



## Riley Hall Exum

July 11, 1956 - February 27, 2016

Riley Hall Exum, 59, of Sweetwater left this earth for his Heavenly home on February 27, 2016. He was at home lovingly surrounded by his family. Riley was owner of Wright Hardware and Sweetwater Security. Riley was an avid boater and fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church of Athens, TN. Riley was a member of the Catholic Fraternal Service Organization, The Knights of Columbus Council #8396. He formerly served on the United Way Board of Monroe County, and he was a Troop Committee Member of Boy Scout Troop 98. Riley was instrumental in building the playground at Sweetwater Elementary School. He enjoyed his time coaching softball and soccer. Riley was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Exum, Jr.; sister, Joyce Exum Olson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law Maryann and John Shiff of Clarkston, MI; grandparents, Raymond & Mamie Hall Exum of Chattanooga, TN and Gladys and G.E. Inman of Cleveland, Ohio. Left to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 36 years, Debra (Debbie) Exum; of Sweetwater, mother, Ann Inman Exum; of Sweetwater, two sons, Andrew (Sarah) Exum of Arlington, TN, Joseph (Heather) Exum of Lenoir City, TN; daughter, Ashley (Douglas) Loomis of Dacula, GA; beloved grandchildren, Mary Katherine and Jack Loomis, Sean and Catherine Exum; brother J. Scott (Carol Ann) Exum of Escondido, CA; sister, Jennifer (Steve) MacKenzie of Stonington, CT; brothers-in-law, James (Julie) Shiff of Grafton, WI, John Michael Shiff of Euless, TX, Dean (Kelly) Shiff of Oxford, MI, sister-in-law

Kathy (John) Brenner of Eden, NY; nieces and nephews, Annie and Megan MacKenzie, Gena Murphy, Matt and Aaron Olson, Dillon and Abbie Shiff, David, Lauren, Anna and Emily Brenner, Samantha and Jacob Shiff, Alicia, Ethan and Noel Shiff.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. , at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1291 E. Madison Avenue, Athens, TN 37303, with Father: Randy Stice officiating. Burial will follow at Sweetwater Memorial Park. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR SWEETWATER CHAPEL  
PO Box 309, 113 W. North Street  
Sweetwater, TN 37874  
(423) 337-5033  
julie@kyker.net  
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Requiem Mass

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1291 E. Madison Ave.  
Athens, TN 37303

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *I love you papa,i hope you best in heaven. We love you so much.*

*From your dear granddaughter,Catherine ann exum,Cate*

**cate** - January 14, 2023 at 12:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



March 02, 2016 at 08:50 PM

TS

“ *I am so sorry Ashley for your loss I didn't know till it was too late I love you and am praying for you and your family .*



**Tracy Schmitt** - March 02, 2016 at 07:23 PM

FC

“ *Frieda Cansler lit a candle in memory of Riley Hall Exum*



**Frieda Cansler** - March 02, 2016 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ *The Choice Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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**The Choice Family** - March 02, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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March 01, 2016 at 10:02 PM

TO

“ *May the Good Lord bless and comfort your family during your time of loss. Tom Owen*



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**Tom Owen** - March 01, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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March 01, 2016 at 07:32 PM

SP

“ Sweetwater Powersports purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Riley Hall Exum.



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**Sweetwater Powersports** - March 01, 2016 at 04:36 PM

SC

“ Sweetwater Valley Collision purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Riley Hall Exum.



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**Sweetwater Valley Collision** - March 01, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.



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March 01, 2016 at 12:01 PM

JM

“ The family is in our thoughts and prayers  
Joe & Judy Molnar

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**Joseph Molnar** - March 01, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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March 01, 2016 at 10:37 AM

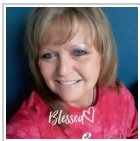


“ *Uncle George, Julie, Scott, Jay Shiff and Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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**Uncle George, Julie, Scott, Jay Shiff and Family** - March 01, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *Tammy Thomas Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Riley Hall Exum*



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**Tammy Thomas Bradshaw** - March 01, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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March 01, 2016 at 09:17 AM

