



Rueben L. Riley

April 2, 1959 - September 17, 2014

Highland - Racing Rueben Riley #14 took his last lap in his battle with cancer on Wednesday morning, September 17, 2014 at home with his biggest fans by his side.

Rueben Loren Riley, age 55, was born in Darlington, WI on April 2, 1959 to Loren John and Jean Ann Riley. Rueben started grade school in Darlington and moved to Galena where he attended grade and high school. He eventually landed in Mineral Point and the Iowa county area.

You might say he was a "free spirit" in his earlier days. Good friends and good times were always close by. He had a rich hearty laugh and dashing smile that brightened our days and warmed our hearts. Rueben was an avid outdoorsman, gifted mechanic and general "jack of all trades" handyman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cutting wood, camping and he spent many hours rebuilding his 1929 Model A. For several years, Rueben's passion was racing 4 cylinder cars on area dirt tracks. He also enjoyed a good round of bean bags and an occasional paintball fight with grand kids, whom he enjoyed hanging out and laughing with whenever he could.

He was married on April 2, 1995 to Geraldine Ann Heaton at the Hyde Mill in rural Ridgeway, WI. They lived throughout Iowa County over the years and settled in Highland in 1999. Rueben was a skilled carpenter and worked for many years with Wick Building and then ventured into his own construction company, Triple R Construction.

Rueben is survived by his mother, Jean Riley of Mineral Point; his wife Geri; four children, Lynn (Matt) Severson of Reedsburg, Robin (Kirk) Kiry of Dodgeville, Jaclin (Josh) Staley of Hatfield, Elyse Riley (Cody Rider) of Highland; seven sisters, Jeanene (Steve) Eastman of Blanchardville, Jackie (Bill) Ludlum of Mineral Point, Chris Long of Florissant, CO, Theresa (Steve) Cole of Galena, IL, Roberta (George Jr) Hildreth of Montfort, Carol (Scott) Schmitz of Mineral Point, Tina (Ted) Pltitz of Mineral Point; one brother Tim (Deb) Riley of Mineral Point; six grandchildren, Alek, Olivia & Isabel Severson, Kam & Keihin Kiry, baby

girl Staley due in October.

He was preceded in death by his dad Loren, his son, Jeremy "Buddy" Helm, paternal grandparents, Reuben Riley and Bertha and Tom Saunders, maternal grandparents, James & Kathryn Rielly, and brother-in-law Joseph Heaton.

A Celebration of the Life of Rueben Loren Riley will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at the Hyde Store, rural Ridgeway, WI.

In lieu of flowers memorials to the family are suggested.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rueben L. Riley*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM

LH

“ *My deepest condolences to Geri & all of their family as well as Rueben's kin. My thoughts & prayers are with you today & in the days to come. Godspeed, Rueben.*

Lisa Heaton - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM

LM

“ *Dear Family,
We are sorry to learn of Reuben's passing. I let Margaret's family know of the service.
God Bless, Louise*

Louise M McGranahan - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM

DH

“ *Gerri & family-we are so very sorry for your loss.*

Diane & John Hermanson - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM

JG

“ *Lynn and family - I am so sorry for your loss. It is so hard to lose a loved one. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janice

Janice Gort-Sherven - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM

SG

“ *Our heart's goes out to you all.. It was a honor to have met and known Rueben. He was always smiling and making other people smile. He'll be missed but never forgotten..*

Scot & Diana Gilden - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM

TR

“ Geri, Lynn, Robin, Jaci, Ellie and families,
Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you
in the difficult days ahead. We know Rueben is pain free now and we all kinds of
wonderful memories of him.

Love ya,

Tim, Deb, Jake, Valentine, Bailey & Sarge

The Riley - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry that disease took the life of an incredibly vibrant person

Dave Terrill - April 28, 2018 at 02:03 AM



“ With time, we hope the wonderful memories of Rueben will lessen the loss you
are feeling now. His always positive attitude and hearty laugh will be greatly
missed. Love, Vicky and Scott

September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM