



Bert Matson Riley, Jr.

February 13, 1932 - October 27, 2019

Bert M. Riley Jr., 87, of Lubbock, TX departed this world on October 27, 2019 to begin his eternal life in his new heavenly home, prepared for in advance by his Savior, Jesus Christ. He is now forever resting from his battle with dementia.

Bert was born in St. Paris, OH to awaiting parents, Bert and Frances Riley, along with three sisters, Wilda Mae, Lura, and Bertha, and one brother, John. He is survived by daughters Stephanie (Michael) Thompson and Katrina (Keith) Smith; granddaughter, Giliah Thompson; grandsons, Collin and Cayden Smith, and many extended family members in Ohio, Alabama and Florida.

He loved the life God had given him. It was full of adventure and meaning. As an educator, he loved making a powerful impact in the lives of children. He was funny, smart, warm and kind, and loved his family and others immensely. He will be greatly missed.

Bert graduated from East Liberty High School, Manchester College, and Golden Gate University. He began his teaching career as a classroom teacher, continuing as an administrator, and finally as a supply specialist for the Pacific Region of DoDEA schools. His career took he and his wife and children from Ohio to England, Turkey, Spain, Germany, and Japan.

The family thanks Brandon Arnett, Terri Rickman, and Mel Hinter, along with all the staff of The Isle at Raider Ranch for their kind, caring, and professional services. The family also thanks Texas Home Hospice nurses, Ashley, Maria, and Maribel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Make-A-Wish of North Texas or the Lubbock Cooper Education Fund.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Tribute Wall



“ *So many wonderful memories. Love you dearly!*

Vicki and family,

Vicki Auldridge - November 14, 2019 at 07:46 PM