



Riley Tuyet Demich

January 31, 2023 - October 28, 2023

Riley Tuyet Demich, 9-month-old infant daughter of Michael Demich and Bong Nguyen passed away Saturday October 28, 2023 at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her maternal grandparents Bien Nguyen and Bao Vo, paternal grandparents Raymond & Irene Demich and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Riley was born with a very rare and life-threatening congenital birth defect that prevented her from safely leaving the hospital. She spent her entire life in the intensive care unit battling illness and health issues until her defect was finally repaired in a complex and lengthy surgery at Cincinnati Childrens Hospital in May of this year.

Riley was known for her toughness, resilience, and sassiness. At only a few months old, she battled and overcame recurrent pneumonia, serious blood infections, and ten days on life support. Even through all the adversity that she was faced with, she managed to always keep smiling. She was well known for the big toothless grins she would hand out to everyone she met.

Despite never leaving the hospital and being unable to meet most of her family and friends, Riley was still so loved by everyone and will forever remain in our hearts.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday November 4, 2023 from 1:00-4:00 pm .at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 341 Erkenbrecher Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Riley was such a beautiful and special baby! I will never forget her smile and how she made me feel when she did smile. I'm praying for the two of you. You are both amazing parents, and we're all truly broken to hear this news.

Asia - November 11, 2023 at 02:21 PM

KW

“ I am so heart broken for you Michael and Bong. Also can not believe that beautiful girl is gone. Caring for her was such fun and a pleasure. She had such a great personality despite what we asked of her. Her smiles lit up my day. She will be missed but never forgotten. She was truly an original sweetheart. Thinking of you and sending my love. Kerry

kerry White - November 09, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



November 04, 2023 at 09:00 AM

CL

“ Sending all of our love to Michael, Aryn, Ray, and Irene. The day we met Riley was truly special. There are so many beautiful pictures of Riley with such a contagious smile that warmed so many people's hearts. We were all on this journey with Riley, and she was loved immensely. Always know that we are holding you close in our thoughts, and prayers. Aunt Cheryl & Uncle Schlitzzy.

Cheryl A Litz - November 03, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



November 03, 2023 at 07:10 PM

SC

“ Taking care of Riley and getting to know her during her time at Cincinnati Children's was such a privilege and honor. She was so incredibly strong (an attribute she clearly got from her amazing parents). Her smile was contagious. I will be continuously thinking of you guys and wishing you peace. Please know that your sweet girl will always be remembered.



Sophia Chandler

Sophia Chandler - November 03, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.*



November 03, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *It was such an honor to be able to care for Riley during her time in Cincinnati. She was such a beautiful baby and you were truly amazing parents for Riley. I wish your family the best in this incredibly difficult time.*

Daniel Swarr - November 03, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.*



November 03, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *The Martin, Berdine and Cosentino Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.*

The Martin, Berdine and Cosentino Family - November 03, 2023 at 01:50 PM

WG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, did not know her but it sounded she was a fighter, wish could say the words to help you all through this Wayne/Julene Gauman from Morningside God bless you.

Wayne Gauman - November 03, 2023 at 01:45 PM

VM

“ Vlad & Anca Muresan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

Vlad & Anca Muresan - November 03, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



November 03, 2023 at 11:32 AM

SU

“ I only had the pleasure of taking care of Riley a few times. Her smile absolutely lit up the room. I will hold her and her family in my heart.

Susan - November 03, 2023 at 12:10 AM

MH

“ Sweet and sassy Riley girl. I will truly never forget you. Just being around you could make anyone smile. Bong and Michael, the strength, advocacy and unending love you provided to Riley truly made every difference. Walking alongside your family during your NICU journey at CCHMC was a distinct privilege in my career. Sending you both all of my love and sympathy.

Molly Haycraft - November 02, 2023 at 02:30 PM

CL

“ Riley was my first primary baby, and I loved being able to care for her every shift for 3 months. I looked forward to coming into work every night and picking out her PJs and matching quilt. She would always stare up at her mobile until I turned it on and she loved looking at her fish tank! She loved head rubs and chest pats. She was such a smart, strong, sweet, sassy girl. She taught me a lot, and I will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Bong and Michael.

Christine Lankford - November 02, 2023 at 10:39 AM

LI

“ Michael and Bong I am saddened to hear of Riley's passing. You were amazing parents and always advocating for your sweet girl. My thoughts are with you. Lisa M. caregiver education coordinator CCHMC

Lisa - November 02, 2023 at 10:14 AM

LD

“ My smiley Riley! I'll never forget the first time I was assigned to her! I knew right then I was going to join her care team and I am so glad I did. To know Riley was to absolutely adore her! She was one tough little cookie and she proved that over and over again. She had the most amazing parents by her side every step of the way which is why she was the most appropriate and smiley baby ever! Bong and Michael, thank you for letting me be a part of your journey! All she ever knew was love and that is solely because of you guys. You all will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers and I'll carry Riley around in my heart, always!

LeAnna Deaton - November 02, 2023 at 10:13 AM

AD

“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel at the loss of your beautiful and courageous daughter. Please know that you guys are the nothing short of amazing, being there continuously for your little girl, fighting and advocating for her every step of the way. Her smile was absolutely contagious and I feel so humbled and privileged to be even a small part of the medical team who got to take care of her. Her life, even though seemingly short, was momentous and grueling, but despite this she managed to take things in stride, stay happy, and bring light into every person's heart who took care of her. Please know that I am praying for you and your family for healing and hope your sweet memories carry you through.

With love,
Dr. Amy DiMarino

Amy DiMarino - November 02, 2023 at 09:49 AM

RL

“ I always looked forward to seeing Riley, even on her hard days. She may not have been her happy smiley self, but she would hold my hand so tight and look directly at me. She taught me a lot, and I have thought about her (and her pigtails) often. I will always remember her and the tremendous love her parents had for her.



Rachel Leitsinger - November 02, 2023 at 08:29 AM

LD

Her pigtails were the best!!

LeAnna Deaton - November 02, 2023 at 11:16 AM

AG

“ Amy Gilday lit a candle in memory of Riley Tuyet Demich



Amy Gilday - November 02, 2023 at 08:28 AM

AG

"Friends" so sorry to hear about Riley, my thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Amy Gilday - November 02, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



November 02, 2023 at 01:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.*



November 01, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.*



November 01, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.*



November 01, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.*



November 01, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

November 01, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ Bryan K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

Bryan K. - November 01, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



November 01, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Suraj P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

Suraj P. - October 31, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ Jennifer T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

Jennifer T. - October 31, 2023 at 06:30 PM

LP

“ Love, Ray and Joan Pinkerton purchased the Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



Love, Ray and Joan Pinkerton - October 31, 2023 at 02:43 PM

TD

“ The Finance Department purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



The Finance Department - October 31, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

October 31, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

October 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



October 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Riley Tuyet Demich.

October 31, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



October 31, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Riley Tuyet Demich.



October 31, 2023 at 10:49 AM