



## Merrill "JR" M. Ripley, Jr.

May 27, 1957 - March 9, 2016

Merrill "JR" M. Ripley, Jr., 58, of Murphysboro, passed away at 12:48 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at his residence in Murphysboro.

Merrill was born on May 27, 1957, in Fort Lauderdale, FL, to Merrill Ripley, Sr. and Betty (Neace) Ripley.

He had worked as a auto mechanic and owned operated Ripley's Automotive in Murphysboro, for at least thirty-five years.

Mr. Ripley was a very avid member of Sato Baptist Church.

Besides his parents of Murphysboro, he is survived by three children Richard Ripley of Murphysboro, Naureen Rendleman and her husband Anthony "Tony" Rendleman of Hickman, KY, and Allan Ripley and his wife April Ripley of Murphysboro;

his nephew that he loved like a son Logan Chronister and his fiancée Erin Tellor and their daughter Tarren Chronister, all of Murphysboro;

eight grandchildren Aspen Rendleman, Tyler Reed, Sarah Ripley, Adam Ripley, Maggie Ripley, Nicholas Ripley, Kaidyn Ripley, and Keegan Ripley;

one brother Daniel Ripley of Fort Walton, FL; one sister Susie Ripley of Oraville, IL;

one niece Amanda Riegger and her daughter Amber;

and a close friend who was like a brother Jim Foster of McCormick, SC.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, and his aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Don Caraway officiating. Burial at the Smith Family Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to the SIH Cancer Treatment Center at Carterville or Hospice of Southern IL, Inc. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Merrill "JR" M. Ripley, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Betty, Merrill and Family,*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Please be assured that you all are in my prayers. God Bless you all.*

*Joan Gibson  
(Barbara Neace's Mother)*

Joan Gibson - March 12, 2016 at 05:19 PM



“ *"Jr." & Mr. Ripley worked on our trucks for years.  
When we had transmission issues we always went to "Jr." I know that he would take care and fix our transmissions. Time has passed so quickly.  
HE was always polite and professional.  
Our thanks to Ripley's Auto for all of the years of reliability !  
God Bless to the Family -  
Berry Concrete  
Tim Berry*

Tim Berry - Berry Concrete - March 11, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of JR's passing. I didn't know him personally but know his grandkids. Prayers to the family.*

Michelle Morrison - March 10, 2016 at 07:14 PM

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“ We are very sorry to hear this. Jr was always quick to help out , we just had a "grip" talk not long ago about the woes of owning a repair shop. We will miss him. May you rest in peace Jr.

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**Michael and Yvonne Poston** - March 10, 2016 at 09:33 AM

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“ I am so glad that I was able to visit my cousin Jr. last week. I know in my heart that he is in heaven with all those we love and miss. He will be missed for now but one day we will all be rejoicing in heaven together. My prayers and love are with all of you.

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**Kathy Keeling** - March 10, 2016 at 09:01 AM