

# Riley, Casper | 1927-2017

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Casper Riley

Casper Riley, 89, of Forestburg, died Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in Forestburg.

Funeral was March 25 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home with the Rev. Juan F. Rodriguez officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Lawton, Okla.

Casper was born July 10, 1927, in Lawton to James Benson "Shake" and Ethel Orene (Cowley) Riley. He was raised in Lawton with his six brothers and three sisters.

If you knew the Riley family, you had at one point been on the receiving end of one of their many pranks. Casper carried on that family tradition throughout his life and never lost the joy of getting one over on you or giving you a good laugh.

In 1945, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served until the end of World War II. After his service, he worked for People's Ice Co. He delivered 100-pound bags of ice to businesses all over Lawton.

Casper married Patsy Anderson Aug. 11, 1951, in Lawton. They remained married until her death in 1996.

In 1960, they moved to Dallas where Casper went to work for the Mobil Oil Co. until he got his own service station in Irving that he operated for 27 years. After his retirement, the couple moved to Springtown. He was always there for any friend or relative who needed a job or help to get on their feet. Many times he even opened up his home for those in need.

Casper was mechanically inclined and often tinkered with anything he could take apart and put back together. He was very good at this.

In his later years, he loved to garden, but his world revolved around his grandsons and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; son Johnny Riley; nine siblings, including Walter Riley and wife, Francis, Verlon Riley, Gruman Riley and wife, Irene, Kenneth Riley and wife, Dorothy, Troy Riley, Leo Riley, Opal Moore and husband, Pee Wee, Tressie Rhodes and husband, Tink, and Mildred Ellis and husband, Jimmy.

He is survived by son Steve Riley and wife, Valerie, of Forestburg; grandsons Jacob Riley of Texas, Jeff Riley and Maxine of Portland, Ore. and Jeremy Riley and Bree of Ozona; great-grandchildren Christian Riley, Noble Riley, Gigi Riley and Shake Riley; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.