



## James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr.

August 8, 1950 - August 24, 2020

James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr., 70, of Charleston, husband of LaMond Edwins Riley, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2020.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, August, 28, 2020 at 2 o'clock at Cypress UMC Cemetery for family and close friends. Please follow social distancing guidelines. The family will be accepting friends at the home of his daughter following the funeral.

Jim was born on August 8, 1950, and grew up in Ridgeville. He is the son of Billie Hughes Livingston of Charleston and the late James W. Riley, Sr. Survivors in addition to his mother are his wife, LaMond of 49 years and his daughter, Adrienne Riley Lowe and her husband, Dr. Philip Lowe of Charleston; two grandsons: Boyd Cadet Lowe and Oliver Cannon Lowe; sister, Sandra All and husband, Frankey, of Dorchester; aunt, Bert R. Kizer, of St. George; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was a Master Barber, where his clients valued his fellowship and conversation as much as their haircut. He was known and loved by his daughter and grandchildren as "Crackerjack", his childhood nickname. He was happiest with his wife and his grandsons, either at home teaching them about carpentry and music, or at Litchfield teaching them about boating and surfing.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials can be made to the American Heart Association at [www2.heart.org](http://www2.heart.org) or a charity of ones' choice.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cypress United Methodist Church Cemetery  
256 Myers Mayo Road  
Ridgeville, SC 29472

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr.*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I lost a great friend and my sympathy goes out wife and family from C L CARTER and SHERYL*

**Charles L Carter** - December 03, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *I feel like I've lost a brother and best friend. Jim cut my hair for over 40 years, but he was much more than just my Barber- he was my confidant, my advisor, my bud. Whenever I would talk about retiring, he would always say Why? We own this town! And in a way, he did! He cut the hair of doctors and lawyers and hospital presidents and this TV anchorman.*

*Jim always had something I valued almost as much as his friendship- UNCOMMON common sense! And he cut my hair so well, my wife would NEVER let me go anywhere else- as if I would! Sometimes, we'd laugh so hard at his or my corny Jokes, I'd almost have to change my Depends!*

*Jim was the kind of guy who never met a stranger- so friendly and welcoming to everybody! He was the kind of institution I thought would always be here- it never occurred to me there would be the Ashley House and Charleston without Jim Riley. Rest In Peace my friend! You made the world a better place.*

*Bill Sharpe*

**Bill Sharpe** - November 08, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Jim ran a very nice business booth rental salon that I was happy to be a part of for many years. May his memory be a blessing.*

**Kay Shapiro** - September 07, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *I have seen Jim every 6-8 weeks since I moved to Charleston in August of 1981. I have no words to describe the terrible pain of losing such a dear friend. His loss saddens us all.*

*Michael J. Tapert, MD*

**Michael J Tapert MD** - August 30, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DG

“ I was shocked and saddened when I saw Jim's obituary in the newspaper. Jim was my barber and friend for 34 years. Jim had a rare combination of skills that I greatly admired and appreciated. I marveled at his engaging storytelling, his ability to speak on almost any topic with interest and knowledge, and his recall of topics we had discussed previously. His boundless love for his grandsons was apparent whenever he related the entertaining tales of their time together and the life lessons he was teaching them through words and role-modeling. He left us all with many fond memories that will comfort us as we reflect on the positive difference he made in our lives.

David Garr, MD

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David Garr - August 30, 2020 at 02:01 PM

JJ

“ Jimmy always kept everyone happy and smiling. The school bus ride every day made school a desirable place for all of us. He will be missed even though we didn't see each other a lot. Sandra, I know you're devastated. My heart is heavy. I'm sorry I missed the service but I know our great friend, Robert Hoover, brought a wonderful message. Loved this family since first grade.

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janice stephens jolly - August 30, 2020 at 06:48 AM

JB

“ Jimmy Riley will always be remembered for the shortest punt in Harleyville Ridgeville History. He could always make everyone laugh and was a great Red Devil. May God Bless his family during this time of loss. RIP Jimmy  
Jerry S Bishop

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Jerry S Bishop - August 28, 2020 at 09:23 PM

BG

“ Jim you will be missed cutting my hair over 35 years and selling you cars, Miata, mean all the world to me Bill Garbini Jim was a great friend and will be missed. He just cut my hair last week and we had a long talk about life in general. Lamond all my love and thoughts for you and your family. Bill Garbini

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Bill Garbini - August 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM

JJ

Jimmy was our class clown. Always joking, always laughing. He would do things just to make us laugh. I still have the picture of the Red Devil he drew for our first reunion, 1973. Will never forget my sweet classmate.

