



William Riley Wooten

February 3, 1934 - December 16, 2022

William Riley Wooten, 88, previously of Lubbock, TX and most recently, Possum Kingdom Lake and Dallas, TX passed away peacefully December 16, 2022.

Riley, Riles, Grandad was born February 3, 1934 in Anton, TX to Henry Hubbard Wooten and Vivian Bavia Wooten. He married Marion Janet Bell of Abernathy, TX on August 21, 1952.

Loved ones include daughter Tricia Dayton and sons Mike and Steve Wooten; grandsons Richard, Justin, Zac, Derek, Sean and Dylan; granddaughters Tasha and Rachel; great grandsons Braylon, Rane, Cole and Landon; great granddaughters Aniston, Ava, Jacie, Bavia, Josie, Gia and Campbell; great great grandson August and great great granddaughter Mavis.

Preceded in death by Marion Wooten who passed November 9, 2015.

Riley grew up as a farmer in West Texas, but quickly realized that wasn't the life for him. He developed a love for aviation which led him to become a pioneer in the RC airplane industry, specifically Combat in which he won Nationals 6 times from '56 to '68 which helped him get inducted in the AMA Hall of Fame in 2002. He ran Flite Line Products and Lone Star Models for many years out of Lubbock then jumped into the trucking industry as the

owner of Gulf Coast Transport into the early 2000's. He loved to fly in his Piper Warrior, drive his '99 Corvette, fish for anything that bites and golf with his beloved wife, friends and family.

"Fast cars, pretty girls and combat wings...perfect!"

A celebration of his life will be 10:00 AM Thursday, December 22, 2022 in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Pastor Josh Reglin officiating. Graveside services will follow in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Please celebrate the life of William by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com. A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.

Cemetery Details

Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park

15602 TX-493 Loop
Lubbock, TX 79423

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Riley Wooten



Sanders Funeral Home - December 22, 2022 at 10:10 AM

DR

A wonderful man and a great friend. RIP.

Denise Rossman - December 02, 2024 at 06:35 PM

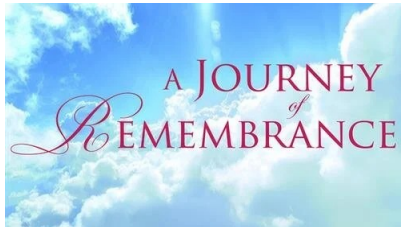
RW

Riley Wooten sold me my first RC plane and radio gear when he had his hobby shop on 34th St. back in 1980 or so. Years later I learned that he was a friend of my wife's first husband, Leo Baker!

Richard Wenzel - March 09, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Riley Wooten



Sanders Funeral Home - December 21, 2022 at 04:30 PM

RP

Thank you for sharing these wonderful pictures. My husband and I met Riley here at the Legacy Midtown Park in Dallas Texas back in August when he moved in. We sat with him at breakfast that first day. My husband found out they were both born in Anton Texas! We had many meals with Riley and even though he had a difficult time talking we were able to grow very fond of him. We knew there was more to Riley than what we were seeing . We did watch the service from Lubbock here at Midtown Park. It was a lovely service. Thanks again for sharing his life with us.

Rodney and Beth Pirtle - December 24, 2022 at 04:11 PM

NR

*I too remember Riley from Anton. I think he was a senior when I was a freshman. I remember he was related to my Aunt Jessie Pearl.. RIP Riley.
Johnnie Nell Goen*

Nell Raper - December 25, 2022 at 04:38 PM

DB

*“ Riley and I became friends when we both moved to Legacy. He took me to his red Corvette, his most enjoyable activity.
I am retired doctor who admired his winning fight against some severe medical issues. Many of us old timers will miss him.
Condolences to each member his family.
Jerry Blum, M.D.*

Dr. Jerry Blum - December 22, 2022 at 01:19 PM

CR

*My name is Cheryl Rooker and my husband was Jerry Rooker. Jerry and Riley flew radio control airplanes together for many years. Jerry especially loved flying Rat Race with Riley. Thank you for being a special friend to Jerry. Many of the flying guys are gone now, including Jerry.
Condolences goes out to all of Riley's family and friends.*

Cheryl Rooker - December 23, 2022 at 10:20 PM

RG

Riley was looked up to by many model airplane people. For those of us that flew control line combat models, he was the best. Even when he no longer competed as a pilot, he assisted with starting engines for those that were pilots. These engines are started by hand without any electric starter. To me Riley caressed the prop like he would with a lady in a dance. He was very smooth and gentile in starting them. Riley along with his long-time friend James Mears often worked as a team in getting a pilot airborne. The two of them were up in the years, but they performed like much younger men.

He was a wealth of knowledge with this type of competition. You can bet he helped lots of folks during all his years. There is a big void where Riley once stood.

Roy Glenn - December 25, 2022 at 02:43 PM

MB

“ Thinking of you during this time

Mark Bell - December 22, 2022 at 11:50 AM

SM

You are in our prayers. I have very fond memories of Uncle Riley and he will be missed.

Stephanie McCall - December 22, 2022 at 12:00 PM



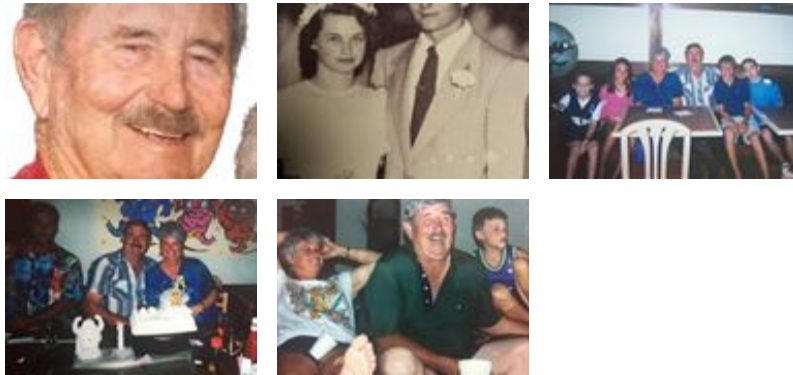
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Sanders Funeral Home - December 21, 2022 at 04:28 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - December 21, 2022 at 11:37 AM

LJ

*RIP Riley you will be missed
Linda Marie*

Linda Jones - December 21, 2022 at 12:29 PM

MM

“ *MACA members purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William Riley Wooten.*



MACA members - December 21, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Riley Wooten.*



December 21, 2022 at 10:59 AM