



## Capt. Allen Eugene Riley, ret. DSP

May 2, 1946 - April 26, 2020

SERVICES FOR CAPTAIN RILEY HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS-

LIVE STREAM OF SERVICES MAY BE VIEWED AT <https://youtu.be/9TbkA3n12ys>

FLORIST NOTE- ALL FLOWERS ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE LEWES FUNERAL HOME BY 3 PM FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2020.

FUNERAL SERVICES WITH FULL STATE POLICE HONORS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2020 AT 2 PM AT THE BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, W 4TH STREET, LEWES, DE WITH VISITATION BEGINNING AT 12:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. ENTOMBMENT WITH STATE POLICE AND MILITARY HONORS WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICES AT BETHEL METHODIST MAUSOLEUM IN LEWES. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols must be observed, and masks must be worn by everyone participating in any aspect of the services.

Captain Allen Eugene Riley, DSP ret., age 73, of Lewes, Delaware passed away peacefully in the arms of his family on April 26, 2020 at his residence. Mr. Riley was born in Wilmington, Delaware on May 2, 1946, son of the late Charles Eugene and Mary Elizabeth Reed Riley. Allen graduated from Seaford High School in 1964 and received his Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the Wilmington college in 1978. Following his graduation from high school he entered the United States Army where he achieved the rank of E5 and served as helicopter Crew Chief. During his period of service, he received his Crewman Wings, the National Defense Service Medal and Good conduct medal.

In 1968 he began his career with the Delaware State Police where he retired as Captain at Troop 7 in 1988. During his career he performed many assignments which included; Patrol and Criminal Units, Youth Division, Selective Enforcement, Detective, and many others. His duties included working at Troop 2A on Kirkwood Highway, Headquarters at Dover,

Troop 5 Bridgeville, Troop 4 Georgetown and Troop 7 Lewes (Dewey Beach) where he retired. He received a commendation for job performance as well as the DSP Superintendent's Citation for performance following the construction of the Troop 7 facility which was formerly located on Rt. 1 in Lewes.

Following his retirement from the DE State Police he worked for the Delaware State Police Federal Credit Union from 1987 to 2002 when he again retired after holding the positions of Manager, President, and CEO.

Unable to sit idle, he took a position in 2003 with Tidemark Federal Credit Union (formerly known as Sussex County Federal Credit Union) where he worked from June of 2003 until the present, serving at first in marketing and currently as Vice President of Operations until his passing. He had also served on the DSPFCU Board for many years and had held the position of Board President for six years. In 1996 he received Professional of the Year from the Delaware Credit Union League as well as the Dean's List with highest honors from the National Credit Union Institute. Also, in 2001 he was named an inductee to the DTCC Alumni Walk of Success and was recognized by a Bronze Plaque in the brick walkway.

His professional affiliations through the years included, the Delaware State Troopers' Retired Association, past member of the Delaware School Board Association where he had served in the positions of treasurer, 1st Vice President and President Elect; the Wilmington College Alumni Association and the CUNA School Alumni Association.

At the community level his dedication to faithfully serve his church included the Bethel United Methodist Church Board of Trustees where he recently had served as Board President; the United Methodist Men, Administrative Church Council, and the Church Emergency Preparedness Team. However, his devotion to his fellow man continued with his many memberships which included the Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 15 A.F. & F.M., the Scottish Rite Consistory, Nur Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club where he was a Past President; the Cape Henlopen School Board where he served from 1979 to 1989 and had held the positions of Vice President and President; American Legion Post 28; the Credit Union Executive Society; the Henlopen Ruritan Club where he had served as President and Board Member; the Order of Redmen; and Ducks Unlimited where he had been a member since 1999.

Allen is survived by his wife and soulmate of 35 years, Diana F. Riley; two sons Charles "Chuck" Riley (Patricia) and Mark Riley (Alicia Purdy); three Grandchildren, Chase Riley, Bethany Riley, & Luke Riley; a step-daughter, Deena Eskew (Brian "Hoss" Coddens); his brother Charles "Mouse" Riley (Stephanie); his sister, Cheryl Graves (The Honorable T.

Henley Graves, retired); and three nephews, Mike Riley, Tyler Graves and Hunter Graves.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to: the Delaware State Police Museum, PO BOX 430, Dover, DE 19903; or to the Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W. 4th Street, Lewes, DE 19958 Attn: the IT or Audio Visual Program; or to the Bethel Christian Pre-School, 129 W. 4th Street, Lewes, DE 19958.