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Jenny Infinger - August 29, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr..*



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August 28, 2020 at 10:11 AM

JG

“ *Every haircut with Jim included an enjoyable conversation with a wide variety of subjects. One minute we would be discussing Jim's favorite colors and fabrics for men's shirts, the next minute we were discussing musical instruments played in the sixties by various musicians. Because we both grew up in the LowCountry, we had many similar experiences related to school, local traditions, hangouts and events of our youth. It did not take long for both of us to be laughing. Jim was a thoughtful and talented friend. He shared his "Riley Method" during many haircuts. He "Methods" educated me on his approach on how to say things, fix things, store things, cook things, eat food, educate newcomers,, and solve disputes. All of this based on life experiences and reasoning. Our relationship began over forty-five years ago and I will truly miss him. My sincere sympathies go out to LaMond and the entire Riley family.*

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**Joe Gillespie** - August 28, 2020 at 10:08 AM

DF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Don Feldman** - August 27, 2020 at 09:48 PM

DF

“ *For 35 years Jim cut my hair. But that's just the beginning. Jim was a friend, confidant advisor and counselor. My happiest moments were sitting in the chair and discussing, arguing, listening and sharing the events of the day and our lives. Jim was loyal, honest and funny. In my darkest days Jim was there to listen and care. I will miss you brother. There is no other like you.*

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**Don Feldman** - August 27, 2020 at 09:45 PM

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“ Jim & Alan, in his Shop, 20 December, 2017, & 6 December, 2018.



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Alan F. Blanche - August 27, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ Jim, in his Shop, 6 December, 2018.



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Alan F. Blanche - August 27, 2020 at 05:02 PM

## “ REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND, JIM RILEY

*I first met Jim back in 1980±, when his Shop was on the 2nd Floor of the Ashley House. After just two Visits, I decided to keep him as my Barber; and, I quickly realized that he'd be my Life Long Friend! Every Christmas, I'd bring Jim a Bag of Cheetos & a Block of Fudge. This started as a Private Joke, the Origin of which seems to have Faded with the Years. Over the Years, I'd sometime Call Jim, in the Middle of the Day, just to pass along a Naughty Joke. Hearing his Laughter made my Day! In 2006, my Wife, Tatjana (Tanya), newly Arrived in America, started using Jim as her Hair Stylist. And, like me & probably Hundreds of others over the years, she decided to keep him as her Stylist; and, she, too, considered him as a Friend, more like a Brother. Going to his Shop was something to look forward to. How many People can say that about their Barber or Stylist? One of the Big Differences between Jim & any other Barber was that he'd Initiate Conversations that would go on all the while you were in the Chair. And, he seemed to know what Interested you, too. With Tanya, he'd talk about Gardening, Cooking, Hair Styles, Pets, Life in America v. that in other Countries, etc. With me, he's talk about Politics, the Economy, Music from the '50s, '60's, '70s, etc. Whether it was Music, Cars or how Best to Clean your DriveWay, Jim could Discuss these Topics with Simple & Easily Understandable Detail & Knowledge; and, he could get his Point Across like a Gentleman, never as an Adversary. If he sensed that you didn't see Eye to Eye with him, he never Pushed his Point; but, instead, would Listen to an Opposing View with Politeness & Courtesy. He Talked & Listened; he Never Argued! Jim talked with Love, when mentioning his Momma, Wife, Daughter & GrandKids. I never heard Jim say even One Negative Word about another Person. And, in this Day & Age, that's Very Rare! Our last Visit to Jim's Shop was Friday, 7 August, the Day before his 70th BirthDay. For his BirthDay, we presented him with a 5 kg. (11 lb.) Belgium Chocolate Bar. Jim's Face Lit Up, like a Kid Opening a Christmas present! I once Asked Jim: "When are you going to Retire?"; to which he Replied: "Why Retire? I'm doing what I Love!". To say that we will Miss our Friend, Jim, would be an Understatement! God Rest his Soul!*

