

Remember Them Forever

Name: John Edward Riley

Birth: 02 July 1926
Bronx, New York

Death: 12 Sep 1969
Denton, Denton County, Texas

Cemetery: Prairie Mound Cemetery
Cemetery Location: 1006 4th Street
Argyle, TX 76226



Section: East, Block Q
Plot GPS: 33° 06' 30" N
97° 13' 32" W

Military: John served as a Tech Sergeant during WW II in the U.S. Army's 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, known as The Battling Buzzards. The 517th was an airborne regiment that endured heavy fighting from Italy through the invasion of Southern France, the bitter winter in the Ardennes, and the final thrust into Germany. John served in the Army from 27 Jan 1944 until 28 Nov 1946.

Civilian: John Riley passed away at just 43 years old from injuries sustained in an automobile accident south of Denton. Before his tragic accident, he was a professor at Texas Women's University. John earned his B.A. degree from Columbia University, his M.A. from the University of Connecticut, and his EdD degree at the University of Florida.

Family: James Riley and Edna Thomforde were John's parents.
John was married to Marily Ann Eaton in Scranton, Pennsylvania on 11 Mar 1952.
The Rileys had two sons and three daughters.

Sources: Ancestry.com; Find a Grave memorial #104728639; Wikipedia, "The 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team; U.S., Korean War Era Draft Registration Cards, 1948-1959; U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985; Newspapers.com, The Scranton Tribune, 11 Mar 1952; Newspapers.com, Denton Record-Chronicle, 14 Sep 1969, pg. 1

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