



Dan Merrell Riner

June 22, 1943 - September 29, 2018

Dan Merrell Riner, 75 of Springdale passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018 in Cabot, Arkansas. He was born June 22, 1943 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to David and Frances Wylie Riner.

Dan grew up in Lonoke and Carlisle and graduated from Carlisle High School. He served in the United States Navy. He graduated from Henderson State University and University of Arkansas Medical School in Little Rock. He practiced radiology for more than thirty years in Springdale and Siloam Springs. For the last fifteen years he has been a family practitioner and diagnostic radiologist in Springdale, Des Arc and Cabot. Dan has been described as a “dang genius”. He was well loved by his patients and was dedicated in his service to the community.

Dan was an avid Razorback fan. He loved cooking especially using his smoker. A grill, a T.V. and a patio made him happy. His other hobbies included boating on Beaver Lake. Soft spoken, Dan was a gentle soul, a good listener and interesting company. He was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church of Springdale where he served as President of the Board of Trustees and he was a member of the Springdale Rotary Club. Dan was compassionate whether working with patients, helping friends or spending time with family. He will be remembered for his welcoming nature.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Suzanne Riner; two sons, Matthew Riner and Thomas Riner, and one granddaughter, Alexis Riner.

He is survived by his wife Gay Riner of the home. He was the proud father of four children, Martha Bass and husband Keith of Woodbridge, VA and Elizabeth Splinter and husband Don of Springdale, Brandon Rinnert of Phoenix, AZ and Katy Collier and husband Alex of Springdale; one brother, David Riner and wife Sue of Plumerville, Arkansas, one sister, Rosalyn Peterson and husband Kim of Hot Springs; seven grandchildren, Shelby, Kate, Erin, Caleb, Cameron, Avery, Liza and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Springdale with Rev. Judy VanHoose, Rev. Andrew Thompson and Rev. Jen Ryerson officiating. Visitation will begin at 12:30 at the church.

Memorials may be made to Bread of Life, 208 W. Emma Ave., Springdale, Arkansas 72764 and Arkansas Family Health Foundation, 200 W. Race Street, Suite 201, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church

206 W. Johnson Ave.

Springdale, AR 72764

info@firstchurchspringdale.org

<http://www.firstchurchspringdale.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dan Merrell Riner*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



Melissa Woodard

“ *I just arrived here to the doctors office and found out my doctor has passed away. My heart is so sad. He was such a good man, who listened to me and treated me with the upmost respect. He was an encourager and gave great insight on my diagnosis. I'll never forget him ❤️ My prayers go out to his family in this time of a great loss..*

Melissa Woodard - October 20, 2018 at 03:30 PM



AS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Gay at this difficult time. May you find some peace remembering your good times with Dan.*

audrey sandore - October 10, 2018 at 08:04 PM



Becca Jane

“ *Becca Jane lit a candle in memory of Dan Merrell Riner*



Becca Jane - October 10, 2018 at 02:17 PM



TH

“ *Dr Riner was a very carrying and loving doctor to my daughter, who passed in April, .. As well , to me. My heart and prayers go out to his family ,friends and all the Staff he loved dearly. He is now with Heavenly Father with my Mariah. God bless*

Teresa Hunt - October 09, 2018 at 07:01 PM



JO

“ *Jana O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Dan Merrell Riner*



Jana O'Dell - October 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JO

Out of 3 doctors, he was the only one who suspected I had Rocky Mountain spotted fever in 2017. When he suggested it I just laughed and said, "No, I'm pretty sure it's just mono." So we did the spectrum of tick-borne illnesses lab work plus a mono test just for me. Dr. Riner himself called me a few days later to say, "It's RMSF."