LC

“ *Lance, Lisa, and Landon Copeland purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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**Lance, Lisa, and Landon Copeland** - March 01, 2016 at 08:49 AM

MI

“ *Marc Shomo and Orgill Inc. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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**Marc Shomo and Orgill Inc.** - March 01, 2016 at 08:48 AM

NP

“ *With love and much sympathy.. I pray the Lord will bless and comfort you...*



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**Nancy Plemmons** - March 01, 2016 at 08:15 AM

RP

“ *Richard & Nancy Plemmons lit a candle in memory of Riley Hall Exum*



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**Richard & Nancy Plemmons** - March 01, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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February 29, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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February 29, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ *The EPIC Brokers Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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**The EPIC Brokers Team** - February 29, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Love, Shaun and Bill Beardsley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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**Love, Shaun and Bill Beardsley** - February 29, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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February 29, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *Prayers for comfort and peace*

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**Sally Keele Poag** - February 29, 2016 at 05:04 AM



“ *Riley is synonymous with Wright Hardware. Without small businesses like this, Sweetwater wouldn't have its small town appeal. Your whole family has poured itself into our community over many years, through efforts to build up Main St, building up our school communities, and lending support to organizations like the Boy Scouts. It hasn't gone unnoticed. I'm so sorry for your loss, Debbie, Andy, Joey, & Ashley. May you find comfort in knowing that our little town loves you and grieves with you.*

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**tori clark** - February 28, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *Saddened by the passing of my friend and neighbor. Prayers to the family.*

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**Joe (Bucky) Loomis** - February 28, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Hall Exum.*



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February 28, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ *so sorry for your loss prayers for your family during this time .*



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**Jean Ann ,Danielle, Danny Blankenship** - February 28, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Riley will be missed. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sheri Kerns** - February 28, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Riley Exum. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,*

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**v. thompson** - February 28, 2016 at 05:17 PM

LR

“ There were so many times that Riley helped me find a part I needed. When I had serious problems with a water heater, well, etc. I could be confident that the problem would be solved with honesty and skill. Importantly, his skills were matched by friendship.

*Riley is being remembered and missed by many. Larry Ruebush*

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**Larry Ruebush** - February 28, 2016 at 04:09 PM

LB

*I loved his smile and giggle! I can hear it in my heart now.*

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**Louise Barnes** - February 28, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ Debbie, Andy, Joey and Ashley. I am so very sorry for the loss of your husband and father. Heaven has another angel. This angel will always be with you. He will always love and guide you. God bless all of you.

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**Janice LaPietra** - February 28, 2016 at 12:46 AM

LM

“ Our hearts are saddened. We will miss our dear friend. Riley. Love to Debbie and family.  
*Jim and Lorie Maerki*

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**Lorie Maerki** - February 27, 2016 at 09:25 PM

BR

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Exum family. I'm so very sorry for your loss.* ”



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**Brad** - February 27, 2016 at 08:18 PM

LO

“ *Riley was one of the first business owners I met in 1992 after moving to Sweetwater. Wright's Hardware might not always have the part I Needed for my project, but RILEY always had a good idea about how to get it DONE! And always with a big smile and that mischievous laugh. Miss you already, Bud. Requiescat in pacem.* ”

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**Larry Orr** - February 27, 2016 at 07:43 PM

TC

*Our little town would not be the same without businesses like Wright Hardware, because it takes dedicated families to run them. Riley was dedicated to keeping our small town as wonderful as it is by being invested in Main St., Boy Scouts, and much more. I am so saddened to hear of his passing, and I'm praying for Debbie, Andy, Joey, & Ashley as you mourn. May you be surrounded by the loving arms of our community during your time of loss.*

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**Tori Clark** - February 28, 2016 at 08:47 PM

ME

“ Please allow me to offer my condolences to the, Exum family, with these comforting words: “With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: “Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” And the One seated on the throne said: “Look! I am making all things new.” Also, he says: “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” - Rev. 21:3-5. This is the hope of the resurrection. I am very sorry for your loss. May God's Word comfort the, Exum family and all those who loved, Mr. Riley. Sincerely, Meryl

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**Meryl** - February 27, 2016 at 05:14 PM