



Gerald Alan "Jerry" Riley

November 25, 1943 - August 31, 2025

Gerald (Jerry) Alan Riley, 81, of Winchester, VA passed away on August 31, 2025 at the Winchester Medical Center. He and his wife, Rachele (Shelley) were residents of Winchester for 35 years.

Jerry and his twin sister Judy were born in Sharon, CT on 11/25/1943 – Thanksgiving Day – the ninth and tenth children of eleven born to William R. Riley, II and Violet Kinsman Riley, both deceased. He is predeceased by brothers Donald, Richard, Jack, Laurence, William III, and Thomas.

Jerry graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Connecticut in 1961. He was also a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in June 1969.

As a minister of the Episcopal Church, Jerry served parishes in Connecticut, Ireland, Virginia and New Jersey. Following his service as a minister, he became the owner of Executive Limousine and Courier Service in Winchester, VA.

In March 1986, Jerry and Shelley were married by the Rt. Rev. John S. Spong in Livingston, NJ and celebrated 39 years of marriage in 2025. During their years together they traveled the world, visiting 22 countries.

Jerry was an avid reader who also enjoyed many genres of music. Outdoor activities included golf, fishing, hiking, whitewater rafting, sailing and canoeing. He “never met a stranger” and was generous in many ways, especially with his time and attention to everyone he encountered on his life’s journey.

Jerry is survived by his widow, Shelley; 4 siblings – Barbara Farley, David Riley (Peg), twin sister

Judy Staknis and Donna Greene (Warren); children: Benjamin Riley of Lyon, France; Kerith

Baughman (Tim) of Huntington Beach, CA; Kayte Kelly (Adam) of Alameda, CA; Alice Mitchell

(Chad) of Denver, CO; Jackson Stasny (Michelle) of Fairfax, VA; and, Jean Erickson (Dale) of

Winchester, VA. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Nicholas & Isabelle Riley, Percy &

Hadley Baughman, Emory & Elle Mitchell, Eden Erickson, Megan & Thomas Stasny. Jerry is also

survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, In-Laws: Christine

Moehring, Craig & Cathy Ann Stoner, Patricia & Steven Kent, Elizabeth & David Robertson,

William & Pamela Stoner and Lynn & David Mansir, and many dear friends, neighbors and

clients.

A Celebration of Life for Gerald Alan Riley was held on Wednesday, September 10 th at the Riley Residence.