



## Rev. Curtis Martin Riley

December 9, 1949 - November 17, 2009

Rev. Curtis Martin Riley, age 59, of Newport, passed away, Tuesday, November 17, 2009. He was pastor of Bybee United Methodist Church. He was former pastor of Pleasant Valley, Catons Grove, Jones Chapel and Mulberry Gap United Methodist Church, and many churches in West VA, Virginia, Kentucky and Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruby Riley.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Riley, of Newport; sons and daughters-in-law, John and Amber Riley, Columbus, OH, Chris and Lisa Hudson, Elliott County, KY; daughter, Lisa Riley of Ashland, KY; daughters and son-in-law, Lisa and Mike Herbst, Port St. Lucy, FL, Kimberly and Allesandro Menozzi, Reggio Amelia, Italy; brother and sister-in-law, John (Joe) and Jeannie Riley, Ashland, KY; sisters and brother-in-law, Anita and Willy Townsend, and Pam Riley of all of Ashland, KY; grandchildren, Ava and Griffin Riley, Brook and Nikie Gee, Beau Riley, Charlie Hudson, Audry Mefford, Kelsy and Jordan Herbst; also several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held 11:00 am, Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Bybee United Methodist Church, Bybee, TN, with Dr. Mickey Rainwater officiating.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 am until 11:00 am, Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at Sunshine United Methodist Church, South Shores, KY, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralh](http://www.manesfuneralh)

ome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Curtis Martin Riley*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Papa Riley, As some have said, you may be gone but you will never ever be forgotten. You were my best friend and my grandpa. I know this is a very late entry but your passing still gets brought up in my life monthly and I got to visit you for my 13th*

**Ava Riley** - March 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Martin Riley, the Riley's were our neighbors when we were all growing up and lived next door to me. I love each member of the family the served our Lord and Savior and would invite all to church with them. Rick Cooper and Marty were bes*

**Patricia Vannoy Brown** - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rev. Curtis Martin Riley*

**Dan & Lana Mercer** - November 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were first introduced to Marty in 1975 while he was serving as pastor at Sunshine U M C. What an impact he made in our lives and in the lives of our children. He was an inspiration to our faith and shared in our baptism. After all these years we sti*

**Dan & Lana Mercer** - November 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Words fail me as I try to express the loss I feel with Martin's passing. He was a brother and dear friend from the day I met him. Even through my tears, I can clearly see his big smile - hear his boisterous laugh - enjoy his insane sense of humor - and ma

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**Patti Adams** - November 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Donna and Family, I just wanted to tell you how sad I am to hear about Curtis. I had the honor of working with him at Pepsi. He was an amazing man, with an amazing faith. He will be dearly missed my many, including me. You are all in my thoughts

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**Jennifer Rittenhouse** - November 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. Martin was a great guy. I enjoyed his daily phone calls to the Gap. He truly will be missed here. Please call if there is anything I can do for you, even if you just need someone to cry with. I love ya girl. Take care o

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**Karen Hekel** - November 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ "We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful

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**Charlie Hudson** - November 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ I value the time that Martin and I worked with the Sunset Gap ministry and especially Martin's work to get a partnership going with Sunset Gap and Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church. Martin's enthusiasm and energy was a testimony to his calling and commitment

Harrell & Marci Cobb - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss.

Bea Brady - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was really sorry to hear about Martin "Marty" as I knew him. He was a great help and influence in my life many years ago in the Free Will Baptist in the Ahsland Kentucky area. I am praying for all of the family Dr. C. Edward Hutchinson

Dr. C. Edward Hutchinson - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ to a close co-worker that I worked with at pepsi in the M.E.N. department I will miss very deeply, my prayers go out to the family, may god bless and hold you all close thru this difficult time. with my deepest regards Kenneth Wainscott 4

kennethwainscott - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Although Martin's death has left such an unbelievable void in all who had the pleasure of knowing him, I am certain that he is rejoicing in heaven. I am certain he is entertaining them with his beautiful voice and selfless personality. He will be greatly

Jennifer Jackson-Petrosky - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 This is the scripture that Martin referred me to most often. It has gotten me through a lot of tribulations. It has given me courage. I find it hard to find the right words now,

Cindy Jackson Schneider - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Martin û Where do I start? This event has ripped my heart out. You've given me so much of your life that I could never have rapid if you had lived to 100. The advice, talks, friendship... All in my heart forever. Anytime I called or visited, I always

Michael Herbst - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Donna, we are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Martin's smile and kind words. Your family has been a blessing to us. We love you! If there is anything we can help you with, please let us know.

