



## Mr. John J. Riley

September 10, 1930 - January 18, 2021

John J. Riley, age 90, died January 18, 2021. Beloved husband to the late Mary Catherine (nee Higgins). Survived by his children John, James and his wife Karen, , Thomas, Regina Shirk and her husband Drew, Kevin, Bridget and her husband Billy Edelman, John was a proud grandfather to; Mary, Megan, Keira, Liam, Greta, Graham, Scarlett and James.

John owned and operated the Riley Piano Company at 10th and Cherry Streets. for 57 years.

The family will hold a private Viewing and Mass at the Holy Name Roman Catholic Church, (Gaul & Berks St.), Phila., PA. 19125, followed by interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in John's memory to the Holy Name Church (address above). Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila.delphia, PA.

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Cross**

626 Bailey Road  
Yeadon, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John J. Riley*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *My condolences to John's family!*

*John and I (in England) conversed many times about Oscar Goettel (a chapter in his book). Oscar Goettel is a remote relative of mine.*

*John was always so patient and kind on the phone.*

*May he be as happy in heaven!*

*Peter Panholzer, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, UK*

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**Peter Panholzer** - September 23, 2022 at 12:09 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the Riley family. Losing a parent/grandparent is always very difficult. After reading his obituary, two thoughts jump out to me: 1) I can see where John Jr's. musical talent came from, and 2) I can't help but wonder if my father knew your father. My father was a Phila. fireman and was stationed at Engne 20 at the corner of 10th & Cherry Sts. in the late 1950s/early 1960s. As a boy, I occasionally visited the firehouse where I saw the relationship between the firemen and many of the neighborhood merchants. Many would stop in the firehouse to chat or have coffee with the firemen. Some of the Chinese restaurants would also bring food to the firehouse which would often be shared with the merchants.

*May your father/grandfather rest in peace!*

*George & Rita Wicks*

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**George & Rita Wicks** - January 22, 2021 at 05:01 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Gerard Higgins** - January 20, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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“ Gerard Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Riley



Gerard Higgins - January 20, 2021 at 04:35 PM

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“ Terrell and Ava Brielle Smith purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mr. John J. Riley.



Terrell and Ava Brielle Smith - January 20, 2021 at 04:24 PM

TA

“ Sorry for your loss...My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.  
I've known John Riley Jr. from PAL days and now with the Reilly Raiders... John Jr. is a great guy ! I didn't know the Dad, but if Johnny is a reflection of his parents then John Sr. must have been a Great person and father !  
Good bless you all !  
Tony Arena

Tony Arena - January 20, 2021 at 10:33 AM

BP

John, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Terry and I hearts go out to you and your family at this time. Losing a parent is one of the hardest things we have to deal with in our life. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers JR. Please take care and God Bless you all 🍀🍀



Bob Price - January 20, 2021 at 12:26 PM