*Alan & Tanya Blanche*



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Alan F. Blanche - August 27, 2020 at 04:50 PM

RT

*Hello Alan, When COVID forced closing of hair salons, Jim quickly went to work painting and freshening up his salon. He was there each day and I told him why don't he stay home and take a break and stay home. He couldn't do it, he loved being there even when closed.*

Rodney Travis - August 27, 2020 at 09:08 PM

BS

“ *I am stunned is all I can say. The earth just lost one of its finest and became a bit more dull. However, Heaven just became more interesting now that Jim is there. My condolences to Lamond and the whole family.*

Bob Simons - August 27, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JH

“ *Growing up with Little Jimmy was like being with a Legendary Character. He made every day an adventure. He was my Older Blood Brother but he always addressed my mother and father as Aunt Joyce and Unca Bubba. He always had a Gift of Eloquent Speech and was prized as Master of Ceremony at the Herndon Rodeo who announced the Hog Riding event and created illusions like the one-legged boy by putting his leg through the hay loft floor. His favorite publication back then was Mad Magazine with Alfred E. Newman. Jimmy was an artist with pen and paper. He was a musician, a surfer, a scuba diver, he was a Master Story Teller, especially Ghost Stories at Camp Crummy. When Sadie and I first married and I was in school in Mt. Pleasant, Jimmy and Lamond were our closest friends and we enjoyed times spent together. Our paths took us away but we cherished our visits with him cause his story telling only got better.*

*Loving Memories,  
Jack and Sadie*

Jack Herndon - August 27, 2020 at 02:18 PM

HV

“ *Words cannot express my sympathy for your family's loss of such a fine human being. Jim was such a positive influence on my life and his wisdom will live in me forever. I am sending love and healing light to all.*

Helen L Venesky - August 27, 2020 at 02:00 PM

JG

“ *Joe and Kathy Gillespie purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr..*



Joe and Kathy Gillespie - August 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM

WT

“ LaMond & Family, Denise and I were devastated when I read the paper today. Jim was such a positive person, who I truly admired and always looked forward to seeing at his shop. We had so many fun talks about everything, from his band days to old Oak Grove in N. Charleston. I always got him to do his Elvis "Thank you, thank you very much." He was one of a kind, a very articulate man. I will really miss him, and our prayers are with you all. I still can't believe that he's gone. Bubba Taylor

William F Taylor - August 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JS

“ Jack and Sadie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr..



Jack and Sadie - August 27, 2020 at 01:48 PM

AK

“ i am saddened to just learn of Jim's death...My condolences to all of Jim's family....Jim had been my barber for about 10 years...I found him just by looking in the phone book..But after just one visit and a perfect cut, Jim became my barber and friend. I will also miss his wit, sense of style, and many amusing stories...Rest in peace, Jim.

Alan Koester ("Big Al")

Alan E. Koester - August 27, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JR

I'm heartbroken for Jim's entire family and saddened by his loss. Jim has been my barber for 25 plus years and introduced me to Lake Jocassee where my family has a home now thanks to his guidance. I spoke with him twice in the past few weeks and will deeply miss his charm and wit. Godspeed Jim and thanks for so many great memories. John Robinson / Chas SC

John Robinson - August 27, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr..



August 27, 2020 at 11:26 AM

TT

“ I met Jim in the early "80's. I was looking for a barber and was recommended to him by a friend. He instantly became MY barber and my good friend. He would cut my hair for years to come at The Ashley House. In the obituary he's mentioned to had been "A Master Barber"! Indeed he was! Not only a Master at cutting hair but a Master of good conversation and wit ! I truly enjoyed his company. Jim was one of those people that if you were to ever had met him, you'd never forget him! Even though I had not seen or spoken with Jim in many years, I've never forgotten him. A truly kind and sweet person.  
My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless you Jim and enjoy that Golden Barber Chair that you now have! You deserve it Buddy!

