



Barbara Lou Riley

September 4, 1937 - July 7, 2025

Barbara Lou Riley, 87, of St. Albans, passed away Monday, July 7, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House South, Charleston.

She was born in Charleston to the late Arlie and Opal Francisco. She was also preceded in death by her husband David Riley.

Barbara was a loving, kind, very helping, person who made huge impacts on children everywhere she went. She was a 1954 graduate of Dunbar High School. She was instrumental in setting up the library with the Dewey Decimal System at Alban Elementary School. She was also a member of the Winfield Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are her children, Debbie Whittington (Ernie) of St. Albans and John Riley (Sreda) of Mechanicsville, VA; sister, Jeanne Claytor (Bill) of Valrico, FL; brother, Denver Smith (Brenda) of Nitro; grandchildren, Shanna Whittington, Nikole Whittington, Shane Riley, Austin Riley and Taylor Bryan (John); great grandchildren, Braxton Halstead, Alexa Tyson (Ethan), Brayden Phillips; great great grandchildren, Kaz and Dutton; and many other extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Pastor Earl Pennington officiating. Burial will follow the service in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Kanawha Hospice at 1606 Kanawha Boulevard West, Charleston WV, 25387.

You may visit Barbara's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave. St. Albans is honored to serve the Riley family.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Mountain Memory Garden

5233 Rocky Fork Rd
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CQ

“ My condolences to the entire Riley family and all the souls she touched over the years. Barbara was always a kind woman. Greeting you with a smile. I'm so sorry to see that she has moved on. A great lady. 🙏

Craig Quick - July 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BH

“ Oh that beautiful smile.....and her hugs always made you feel loved and welcome, like one of her own kids. What a wonderful lady 💕💕

Barb Smith Hughes - July 10, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JH

“ I really missed her smiling face when Barbara was no longer able to come to church. My prayers go out to the family.

Jackie Hunter - July 09, 2025 at 09:00 PM

JK

“ Mrs Riley was the best, she was the librarian at Alban 50 + years ago when I was there and was just as sweet then as she was last time I saw her. She was a very special lady in my life that somehow always remembered me ❤️prayers to her loving family.

Jim King - July 09, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ 91 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - July 09, 2025 at 09:07 AM

CD

“ Curt and Laura Downs purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Barbara Lou Riley.



Curt and Laura Downs - July 09, 2025 at 08:37 AM

MS

“ Barb was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. I grew up around the block from her and she was the cool mom of the neighborhood. She was so good to all the kids around there.
She will be missed!
Sorry Debbie and John for your loss.
Mark Shabdue

Mark Shabdue - July 08, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Lou Riley.



July 08, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barbara Lou Riley.

July 08, 2025 at 05:47 PM

JM

“ Barbara was always smiling and friendly....I remember her from the little league days, but more important, she played PTA basketball with my precious late momma....at Alban Elementary, St. Albans, WV...way back in the 60's.....GOD BLESS HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WITH MUCH LOVE!!!!!!!

Joyce (Smith) Mayhew - July 08, 2025 at 12:44 PM

DW

Thank you so much! Mom loved those days!!!!

Debbie Whittington - July 08, 2025 at 07:08 PM

TP

“ Barbara was full of love for everyone, especially children. She devoted her life to her kids and to helping people. the world is a little darker without her shining light, but Heaven is a little brighter! She was dearly loved, and will be missed. She had a huge impact on my life and i am grateful for her love and friendship.

Tammy Jeffers Prater - July 08, 2025 at 10:51 AM

JM

“ Barbara and husband Dave were our neighbors for many years and we really missed them when they moved. They were a blessing. So sad that they are both now gone.

Jim & Arvada Marcum

James Marcum - July 08, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Lou Riley.



July 07, 2025 at 06:17 PM



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