



Geraldine Philippus Riley

December 7, 1929 - November 7, 2013

North Augusta, SC—Mrs. Geraldine Philippus Riley, 83, entered into rest November 7, 2013, after a long and eventful life.

Born in Texas on December 7 1929, to Post Master and school teacher Henry and Willie Mae Philippus, Gerry was proud to be a fourth generation descendant of Texas Rangers, ranchers and trail drivers. She left home to join the Daily Brothers Circus as an aerialist, traveling from Mexico to Nova Scotia. Gerry became a long- time resident of Belvedere, S. C. operating a home day care center which many children will affectionately remember being known as one of "Riley's Raiders". She had a colorful personality defined by directness, humor and great story telling ability, all of which will be dearly missed.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Carol Riley, North Augusta, SC, Mike and Kathy Riley, Evans, GA, and Kip Riley, Belvedere, SC; a daughter and son-in-law, Giavonni "Boo" and Mike Gibson, Greenville, SC; a sister, Eloise Lenning, Louisville, KY; five grandchildren, Lindsey Settles, Gary Settles, Kimberly Menke, Brittany Burnett and Riley Gibson; three great-grandchildren, Gracie Settles, Forrest Settles and Ella Cate Menke.

In accordance with her wishes, Gerry will be cremated and then taken to her beloved home in Cost, Texas for a family ceremony to be held at Monthalia

United Methodist Church. The date of the service will be announced. She will be interred next to her parents in a small local family cemetery in Wrightsboro, Texas, which was named after her grandfather. With no local services to be held, the family request friends to consider honoring Gerry's memory with a contribution to the charity of your choice.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine Philippus Riley*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Geraldine Philippus Riley*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Gregg Cato & Family lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Philippus Riley*



Gregg Cato & Family - November 11, 2013 at 03:00 PM



“ *When I look at my daughters (Jennifer & Charlee), I am reminded how much Riley helped shape there future's. No one will ever replace the love and devotion that she has shown to all her "Raiders".*

*Thanks to the Riley family for sharing her throughout the years.
Much Love from the Ruvo family*

Mike Ruvo - November 09, 2013 at 08:12 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Riley family.. I grew up with the Riley family... She was one of a kind that's for sure... She sure knew how to make people laugh... R.I.P. Ms. Riley*

Marie Matthews Yates - November 09, 2013 at 04:40 PM

KT

“ My condolences goes out to the Riley family , I knew Mrs. Riley for 40 years , she was 1 of a kind lady , she always had a sense of humor and personality that would make me laugh , that is what I will always remember her by , also I remember the BIG fly swatter she had at the day care ! RIP ! KEITH TAPLEY

KEITH TAPLEY - November 09, 2013 at 04:43 AM

BY

“ Riley will be missed. She raised hundreds of children over the years and her love for animals was huge. Riley loved her family deeply...she also told it like it was so if you did not want to hear the truth then you better not ask Riley....she was a gem of a person. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Riley's family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbie Yonce and Canine Rescue

Barbie Yonce - November 08, 2013 at 09:22 PM

 Dianne Underwood

“ Joe & I are so sorry to hear of Riley 's passing. She was always so good to Justin, Joe & especially me. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe, Dianne & Justin Underwood

Dianne Underwood - November 08, 2013 at 07:09 PM

JW

“ Jennifer Ruvo Ward lit a candle in memory of
Geraldine Philippus Riley



Jennifer Ruvo Ward - November 08, 2013 at 03:53 PM

KM

“ Tony and Riley Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Riley.... The Mahoney's will certainly
have the Family in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult
days. Riley was such a joy to be around and we are so blessed to
have the memories to cherish.
I know that she dearly loved Michael and she will always hold a
special place in our hearts. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Vance and
Kathy Mahoney

Kathy Mahoney - November 08, 2013 at 11:29 AM

RL

“ Tony, We are so sorry to read of your loss. Your mother was such a
wonderful and special person and I know how close you were. The
world is a little darker and heaven is brighter by far. Thinking of you
and your family.....Bob and Faye LeBert.....

Robert LeBert - November 08, 2013 at 09:51 AM