jan. 6, 2011 at his home. He was born on May 27, 1935, the son of the late Ray and Lucille (Christenson) Caldwell.

Riley graduated from Warren Township High School in 1954. He owned Riley's Lawn Equipment for forty years in Gurnee, selling and repairing lawn and snow removal equipment. He had a strong work ethic and had also worked as a meat cutter, a teamster, and in the trim shop of a lumber yard.

Riley married Janet Johnson on Nov. 5, 1960 at Gurnee Community Church.

He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 127 and Gurnee Community Church, where he sang in the choir. He had served on the Board of the Directors of Warren Newport Credit Union for twenty-five years.

Riley is survived by his wife of fifty years, Janet, three children Rae Ann (Larry) DeSutter of Decatur, IL, Jill (Robert) Anderson Cedar Rapids, IA, and Rex (Kelly) Caldwell of Gurnee, IL, three sisters Elaine Anderson of Louisiana, Carol Bone of La Crosse, WI, and Rita Miskowski of Kalamazoo, MI, one brother George "Bud" (Betty) Caldwell of Fond du Lac, WI, four grandchildren Trey and Taylor Caldwell, Matthew Anderson, and Nathan DeSutter, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson Jonathan Riley Anderson.

Visitation will be Tues. from 10-11am at Gurnee Community Church. Masonic services and a memorial service will be immediately following at the church.

Rev. Chris Stephens will officiate.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Gurnee Community Church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard A. "Riley" Caldwell online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gurnee Community Church
4555 Old Grand Ave.
Gurnee, IL 60031

Masonic Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

JAN 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ We were very shocked when we heard the news of Riley's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family. We enjoyed conversations with Riley over the years. I also appreciated your thoughtfulness at giving the reading machine to my mom. She really uses it a lot as her vision continues to deteriorate. Thank you for your friendship to her. Please know that we are thinking of you during the difficult days ahead.

Tom & Lynn Doolittle

Tom & Lynn Doolittle - Antioch, IL - Friend - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jan and Family,

My heart hurts for each of you. Riley was such a special man and loved by all that met him. You all were such a part of my parents lives and hearts.

My first memory of Riley was a s a Little girl peeking around the meat counter at Maleck's grocery, watching Riley cut meat. He always had a wink or a smile. When Dad passed there you and Riley were, holding our hands and our hearts. What a special, kind and loving man. My prayers are with you all.

Sharon Edman Norton - Virginia Beach, VA - Friend - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Caldwell Family~
We are so sorry for your loss. Taylor & Trey's birthday parties won't be the same without Riley.
May God be with you now and always,
Liz & Greg*

Liz & Greg - Lake Villa, IL - Friends - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *To Riley's Family,
Although I only saw Riley at reunions, I will always remember him.
My condolences go out to each and everyone of you for his loss.
God Bless*

Larry Sturgis - Biloxi, MS - High School buddy - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Dearest Jan and Family,

Bob and I are so sorry we could not be with all of you to say goodbye to Riley as you know we are out of the area at this time,

We've always enjoyed our Gurnee friendship for many years. Your family has been a big part of our lives along with our children.

He will be missed by hundreds of friends that he made. How many people would get a crowd on a snowy day in January unless you meant so much to people?

Bob & George Anne Depke*

Robert & George Anne Depke - Gurnee, IL - Good Friend - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Jan and Family,*

I am thinking of you at the time of your loss. I knew Riley from the time he was a little boy, when he would come to the farm to see Stan and Dad. You could always count on Riley to have a smile on his face and a friendly word to share. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Jean Rudd - Statesboro, (with daughter Carol), GA - Friend - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Janet and family- so very sorry for your loss. Let us know if we can be of any help to you.*

Your neighbors down the road,

Ann & Joe Hruska

Ann & Joe Hruska - Iron Mountain, MI - Neighbors - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Jan and Family,

I am so sorry to learn of Riley's passing. He was a freind and one whom I called true friend. I especially valued his blustery outside that only slightly concealed his gentle inside. He was one of those of whom it could be said, "he would do anything for you." and often did.

May you find solace, peace, and hope in the legacy of faith he has passed on to you and to others.

In Christ,

Jerry Jones

Rev. Jerry Jones - Greenville, MI - Friend and previous pastor - January 10, 2011
at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Jan and family, We are currently in Florida and just heard about Riley. To say the least it was a massive surprise and not a nice one. We treasured our friendship, which goes back to High School. He was a joy to know and lit up every place he ever visited. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are sorry we can't be there ourselves.

Ray and Diane Holst - Wadsworth, IL - friends - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Jan and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Riley was an amazing man, who would do anything for those he called Freinds. Dad and Mom so loved it when you would stop in to see them and share pictures from your place up North. I know Riley and Dad are looking down on us now. Another great Angel has joined the heavens.*

Love you guys,

*Betty and Elmer
Elaine and Ann*

Betty & Elmer Fallos - Gurnee, IL - Family Friend - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Rae Ann, Jill and Rex. So sorry for your loss. Let you know thoughts are with you and your mother in your family's loss.*

Vickie Hunsaker

Vickie Hunsaker - Tampa Bay, FL - Friend of Family - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM