



## George K. Riley

May 20, 1936 - April 25, 2026

### George Kneale Riley

of Sterling Heights passed away on April 25, 2026 at the age of 89. He was married to Linda Riley (nee Schmidt) for over 50 years prior to her death in 2021. George was a steadfast, generous and devoted father to David (Vicki) Riley and Pamela (Bill) Lary. He was an adoring, whimsical and supportive grandfather to Sarah (Jack) Korth, Griffin Riley, and Kendra, Elaine and Kneale Lary. Uncle George was particularly loved and admired by many nieces and nephews, and he is fondly remembered by numerous extended relatives, neighbors and friends in the Rochester and Sterling Heights communities. George grew up in Flint, Michigan and attended the General Motors Institute, where he earned a Bachelors of Industrial Engineering degree. He worked at GM for 48 years, mostly at the Tech Center in Warren. He sang in the chorus at GM and at church, played bridge, and continued to enjoy long bike rides well into his 80s. Throughout his retirement he enjoyed meeting in the mornings for conversation with a loyal group of coffee buddies. George loved to tinker, build and fix things, and was thought of by many as their "go-to handyman."

On Friday, May 15th, there will be memorial visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of his Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Avenue, (on the northeast corner of Van Dyke Avenue and M59/Hall Road) Utica. Please share a memory with his family at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Gathering

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

### Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ George was one of the first people I met when I hired into General motors back in 1979 or so. He was a fun person to work with and learn from. I often think back to my early days at GM and George. I offer my sincerest sympathies to his entire extended family. He will definitely be missed.

Ralph Helmle - May 05 at 01:18 PM

PF

“ PRABAKARAN Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of George K. Riley.



PRABAKARAN Family - May 02 at 05:20 PM

NM

“ Mr. George! the best pinewood derby builder east of the Mississippi. Sorry for your loss, Pam and David. Love, Norm

Norm P Merlo - April 28 at 04:51 PM

JH

“ There sure are so many memories with our favorite Uncle. He grew up with my dad and worked at an ice cream parlor in Flint when they were maybe 13 or 14 after not seeing each other for 50+ years they still recognized each other. We love you guys 😊 We wish we could be there, but we will be there in spirit.

Judi and Pat Haggerty - April 28 at 03:34 PM