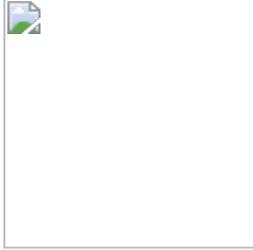
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**Info Info** - October 27, 2020 at 03:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Bethel Methodist Mausoleum



**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** - October 26, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ Ellen Hearn lit a candle in memory of Capt. Allen Eugene Riley, ret. DSP



**Ellen Hearn** - May 07, 2020 at 03:37 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of Allen's passing. He was such a dedicated member of our church, who served God well. We hope you all are comforted by God's love and the wonderful memories that you have of times together. We pray for comfort and peace for you all, and that God will wrap His loving arms around you and sustain you.

Blessings, George and Kathy Pepper

**Kathy Pepper** - May 06, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Dave and I were so saddened by this news. Although we no longer attend Alan's church because of changes in our lives, we miss sitting a row or two behind Diana and Alan. Always “passing the peace” with them as we came in into our seating area. Much love to Diana and family. Alan was a very respected and lovely man. He will truly be missed by so many.

**Lee and Dave Parks** - May 16, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Nikky F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Capt. Allen Eugene Riley, ret. DSP.



**Nikky F.** - May 05, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Sad to hear of Allen's passing. I will miss his friendly smile at the Bethel Church contemporary service. I also admired his wisdom and appreciated his advise as a SPPRC committee member. Allen will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Diana and family.

**Nikky Fisher** - May 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Sorry for the loss of Allen. He was a pleasant man, and always showed respect towards me. I met your husband through John L. and became friends. I wish you strength and peace for many years to come. May God Bless Allen and your family.

Michael Dominguez



Michael Dominguez - May 05, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ It was my privilege to serve as Allen and Diana's pastor for 5 years at Bethel UMC in Lewes. Allen was a great supporter of my ministry and the overall ministry of Bethel. He was my Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee chair when we went through a very difficult time. His leadership was superb through it all. He shall truly be missed around Lewes and particularly Bethel UMC. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wonderful wife, Diana. God bless you! Rev. Fred & Pat Duncan

Rev. Fred Duncan - May 04, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ We are so sorry over the loss of Allen. He left us far too early. He and I shared not only the same birth year, but also shared a career of service to the State of DE, although mine was not in law enforcement, but in natural resource management. Allen was a terrific person and a role model for me at Bethel Church. Diane and I send our condolences and love to Diana and the rest of the family and will look forward to when we can safely gather to help celebrate Allen's legacy.  
With Sincere Sympathy,  
Roy and Diane Miller

Roy W Miller - May 03, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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“ I am so sorry about the death of Allen. We were in the same State Police class, and became friends. He was a great person. I wish you the best in this time of sorrow,

Art Santoro - May 03, 2020 at 11:09 AM

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“ Gonna miss you buddy.

**Del Burks** - May 03, 2020 at 09:08 AM

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“ Diana, So sorry for your loss. Allen was a wonderful person and he will be missed.  
Kitty and Jerry Elliott

**Catherine P Elliott** - May 02, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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“ I had the pleasure to work with Allen when he was on the Cape Henlopen School Board years ago. He was wonderful to work with as he had a great sense of humor and grace about him, always fair and even handed in his dealings with students and staff and the public. He had a great smile and always made time to speak to all. We would from time to time bump into each other for breakfast at Bob Evans and I always enjoyed our talks. Years ago when Cape was playing for the state football championship he and I rode together for the game and it was a real memory maker! I also was the school principal for his sons so we had that relationship also. He will be missed.

Dr. Gary D. Wray  
Cape Henlopen School District 1974-1995

**Gary Wray** - May 02, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ Condolences to the Riley family for your loss of a wonderful person and my friend.  
Robert Shannon, DSP Ret.

**Robert Shannon** - May 02, 2020 at 09:00 AM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Capt. Allen Eugene Riley, ret. DSP.



May 01, 2020 at 08:13 PM

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“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Diana and family. Allen was a great man, always ready to share a laugh and lend a hand. His dedication to his community will always be remembered. A donation in his memory has been made to the Delaware State Police Museum.