I am so sorry for the family's loss and Arcare's loss of this caring man and doctor. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Jana O'Dell - October 07, 2018 at 11:46 AM

LM

“ *I was only a patient of his but I am devastated of his loss I can only imagine the pain the family is feeling.*

Jesus called and Dan answered!!! May you RIP

Lorri Delano McCall - October 06, 2018 at 11:09 PM

LO

“ *He certainly was one of the kindest men I knew. Gay, I know you must have shared many happy times together. So very sorry for your loss.*

*Lisa (Yeatman) Van Osch
and Julie Yeatman*

Lisa Yeatman Van Osch - October 06, 2018 at 07:09 PM

RC

“ *Dr. Riner was instrumental in helping my husband get his health to a better state. His genuine caring and compassion was so appreciated and will not be forgotten. With him as our Dr.it was a pleasure to go to an appointment. Our condolences and prayers to his family. We will miss him.*

Rebecca Cotton - October 04, 2018 at 10:47 PM

JS

“ *Gay, so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Sherri had posted it on FB. Our prayers with you and your family during this time.*

Joe Simmons - October 04, 2018 at 11:16 AM

MT

*Gay, Mike and I are so very sorry for your loss. May God grant you his peace during this very difficult time . Just know you will be in our thoughts and prayers in the now and in the days to come
Mike and Betty Nell*

Mke and Betty Nell Tatman - October 06, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MB

“ Dan was a role model as a parent. We first met Dan in the 80's as soccer parents. We had 2 boys in different age groups. So that meant 2 separate practices and 2 games every Saturday in Fall & Spring. Then we met Dan and Suzanne, who had all 4 children in soccer. Same with all other youth sports. Dan was always there and always helping.

His family is in our prayers. May you have peace and comfort in your memories.

Monty & Barbara Bell

Monty Bell - October 04, 2018 at 08:25 AM

 Tammy Hensley-Denny

“ He was the kindest man I've ever known. To know him was to love him. He will be greatly missed, but I'm at peace knowing where he is spending eternity. Until we meet again! Love ya Boss Man

Tammy Hensley-Denny - October 03, 2018 at 09:49 PM

WU

“ White House Medical Unit purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.



White House Medical Unit - October 03, 2018 at 07:23 PM

WT

“ Westridge Elementary Kindergarten team purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.



Westridge Elementary Kindergarten team - October 03, 2018 at 06:22 PM

TA

“ So sad that Dan has left us in the physical world however I am so thrilled that he is back with his family which is where his heart has always been. I know Suzanne, Thomas, Alexis, Matt, and so many more are rejoicing. Rest In Peace Dan.

tasha - October 03, 2018 at 01:37 PM

Y4

“ Your # 2 (Amy Sullivan) & ARcare 46 purchased the Lovely On e Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.



Your # 2 (Amy Sullivan) & ARcare 46 - October 03, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.



October 03, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.



October 03, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ Dr. Riner was my Dr in Cabot Ar. He was a very kind, smart, and funny. My deepest condolences to his family. He will be missed!!

Tony Violette - October 03, 2018 at 11:33 AM

JN

“ May God comfort you during this time Gay. We so enjoyed Dan and getting to know him. He will be missed at our gatherings. Prayers to you and yours.
Jaquita and Mark Neil

Jaquita Neil - October 03, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.



October 03, 2018 at 10:25 AM

TR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this time.*

Tom Reed

Tom Reed - October 03, 2018 at 09:58 AM

TB

“ *I have never been around Dan that he didn't make me smile. Truly a wonderful person. I am proud to be his cousin. I didn't see him often, but I will miss dearly as we all will.*

Tom Brown

Tom Brown - October 03, 2018 at 09:55 AM

ML

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences. Marilyn Lively*

Marilyn Lively - October 03, 2018 at 09:39 AM

KB

“ *I was so fortunate to have worked with Dr Riner in Augusta, Des Arc, and Cabot. He had such a sweet and gentle spirit and he will be greatly missed. Katina Briscoe*

Katina Briscoe - October 02, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.*



October 02, 2018 at 09:52 PM

CR

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. God's peace and comfort for you and your family. Connie Riner*

Connie Riner - October 02, 2018 at 09:04 PM

KM

“ *Gay and family, we are so very sorry for your loss of such a kind and loving man.*

Kenny & Debbie Mayes - October 02, 2018 at 06:11 PM

CE

“ *Cabot East purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dan Merrell Riner.*



Cabot East - October 02, 2018 at 06:08 PM