



## Paul Christopher Riley

June 1, 1961 - June 6, 2023

Paul Christopher Riley, age 62, passed away suddenly on June 6, 2023. He was born on June 1, 1961, in Minneapolis, MN. Paul grew up in St. Louis Park, MN and lettered in football in high school. He joined the Army after high school and served three plus years, mainly in Germany. After the service he attended and graduated from ITT technology school and worked a couple of years as an electronic engineer. While in school he discovered his love of cooking, working at a restaurant in Vancouver, WA. He returned to Minnesota and worked for Bon Appetit, a food service company that ran and staffed cafeterias in businesses and schools. Bon Appetit sent him to open a cafeteria in Longview, TX. While in the south he met his wife, Morgan, at a trade show. They married and when he learned they had a baby on the way he was adamant it would be born in his beloved state of Minnesota. After he returned to Minnesota he worked in various Bon Appetit venues, Target Corp, Macalester College and lastly the University of Northwestern. He worked for Bon Appetit for 27 years, advancing to an executive chef position.

Paul is survived by his wife, Morgan; his son, Ian (9); parents, Tom and Nancy Riley; brothers, Michael (Patricia); Joseph (Laurie); aunt and uncle Leona and Peter Burge; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial Service 12:00 Noon Saturday July 1st with visitation beginning at 11:00am at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St., Edina.

Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to The Ian  
Riley 529 Educational Fund for Ian's education at <https://gofund.me/78fc1b75>  
[www.washburn-mcreavy](http://www.washburn-mcreavy)  
Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Memorial Service

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Graveside Service

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul Christopher Riley.

June 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Morgan and Ian,  
Our hearts are broken for you as you mourn the loss of your husband and father. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Paul will always be remembered, by those of us that grew up with him in SLP, as a really nice guy. BIG hugs to you both.  
-Kris and Mitch Hofstedt (SLP Classmates)

**Kris and Mitch Hofstedt** - June 15, 2023 at 07:16 AM



Morgan,

I was just informed today of your Husband's passing and am so sorry for your loss! Keeping you, Ian, and entire family in my thoughts and prayers!

Sincerely,

Tom Harris

**Thomas Harris** - June 21, 2023 at 03:35 PM



Thank you Tom

**Morgan A Riley** - June 29, 2023 at 09:00 AM



Thank you Kris & Mitch

**Morgan A Riley** - June 29, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Christopher Riley.*



June 14, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Keeping you in our hearts, Susan Davis and the Bon Appetit @ Best Buy Team*

**Susan Davis** - June 14, 2023 at 07:10 PM



*Morgan and Ian  
All our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are always here for you both*

**Eric/kelly slack johnson** - June 15, 2023 at 05:57 PM



*Thank you Kelly & Eric*

**Morgan A Riley** - June 29, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Paul and I came up through the ranks of Bon Appetit at the same time. He was part of one of the best crews I've ever worked with. Remembering him doing the "MC Hammer" dance in the kitchen still makes me laugh so hard! He was one of the good guys, always smiling and making the day better. My condolences to Morgan and Ian.*

**steven singleton** - June 14, 2023 at 01:19 PM



*Thank you Steven - this really means a lot*

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**Morgan A Riley** - June 29, 2023 at 09:02 AM