Lucas, Melissa, Scott and Garrett Valentine - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I have never known a more selfless and giving person. Martin has touched the lives of so many during his life and it is evident that God has a special plan for him. He had an impact on my life as a young person and set the example for good living in thi

John Jackson - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ John, your father must truly be so proud of the man you have become. The loss of a father is very difficult and I wish I could take away your pain. Your father's faith in Christ is something you both share. As God welcomes your dad home our Saviors strength r

Conrad Family - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am heartbroken at the loss of Martin Riley at such a young age. He is remembered in my heart for being at the side of my father at his death, the marriage of my sisters and nephew, and especially for his sermons and beautiful voice at Old Miaaka Methodi

Sylvia Berry - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I lost my Dad today. There are no words to describe. Words cannot convey the disbelief and sadness that my heart is feeling. I cannot begin to imagine life without you. Honestly, I don't know how... How do any of us who knew you for even one day go on

Lisa Herbst - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FI

“ Sorry to hear of Marty's passing. We always knew him as Marty, he married us in 1976 at Williams Creek Church. He will be missed by all whose lifes he touched.

Fred and Lynn Ingles - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ May you find strength in your faith, comfort in God's love, and peace in knowing your friends are praying for you. Kim you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Hunt - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Rev. Curtis Martin Riley*

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**Moise Fullington** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *My sympathies at the passing of my friend Martin. He was one of the good hearts of this community and will be missed by all. Tom Rosberg*

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**Tom Rosberg** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Dear Riley Family, Our hearts are saddened by your loss but we do rejoice that Martin is in heaven with Jesus. We have been blessed to know his son John, his wife Amber, and their two precious children. As you mourn the loss of this great man, we are p*

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**The Lusher Family** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *May you know God's comforting presence, His faithful love, and His peace that passes understanding to carry you through. Hebrews 13:5 "For He hath said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.'" We love you and are sharing your loss of our dear Pasto*

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**Stephanie & bill Widmann** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Curtis, we will all miss you at Pepsi, Johnson City, Tn. I will personally miss your warming smile, bubbly personality, and all the advice you have ever given me. I took each word to heart, and will not forget them. Don't worry Brother Curtis, we will mee*

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**James Snavely** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Donna, Donna, We are so sorry to hear about Martin. Our prayers and thoughts are certainly with you and the family. He will be missed. Dan and Dot Culton Greeneville, Tn.

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**Dan and Dot Culton** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Donna and the family. Curtis was a wonderful person, and we here at Pepsi loved him very much. He will be sorely missed.

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**Connie Meader** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I know our loss is heaven's gain, but that loss is so real and heavy, the spirit fights against saying goodbye, it feels tortured and indignant...these feelings may be selfish, but when losing a man with such a presence as you, Martin, they are human. Yo

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**Marsha Mefford** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My prayers are with the family , Curtis has made his journey home to be with the lord. I will truly miss his smile and words of encouragement he gave to those he came in contact with. My God continue to look after his family at this most difficult time.

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**Donald Tatum** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I will never think of him without thinking how much he enjoyed singing and how very much I enjoyed listening to him.

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**Linnie Denton** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Curtis you will be greatly missed by your fellow employees at Pepsi. You were simply the best. God bless your family and love ones.

Chris Gill - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ You will be dearly missed. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Family. Curtis was such a kind person.

Brenda Young - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ The best things in life are unseen; therefore, although he isn't there to see with thine eye, he is there to see with thine heart; and therefore, is much stronger, and much more present than before; for he is in heaven; which is everywhere; he is everywh

Audrey Mefford - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I am gonna miss that jovial personality! Martin was one of the most generous and happy-go-lucky people I have ever known. Seems like he was always smiling and living life to the fullest. It's hard to fathom that he is no longer with us in this life, but t

Cristy Worley - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Today I lost a great friend. He was a fantastic father, for his two excellent children, for my wife and her brother and sister, for me, and for many others who had the blessing of knowing him. He was the most devoted and caring husband I have ever me

Alessandro Menozzi - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *I never dreamed it would happen like this. I thought, like we always do, that there would be more time, more opportunities to talk together, to argue our points and to understand each other better. I was wrong. I still can't believe that you're gone, th*

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**Kimberly Menozzi** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *So sorry for your loss. He is now walking with the angels he preached about here on Earth. God bless this family during this trying time.*

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**Steve Loretta Taylor** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM