



Benson Riley Sr.

February 25, 2026

With great sadness we announce that Benson 'Jug' 'Pops' 'Papa' Riley Sr., a member of Walpole Island First Nation travelled peacefully to join his ancestors on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 surrounded by his family at the age of 77. He will be remembered as a loving father to his children Suzanne Riley, Marlo Riley, Leslie, Benson Riley Jr., Geoffrey Riley (Taunya), Zachary Riley and the late Joshua George. Fondly thought of by his children's mother and good friend Barb. He is a cherished grandfather of 27 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Predeceased by his granddaughter Danielle, his parents, Harold and Marie Riley and his siblings Marietta, Shirley, Hugh, Milford, Virginia and Rosemarie. He is dearly loved by his surviving sister Beverly 'Kitsy' Wrightman. Many from the community will remember Jug from his love of all sports and activities including Euchre, Darts, Curling, Golf, Baseball as well as being the first Machine Shop Teacher at Walpole Island and being inducted into the Wallaceburg Sports Hall of Fame.

Family and friends are invited to gather for community visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) on Monday, March 2 from 5-8pm. His funeral will be held at the Walpole Island Sports Complex on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 1pm. Burial at Highbanks Cemetery to follow. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home
409 Nelson Street
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4G9 (CA)
(519) 627-3231
contact@cavanaghfuneralhome.ca
<https://www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca>

Funeral

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Walpole Island Sports Complex
770 Tecumseh Rd, Wallaceburg, ON
Walpole Island, ON N8A 4K9 (CA)

Tribute Wall



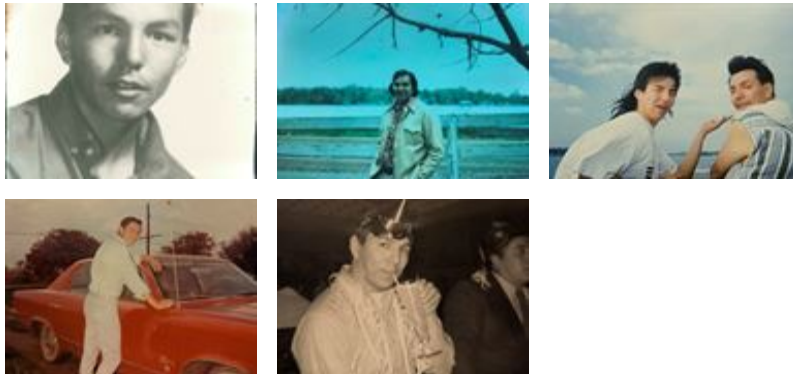
“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Benson Riley Sr.



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - March 04 at 11:58 AM



“ 166 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - March 04 at 11:51 AM



“ Rosie Fernandez lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



Rosie Fernandez - March 03 at 07:36 AM

JF

“ *Jack & Sharron Fox lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Jack & Sharron Fox - March 02 at 05:48 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Norma Authier - March 02 at 12:49 PM

JA

“ *Sincerest of Condolences to immediate family, extended family, friends, and communities.*



Jacobs-Wieschorster Family

Jacobs-Wieschorster - March 02 at 10:58 AM

CW

“ *It was a pleasure working with Benson, I loved our annual Christmas tree hunt when you were at MS-2. Thanks for all the laughs.*



Cynthia Woelfel - March 02 at 09:52 AM

RL

“ sorry for your loss



Rob Labadie - March 02 at 07:40 AM

MB

“ *Many hearts broke when we learned of your passing. You were one of a kind, Benson, an honorable man. We will miss you. We send our condolences to the family.*



Michelle, Steve, Linda, and Deanna.

Michelle Birtwistle - March 01 at 10:37 PM

DH

“ *Mary K Miron and I hung out with Jug and his friend Brian Williams one summer in about 1976 or so. Went to many ball games watching them play. I do have a funny memory of him and I hope I don't embarrass too many people by it. He had picked me up in his car and I was putting something away in his glovebox when I saw something and pulled it out. It was a roundish plastic cup and I asked what it was. It turned out to be a men's baseball protective cup. He quickly grabbed it and stuffed it under his seat. Mary K and Brian, in the back seat, had a good laugh. I was totally embarrassed but it was pretty funny at the time. He was a very sweet guy. I will remember him with a smile.*

Debbie Harning - March 01 at 10:06 PM

BT

“ Sorry to hear of his passing, Benson was one of a kind!



Bob Thomas - March 01 at 06:22 PM

JB

“ Always enjoyed curling with Benson. Great guy with a quiet sense of humour.



James J Blake - March 01 at 05:01 PM



“ Kristin Noble lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



Kristin Noble - March 01 at 01:09 PM

CA

“ My condolences and sympathies to Jug's family. He was a good, fun person I got to know back in our younger days in both sports and school. He will be remembered as one my friends I will miss.



Charles Altman - February 28 at 09:51 PM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Tim Bechard - February 28 at 08:02 PM

PI

“ *Baamaapii Pops .. a good man indeed.*

Pippen - February 28 at 06:19 PM

DH

“ *I remember Benson when he first started dating his future wife, Barbara. I met them in Toronto. From there met with the children as they came along. I look back at the pictures of his life with his family and think about how lives change and interact with those around them. Benson always had a sense of humor and I think he is now in a peaceful place. His children always showed much care for their father!*

Dawn Hill - Six Nations - Family friend and godmother to Geoffrey and Zach.

Dawn V. Hill - February 28 at 01:18 PM

CB

“ *Connie Blair lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Connie Blair - February 28 at 11:53 AM

TS

“ *Todd and Nancy Sharrow lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Todd and Nancy Sharrow - February 28 at 11:34 AM

DL

“ *My condolences* 🙏



Dave Low - February 28 at 11:10 AM

DS

“ *Darlene Shipman sent a virtual gift in memory of Benson Riley*



Darlene Shipman - February 28 at 09:59 AM

AC

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of your Father, sending love and hugs to you*



Aunt Chrissy & Uncle Chris - February 28 at 09:54 AM

TS

“ Tracy Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Benson Riley



Tracy Shaw - February 28 at 08:52 AM


George McGaffey

“ George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



George McGaffey - February 28 at 08:07 AM

M?

“ MelinaDuncan ♦♦Blackbird lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



MelinaDuncan □Blackbird - February 28 at 06:21 AM

VD

“ To the Riley family sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mike and Vicky Davis and family

Vicky Davis - February 28 at 03:04 AM

SU

“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



Sue - February 27 at 11:54 PM

LP

“ Lola and Matt Pamer lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



Lola and Matt Pamer - February 27 at 06:33 PM

CS

“ Chrissy Shawnoo lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley



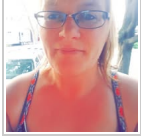
Chrissy Shawnoo - February 27 at 05:47 PM

VA

“ Condolences to the family of Benson Riley



Verlene Aquash - February 27 at 03:59 PM



“ *Nicole Roegiest lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Nicole Roegiest - February 27 at 03:40 PM

PL

“ *Pat&Gail Lucier lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Pat&Gail Lucier - February 27 at 02:43 PM

AW

“ *Angela White lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley*



Angela White - February 27 at 02:00 PM

MS

“ *I remember Jug in many different settings - always a fun time. Perhaps it is the times we played on the same co-ed team that I remember most. I think I named the team but somehow at our tournaments we were known at the Riley Team. We never went through the, "Come on it's Rally Time" - for us it was Riley Time. Condolences to family, friends, and community.*

Michel Sands - February 27 at 01:46 PM

JR

“ *Jay and Cecilia Rutter lit a candle in memory of Benson Riley* ”



Jay and Cecilia Rutter - February 27 at 01:34 PM