



## Riley Dean Bennett

January 20, 2008 - December 25, 2025

With unimaginable heartbreak, we share the passing of Riley Dean Bennett, age 17, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, who died on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

Riley was born on January 20, 2008, in Cape Girardeau to Eric (Ashley) Bennett, Jessica (Robert Pinkley) Simmons.

Riley was compassionate, independent, and unmistakably himself. He was thoughtful and observant of others' emotions and feelings, often noticing what people needed without being told. He had a sharp sense of humor and an endless desire to make others laugh - always cracking jokes and trying to bring a smile to those around him.

Riley was a student in trade school, working toward a future in carpentry and truss work, something he was proud of and excited to pursue. He enjoyed being with friends, listening to music, and had a strong interest in cars.

He is survived by his parents, Eric (Ashley) Bennett, Jessica Simmons, and Robert Pinkley; his brothers, Ethyn Bennett, Breydon Peterson, and Lukas Simmons; his sisters, Emma Bennett, Arianna Peterson, Bella Bennett, and Peighton Bennett; and his grandparents, Earl (Kim) Bennett, Dara (Tim) Drury, and Dawn Carlson, along with many extended family members and friends.

Riley was deeply loved, and his presence will be missed beyond words. His laughter, his kindness, and the way he made people feel seen will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

We love now and forever, sweet boy.

A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ one time we were all sitting at osage after it rained, and there was a huge puddle in the grass and we dared him to drive through it not knowing he actually would 🤪.

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