



## Dennis G. Riley

July 28, 1946 - July 27, 2010

### DENNIS GAIL RILEY

Dennis Gail Riley, was born July 28, 1946, Omak, WA and passed away July 27, 2010, Wenatchee, WA. Dennis graduated from Chelan High School in 1964 then moved to Tacoma, WA where he attended electrical training classes prior to joining the I.B.E.W. late 1965. While attending the Tacoma training, he met Sally Sipes, whom he married in 1967. He joined the US Navy where he served on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War. He returned to Wenatchee, reinstated in the Union, and began a 45 year electrical career. Dennis and Sally raised their two children, Dena and Clinton, in Wenatchee and certainly considered Wenatchee their home.

From an extremely early age, Dennis displayed fascination with flight and began building and flying model airplanes. He joined the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers where he enthusiastically flew his planes for many years. His other passion was snowmobiling, which he reluctantly gave up in 2008 due to illness. He was a member of the Lake Chelan Eagles. He enjoyed riding dirt bikes, gardening and most of all family get-togethers.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin G. and Eunice E. Riley and is survived by his wife, Sally of Wenatchee, his daughter Dena England

(Jared), his son Clinton Riley, his brother Mike Riley (Mindy), and four wonderful grandchildren, Allison, Andrew, Amanda, and Luke.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday August 14 at Jones & Jones-Betts Memorial Chapel. Remembrances in Dennis' name may be made to the American Cancer Society. Thoughts and memories may be expressed on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **14**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am so saddened to hear of the loss of another of Lyndell's cousins. I was looking for Ronnie's info when I saw this. Sally and family please know I am praying for all of you and offer my condolences to all of you. I remember all the fun times and pictures Auntie Gwen my mother-in-law, would share with us. She always wished she could have been there more with all of you. All of our love to all of you and remember we are still family although we are so far away and we can always be close in heart.  
Love Janice Salmans

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**Janice Salmans** - August 26, 2010 at 06:25 PM

LB

“ Sally, Dena and Clinton,  
Please know that my family is thinking about you during this hard time. It is hard to lose your father and husband, by family is still grieving, but Uncle Denny fought a good fight and now God will restore his body and he will be pain free. Take care of each other, I know you will.  
Darin, Laura and Riley

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**Laura Bender** - August 12, 2010 at 11:51 PM



“ You were one of my first journeyman and you impressed me then as you continued to do through out your career. You were a craftsman in the purest sense of the word and one of the most accomplished electricians I have ever known. But Dennis, brother, what impressed me 35 years ago was not so much your abilities as it was your "word". You were always unwaveringly honest and trustworthy and honorable and I will both miss you and remember you always.

*To your family, Dennis, I can only imagine the sorrow and sense of loss but I hope that it is comforting to them to know how sincerely respected you were in life and how deeply respected is your memory.*

*Peace my brother,  
Rick Waller*

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**Rick Waller** - August 11, 2010 at 07:49 PM



“ Sally, Dena and Clint, I am sooo sorry you guys have to go through losing your father and husband, he was a good man that put up a great fight, bless him for being around for all of you to show him exactly how much you all love him, I have FOND memories of spending time at your house ( mabye sometimes to much time) but you never told us no when we wanted to come over! You are great people and Denny was a great man! I will miss him, and it touched my heart when he told me i was his favorite :) hang in there, hes partying it up in Heaven with his parents and grams and daddy!! Lucky him!

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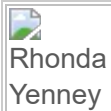
**Darla Bonwell Racus** - August 11, 2010 at 02:26 PM

 Lisa Walsh

“ *Sally and family we are so sad about Denny's passing. He was such a funny guy, well loved and respected by his fellow electrical buddies, and many others who knew and met him. We have heard and lived many experiences involving Denny through the years and will never forget him. HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION! With much sorrow and love to you all, Pat and Lisa Walsh*

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**Lisa Walsh** - August 10, 2010 at 01:58 PM

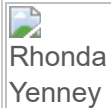
 Rhonda Yenney

“ *Candle lit by*



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**Rhonda Yenney** - August 09, 2010 at 07:53 PM

 Rhonda Yenney

“ *We are all thinking about you during this hard time. I am sorry for your loss, I know how hard it is and how much he will be missed. Rhonda*

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**Rhonda Yenney** - August 09, 2010 at 07:51 PM

**SR**

“ *What a huge void without you. You were respected and loved by your family. Rest well, Boo-Boo. Sal*

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**Sally Riley** - August 08, 2010 at 10:07 PM

 Dena  
Riley-  
England

“ *Dad...you are gone but never forgotten. I love you more than you could ever know. Rest in peace sweet man. Deeny*

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**Dena Riley-England** - August 07, 2010 at 08:24 PM

 Dena  
Riley-  
England

“ *Candle lit by*



**Dena Riley-England** - August 07, 2010 at 08:24 PM