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With heavy hearts, the family of George Farid Riachy (Ritchey), 66, of Zanesville, Ohio, announces his peaceful passing to eternal life on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at The Ohio State Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital.

George was born on October 18, 1958, in Kaa-el-Rim, Zahle, Lebanon, to Farid K. Riachy and Sit-El-Ekhwi E. (Alam) Riachy. On August 13, 1987, he married Mona L. (Saliba) Riachy, and together they built a loving home, raising four sons with care and devotion. George held a deep and abiding love for his homeland, cherishing the values and traditions of Lebanon, which he proudly carried with him and lovingly passed on to his children.

A talented and hardworking multi-skilled tradesman, George was known for his ability to repair, build, and improve nearly anything. He applied his craftsmanship with precision and passion. Consistently motivated by a desire to resolve issues and assist others, George's work reflected his thoughtfulness and unwavering commitment to excellence. He was a faithful member of both Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church and St. Nicholas Catholic Church, where his spirituality was both nurtured and strengthened.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mona; his four sons: Farid, Elie, Ramy, and George, all of Zanesville; his cherished mother, Sit-El-Ekhwi Riachy of Zanesville; two brothers, Nadim (Lisa) Ritchey and Wadih (Rose) Riashi, both of Zanesville; and three sisters: Zahia (George) Kfoury of Kaa-el-Rim; Lyla (David) Merz of Columbus; and Ferial (Matthew) Piroch of Butler, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and extended family both locally and overseas.

In addition to his father, George was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, David Merz Jr., as well as several beloved aunts and uncles.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, July 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 935 East Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio, where the Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 11:00 a.m., with Fr. Stephen Ondrey as celebrant, followed by burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

To send condolences or sign the online register book, please visit www.hillisco.mbsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

Previous Events

A Gathering of Friends and Family

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
925 Main St.
Zanesville, OH

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ Love Phil Teresa Dominic, Alex Sadie and purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of George F. Riachy (Ritchey).



Love Phil Teresa Dominic, Alex Sadie and - July 18, 2025 at 10:46 AM

KU

“ There are not enough kind words to describe this beautiful soul.
My mom and dad lived right across the street from Ritcheys grocery store on Luck Ave. We were always in the store buying something, I don't know of any time that it wasn't a pleasure to see George and talk with him, he was way more than a store owner, he was a friend and I could honestly say he was like family. My parents loved him and my son thought the world of him. I always enjoyed his conversations and his laughter. I know I am definitely not alone by saying he will be missed by many people and touched so many lives with his friendship and his kindness.
Rest in Heaven beautiful soul, you will be missed and never forgotten.
When you see Bob and Betty my parents, give them a big hug from me.
The Stevens family



Kimberly Stevens Untied - July 14, 2025 at 10:15 PM

BS

*Nadim,
I am so sorry for your loss. George was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. I pray for peace and comfort during this most difficult time. 🙏❤️🙏*

Brenda Gatten French Schaumleffel - July 16, 2025 at 10:01 PM

SB

“ I lived on Ayers Street for many years growing up in Zanesville and I had family on Luck Ave, so my family and I shopped there regularly. There was never a time we weren't welcomed with open arms and absolute generosity! George was truly a gem to the community he served. We will always love and appreciate him and his family. Sending prayers for comfort and strength. Thank you all for the many wonderful memories. 🙏👍

Shala Brent-Willis - July 14, 2025 at 09:55 PM

AS

“ He was an amazing person he kept us going and always looked out for us! He will be missed

Audrey Spencer - July 14, 2025 at 09:45 PM

SO

“ George was a blessing to the community he served. He was always kind and pleasant. He was always nice to my kids Isaiah and Isaac Thomas. Mr. George and his corner store was a Pilar in the Luck Ave. community.

sharla owens - July 14, 2025 at 06:17 PM

NI

“ George was a big part of luck he watched me grow up sending many prayers out to Mona and the boys 💙💙

nikki - July 14, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LA

“ George was apart of my childhood! I lived on Luck Ave and as a kid with my mother would walk down to Richey’s to visit George. He was such a sweet man and always looked out for us kids. I know we all have great memories from going into the store. Rest in peace George : ❤️ 🙏 praying for his lovely wife an family



Lamont - July 14, 2025 at 05:05 PM

HS

“ Dearest Mona, Farid, Elie, Ramy, and George, We are so very sorry for your loss, and we deeply share your pain. Our hearts ache for you, and we wish we could be by your side in these difficult moments. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. All our warm condolences, and may he rest in peace.



With love,
Habib, Nayla, and Elias Saliba

Habib, Nayla and Elias Saliba - July 14, 2025 at 04:27 PM

FL

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Fantasha Longs - July 14, 2025 at 02:33 PM

KS

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Ammo Georges. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. My own father often spoke so highly of him and always shared how close they were — he had so much respect and admiration for him. He was truly a wonderful person, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. May he rest in peace.
Khalil Jean Saliba

khalil Saliba - July 14, 2025 at 11:39 AM

TG

“ Mona and family, I am sorry about the passing of George, he was and will always be one of the best! The neighborhood hasn't not been the same since the store closed! Thank you for all the memories and treating all of us like family! May you find peace and comfort and we all will be saying prayers for you and your family! Again thank you for everything



Talisha Grimes - July 14, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TS

To My Dear Friend Mona,

What s blessing to have known you and George and your family. Our lives were the better for knowing you and we have many fond memories of visiting you both and your children at Richey's Store. Thank you for your friendship and for treating our family just like your family. We will never forget you George Riachi and we will keep checking on Mona and praying for her and your sons. Phil and Teresa Sims and family

Teresa Sims - July 18, 2025 at 10:53 AM