



## William H Riley

August 8, 1931 - August 31, 2012

William Howard Riley was born August 8, 1931 in Fayette, Alabama. During his youth he lived in Sandersville and Laurel where he attended Ellisville Elementary School, George S. Garner High School and Jones County Junior College. He served his country in the Navy during the Korean War and upon returning from the service, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration and his B.H. of Engineering. He worked for Masonite Corporation and Georgia Pacific and was part owner of Excel Saw and Tool. Upon retirement he began to assist his wife, Margaret Ishee Riley with her catering business and most recently with their furniture business in local shops.

His first and only true love, Margaret Neil Riley was his wife and best friend for over 58 years. Together they built their home and life of love. If she could dream it he could build it. Their garden of flowers brought such joy to them and anyone else who visited it, so much so that their love story with each other and with their flowers found its way onto the pages of Mississippi Magazine some years ago.

In his life he had very few things that he truly loved his Lord, his wife, his children, God's beauty in nature and several four-legged "grand pets". He went on to be with his Lord on August 31, 2012 at the age of 81. He is preceded in death by his parents Mortique D and Annie Riley and his brother Mark Riley. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Neil Ishee Riley and his children Bill Riley and Denise Riley.

Services will be 2 PM Sunday at Antioch United Methodist Church with burial to follow in the Church Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday at Antioch United Methodist Church from 1 PM until service time.

Memory Chapel is in charge of services.