



## Elizabeth "Leah" Riley

November 20, 1934 - November 19, 2016

ADRIAN – Elizabeth “Leah” Riley, age 81 of Adrian, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Gaslight Village Assisted Living.

She was born November 20, 1934, in Zuilen, Netherlands, to Govert and Geertrudia (VanDee) Homburg. She graduated from high school and nursing school in the Netherlands where she worked as a nurse. Leah immigrated to the United States at the age of 19, and became a naturalized citizen in 1962. On May 7, 1955, she married Ernest Riley in Nevada, and he preceded her in death in 1985, having celebrated 30 years together.

She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints in Adrian. In addition to working at Bixby Hospital for 10 years, Leah also owned a motel at Evans Lake for a short time. She was a life-time member of the DAV Auxiliary, where she served as Past State Department Commander, and received many certificates recognizing her years of volunteer service at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

In addition to her good friends, David and Gloria Boozer, of Adrian, she is survived by a brother, Nicholas Homburg of Idaho, sister-in-law, Ellen Homburg of Colorado, step-brothers, John (Hedy), David (Lois), Donald, Kenneth (Willa), Daniel, and Keith (Lori) Forche, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, a brother, and step-son, Jeremy Riley.

Funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 23,

2016 at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m., where there will be a DAV service at 7 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Leah are suggested to the DAV Auxiliary Lenawee Unit 20. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "Leah" Riley

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Condolences to the Riley family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

Williams Family - November 30, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ Leah ❤️ I only knew you for a short time, but what a light you were in this world! You my fellow cat lady, and always had something cheerful to say and an encouraging word. Your presence is sorely missed, but I am SO happy your at peace ❤️ I'll love and cherish the fond memories we have together forever, and even now can hear your sweet, kind voice and feel your embrace as you smile down from me in heaven. I wish I could be had more time with you, as I always said when I had to leave to do my other duties, but you always understood, and welcomed be back with your huge smile and a loving " Hello girl!" I pocket your brain whenever I could, asked your advice, and will carry you forever in my heart. I wish I could've gotten your windmill lit for you, but now you are the light that's shining on us all❤️ I love you Leah, may you know the peace in heaven that you brought to us all here on earth.

Samantha Onisko - November 22, 2016 at 09:47 PM

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**Samm Onisko** - November 22, 2016 at 09:36 PM

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“ My mother Ella Barnhart was a good friend of Leah's. I am very sorry to hear of her passing. Her family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Art Barnhart** - November 22, 2016 at 11:24 AM