



Hugh Riley

November 29, 1928 - May 28, 2024

Hugh Riley, 95 of Ocean, New Jersey passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

Born Thursday, November 29, 1928 in Brooklyn, New York, Hugh was the son of the late Hugh F. and Mildred Riley.

Hugh was raised in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn. He was a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School. He was a member of the swim team and spent many years as a lifeguard at Rocky Point. After graduating high school, Hugh enlisted in the United States Army in 1946 and was stationed in Japan during his service and would earn an honorable discharge.

After his service, Hugh arrived home to continue his education earning his undergraduate degree, and then earning his Juris Doctorate from St. John's University. He would then begin a life long career as an attorney.

Through a friend Hugh would meet the love of his life, Geraldine Viso. The couple would begin a courtship that would lead to marriage. They resided in Queens and started a family of their own, eventually settling in Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Hugh continued to practice law in Freehold, NJ with his first partner, Howard

Kushner (Kushner and Riley) and then joined his longtime partner, Michael Gutman (Riley and Gutman).

When he wasn't working, Hugh enjoyed spending time at Monmouth Park and Saratoga Race Course. He was an avid reader of the New York Times and the New Yorker. Hugh was a diehard Brooklyn Dodgers fan and, along with all other Dodgers fans, was devastated when they left Brooklyn. He was a fan of the New York Mets and a longtime season ticket holder of the New York Jets. Music played a major role in his life; he loved jazz and enjoyed attending live music with his family.

After retirement Hugh and Geraldine moved to Ocean NJ to be closer to the shore, where Hugh loved going to the beach and walking the boards in Asbury Park. His favorite moments included spending time with his family and enjoying chardonnay, clams casino, and chocolate ice cream. He will be missed by all those that were blessed to have him in their lives.

Hugh was predeceased by his parents, Hugh F. and Mildred, and by his brother, Dick Riley and sister, Ann Nally.

Hugh is survived by his beloved wife, Geraldine, by his loving sons, Hugh and wife Karen, Gregory and wife Maria, and Kenneth and wife Joanna, and by his cherished grandchildren, Hugh and wife Grecia, Nicole, Owen, Maria, Sophia, and Charlotte..

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A prayer service will begin at 12:00 PM on Monday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service located at 3377 US

Highway 9 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

Burial will follow at Holy Cross Burial Park in Jamesburg, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
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Service

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JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Burial Park
840 Cranbury South River Rd
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Riley.

Carolyn D. - June 03, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hugh Riley.



June 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Karen, Ken and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Riley.

Karen, Ken and family. - June 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Anne Joe Cathy Mike purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hugh Riley.



Anne Joe Cathy Mike - May 31, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hugh Riley.



May 30, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ Love, Liz and Patty and the families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Riley.

Love, Liz and Patty and the families. - May 30, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ Janice and john. Stankewicz purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Hugh Riley.



Janice and john. Stankewicz - May 30, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ Janice and john. Stankewicz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hugh Riley.

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