~ Delaware's Credit Unions and the Cooperative Credit Union Association

**Carole LANGIU** - May 01, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Dianna and family. Spent quite a few memorable hours with Alan. A way to put it...ONE STANDUP GUY! He will surely be missed by many. With love,  
Tuffy and Nancy Tribbitt

**TUFFY AND NANCY TRIBBITT** - May 01, 2020 at 01:15 PM

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“ with love from the DSPFCU Board and Staff purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Capt. Allen Eugene Riley, ret. DSP.



**with love from the DSPFCU Board and Staff** - May 01, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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“ Thinking of the family at this difficult time and sending prayers your way

**Diana Lawson** - April 30, 2020 at 07:20 AM

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“ So sad to learn of Allen's passing. He will be really missed. He was a big influence in my credit union life and presence in my credit union life. A great joke teller and always ready to make fun of himself. Allen had a heart as big as he was. My deepest sympathies to Diana and his family.

Cheryl Chilcutt

**Cheryl H Chilcutt** - April 28, 2020 at 10:54 PM

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“ Allen was great to work with at Tidemark Federal Credit Union. We will really miss him.  
DRH Enterprises, LLC will always remember him!

**Denise and Charles Hastings** - April 28, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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“ Sad to learn of Alan's passing. I was a DSP civilian employee of the 32 1/2 years, retiring in 1999. I have fond memories of Alan during his DSP tenure. We commuted daily for some years together, along with Cpl Lew. Rickards, from Rehoboth to Headquarters, Dover. Both gone far too soon. We had such fun swapping jokes and tales. It was always a pleasure to be in his company. Condolences to Alan's family.

**Ben Miller** - April 28, 2020 at 02:01 PM

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“ Your Cooperative Credit Union Association Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Capt. Allen Eugene Riley, ret. DSP.



**Your Cooperative Credit Union Association Family** - April 28, 2020 at 01:20 PM





“ Allen was a kind and gentle giant in the credit union movement. I am deeply saddened by his passing and will greatly miss his presence in the future. My heart goes out to his loved ones.  
With my deepest sympathy,  
Dawn Sutcliffe  
Delaware Alliance FCU

**Dawn Sutcliffe** - April 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of Allen's passing. We had known each other since childhood. Then he and my husband (Sgt Gary Pinson) worked together for many years. It says something to have your sons follow in your footsteps and Allen and Charles (Mouse) did that. All good men! I feel blessed to have known them.  
May his family feel God's comfort as they mourn his passing.  
Bobbi Pinson

**Bobbi Pinson** - April 29, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ Diana and Family,  
We are so shocked and saddened to learn of Allen's passing. Our hearts go out to all of you. Be assured of our earnest prayers for all of you. God bless, comfort, and guide you at this difficult time.  
Praying,  
Bobby and Judy (Hopkins) Briggs  
Lexington, North Carolina

**Bobby & Judy Briggs** - April 29, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Allen's passing. I worked with Allen when I was a new probation officer at Family Court in 1972 when Allen was a youth officer. I went with Allen to pick up one of my probationers and he taught me a lot about working with kids. He has remained a friend ever since and I enjoyed seeing him in later years at Bethel Church. Good guy taken too soon from all who knew him. I extend sincere sympathy to his family.  
Ray Quillen

**Ray Quillen** - April 29, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ I worked with Allen at the credit union several years ago. He was a wonderful person, very kind and generous. He could always make you smile. Another good one gone too soon. He will be missed by many. His family is in my prayers.

Paula Whaley

**Paula Whaley** - April 30, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ Diana and family,  
We share your grief. It was with deep sorrow to hear of Allen's passing. There was never a challenge Allen would back away from nor undertook. Allen was a stalwart in the community, at his

workplace, and his beloved Bethel Church. He will be dearly missed.

Rest in peace my friend, you have finished life's race. Thanks for being our friend.

With deepest sympathy,

Clay & Susan Monroe

**Clay Monroe** - April 30, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Diana & family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time..Now my Bill and Allen are on eternal patrol talking about stories of DSP and DSPFCU.. With my deepest sympathy. Pat Thorpe

**Pat Thorpe** - May 02, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ My sincere condolences to your family. Allen was a true leader for the Delaware CU League and the credit union community. He understood the credit union motto "People Helping People". With my deepest sympathy, Bernadette Hines (Cooperative CU Assoc.)

**Bernadette Hines** - May 05, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ sorry to hear of Allen's passing we spent our military time together same job helicopter crew chiefs same forts we had some great times j jim thomas

**Jim thomas** - May 09, 2020 at 10:00 PM