Tony Tyler  
James A. Dyal Funeral Home

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**Tony Tyler** - August 27, 2020 at 11:01 AM

SH

So sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was such a wonderful person. I saw Jimmy and Lamond at Cypress Campmeeting almost every year and looked forward to seeing them. When I saw them last, they both looked like a picture of health and always seemed so much in love. Prayers for Lamond and all the family. I can't imagine how much they will miss him.  
Susie Hilton

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**Susie Hilton** - September 01, 2020 at 02:35 PM

GL

“ LaMond and family so sorry to learn that Jimmy passed away. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace to heal your broken hearts.

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**Gail Ayers Lowry** - August 27, 2020 at 10:47 AM

JT

“ Jim was a good friend and always willing to help when you needed him. I was foutunate to know him over 30+ years, He will be missed. Johnny Tripp

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**Johnny Tripp** - August 27, 2020 at 09:43 AM

LS

“ May God comfort each one of you and Bless you in the coming days. A true southern gentleman! Blessings!

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**Linda O'Brien Senn** - August 27, 2020 at 01:15 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr..*



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August 26, 2020 at 08:00 PM

RM

“ *Hadn't seen Jimmie in years, since teenagers, always a gentleman, great person. My sincere condolences to his family*

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**Robert Myers** - August 26, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" W. Riley, Jr..*



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August 26, 2020 at 03:33 PM

KL

“ *I cannot express my deep and sincere feeling of such a terrible loss. Jim has been my friend, consultant, confidant, political tutor, therapist, step grandpa to my son, overall favorite conversationalist and not the least my barber for 45 years. I cannot put into words how my son & I will miss Jim and those wonderful conversations. I am blessed that I got to see Jim just three weeks ago after he just returned back to work. I always looked forward to sitting in Jim's barber chair and talking about everything going on in our lives and politics and then to have my son follow in my footsteps, as I did my own father. There will never be another....*

*My sincerest condolences to Jim's wonderful wife, mother, children and grandchildren. Jim will always hold a special place in my heart, and all of my family who all loved him.*

*With sincerest gratitude for the years Jim was in our lives,*

*Ken Lutz*

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**Ken Lutz** - August 26, 2020 at 03:16 PM

PM

*Oh Lamond... so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers go out for you and your family! Sending my love!!.*

*Patricia Gruber Mizzell Mims*

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**Patricia Gruber Mims** - August 27, 2020 at 01:26 AM

JF

*My heartfelt sympathy to each of you. I had the privilege of knowing, and admiring Jim for over 37 years. My regular visits to Jim were a time to talk about our families, current events, politics and our mutual war stories of growing up - receiving a haircut was just an added bonus. I am fortunate that I had the opportunity to see him just three weeks ago and also had the time to have a couple of telephone discussions after his first release from the hospital. I pray that God's Peace will be with you in these coming days and years.*

*Sincerely, Danny Floyd*

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**J Daniel Floyd** - August 27, 2020 at 10:17 AM

MC

*Jim was my barber for over 30 years. My favorite way to ask for an appointment was "Jim, I'm in need of some social and intellectual discourse, and maybe a haircut".*

*Mike Coffman*

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**Mike Coffman** - September 05, 2020 at 03:40 PM

TT

*Jim was a fine man who loved his work, his customers, and his family. Always positive with a keen sense of what someone needs to hear. If you moved away from Charleston and returned for a haircut several years later, you could pick up a conversation where it left off. We will miss him as he was a blessing to us. May his memory be eternal!*

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**Tab Thompson** - September 08, 2020 at 10:27 PM

LM

*We have just learned of Jim's passing and are so saddened. Because of the pandemic, Bill has for many months been patiently suffering through my haircuts at home, awaiting the time he could return to see our beloved friend and Master Barber and raconteur, Jim Riley. Jim started cutting my hair in the early 80's when I was an Ob/Gyn resident at MUSC. (Many in the department loved and recommended Jim.....male and female.) When Bill and I married in 1983, Bill became another fan. He always looked forward to his "visits" with Jim, and I looked forward to hearing Jim's stories and conversations that evening. We send our love and prayers to his family.....we felt as if we knew them, too. Lydia Engelhardt MD and Bill Rambo MD*

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**Lydia A Engelhardt MD** - February 14, 2021 at 02:50 PM