



# Joseph Thomas Riley

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**J**oseph Thomas Riley, age 71, passed away suddenly on March 14, 2019. Born in Wilmington, DE to the late Mary Elizabeth (Walton) and Thomas F. Riley, he attended St. John the Beloved School and graduated from Salesianum High School in 1965.

Joe was a life member of Cranston Heights Fire Company, enjoyed fishing, boating, and relaxing by the beach, but he was happiest when with his family and friends. He worked for many years as a project manager for Wilmington Sheet Metal Industries and moved to Lewes upon his retirement from Bruce Industrial in 2014. His humor, logic, love of family and friends and knowledge of almost any subject is how he will be most remembered.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Catherine J. (Greener) Riley; his daughters, Shea C. Riley (Craig Bailey) and Shannon J. Minshall (Scott); his grandchildren, Olivia Quick (Charles) and Anthony T. Morales; and his great-granddaughter, Ava Leigh Quick. Joe was the big brother of a big family and is also survived by his siblings, Michael (Eileen), Thomas (Patty), Robert (Sharon), Kathy (Larry), Anne (Ed), Pat (Lisa), Chris (Sandy), and Sheila; as well as his firehouse brothers and sisters.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may call beginning at 9:00 AM. Interment will follow the services at St. Peter's Cemetery, Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Joe's memory to Cranston Heights Fire Company, 3306 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808, or Salesianum High School Scholarship Fund, 1801 North Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.

The Riley family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the amazing staff at Beebe Healthcare.



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Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019  
TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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## Viewing

 **Saturday**, March 23, 2019

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



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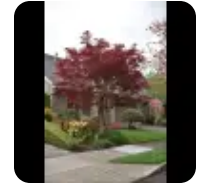
# Tribute Wall

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**Rita And Family Xxxxxxxx** sent a Red Leaf Japanese Maple to the Riley family.



March 28 at 4:08 AM



**Edward "Mike" Rush, Jr.** posted:

I was sorry to hear about Joe's passing. While I knew Joe for many years from the fire service and Cranston Heights Fire Company, I never knew until recently that he was a Salesianum alum and graduated just a year before me. Sending my most sincere condolences to Joe's entire family.-  
Edward "Mike" Rush ,Jr.Honorary Member of Cranston Heights Fire CompanySalesianum Class of 1966

March 27 at 7:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Riley family.



March 22 at 8:20 AM



**Maria Daniels** posted:

Dear Shea and family,You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time and lots of love being sent. Love, Maria

March 21 at 11:49 AM



**George Lynch** posted:

Riley family, I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Joe at WSMS for many years, as well as brothers, Tommy, Mike, Bob, and Chris. I have so many great memories of fun times. Joe and I sat in adjoining offices, and talked many times about work, and personal things, and I know he loved his Cathy and the girls. He was well respected in his field. I know he will be missed, and please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers throughout this time.George Lynch

March 21 at 9:10 AM



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**Tenui Nec Dimittam** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

TENUI NEC DIMITTAM-"I'VE TAKEN HOLD AND WON'T LET GO"-LATIN MOTTO OF SALESIANUM/SALLIES.'59. SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY/FRIENDS.

March 20 at 5:51 PM



**Tenui Nec Dimittam** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

March 20 at 5:51 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Riley family.

March 19 at 12:14 PM



**Holly Chapin** posted:

Cathy, Shannon and family, I don't think a day went by at The Back Clinic that Joe's name didn't come up for some reason. I know he will be greatly missed and my thoughts are with you all. I'll always remember his sage advice of "you go up the hill, then you go down the hill". Love to you all,  
Holly

March 19 at 9:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Cheeseboard Complete to the Riley family.

March 18 at 9:57 AM





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**Richard T. Kilmon** posted:

Kathy, Shea and Shannon, please accept our deepest condolences. Joe was an incredible man, husband father and committed first responder and most of all, friend. I was always laughing whenever I was with Joe and his laugh was infectious. Joe will be missed, not only by you and his family, but also by all of those who ever had the opportunity be considered his friend. Rest easy my brother, your tour is over. Rich, Ruth, Ryan, Maria and Rebecca Kilmon

March 17 at 11:24 AM



**From Ray Rita Joanne Laura Alison Alfie And All.** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Riley family.



March 16 at 4:07 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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