

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Pallbearers

Bruce Riley Dirk Guy Willie Paul Riley III
Greg Holmes

Floral Bearers

Emperess Guy Majesty Matthews


Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Willie Riley Jr. would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness during this difficult time. We are grateful to the many friends and family who have shown support and sympathy during our loss. May God continue to watch after you and keep you safe.


-Margaret Riley and Family

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*In
Loving
Memory of*



Mr. Willie Riley, Jr.
Saturday, July 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
Reverend Johnny Gibbs, Officiating

Obituary of Mr. Willie Riley, Jr.

Mr. Willie Riley, Jr. was called home to be with the Lord on June 21, 2023, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was born on January 7, 1953, in Brooklyn, New York, to Willie and Margaret Riley. He was a graduate of Erasmus Hall High School, class of 1971. After graduating he attended Queens Community College. Mr. Riley was employed with and retired from U.S. Postal Service, in New York. After retiring he relocated to Florida, where he later retired from the South Florida State Hospital. After his retirement, he worked at the Big Easy Casino in Florida.

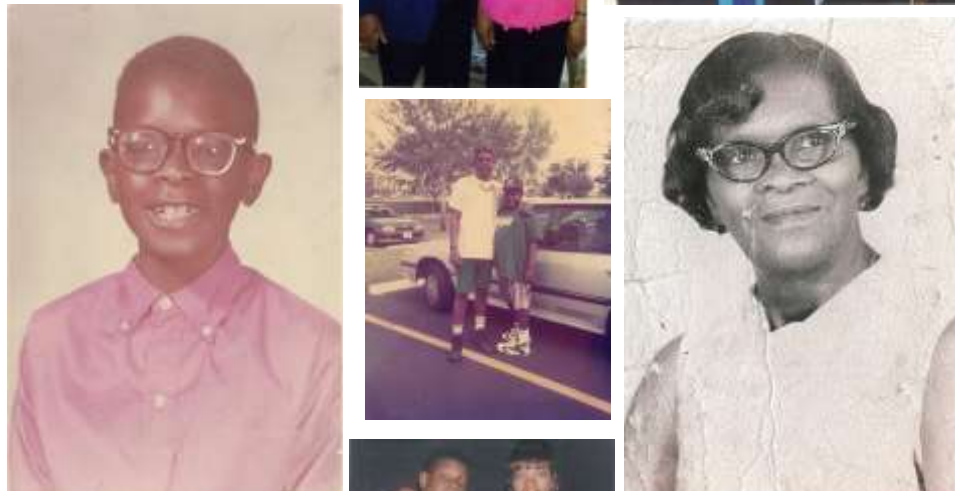
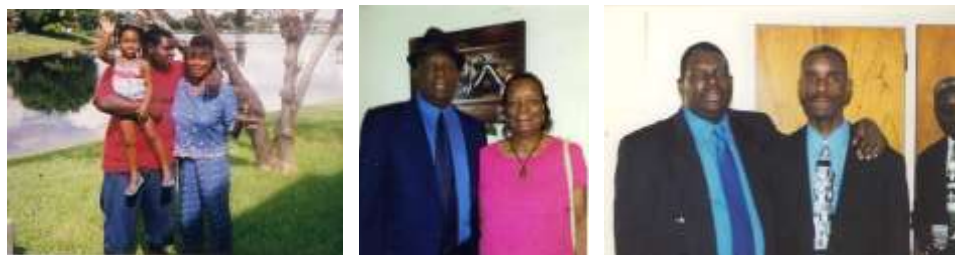
In his spare time, Mr. Riley pursued his passion for photography, basketball, and spending time with friends. He was a family man, who cherished his time with his children, grandchildren, brother, and mother.

Willie was a beloved father, son, brother, and friend to all who knew and loved him. Though his life on this earth has ended, we find solace in knowing his new journey has begun and he will continue to live forever in the hearts of those who loved him dearly.

Those left to cherish his precious memory and unlimited love are: his two sons, Willie Paul Riley III (FL) and Dirk Guy (FL); two granddaughters, Emperess Guy and Majesty Matthews; his beloved mother, Margaret Riley (Columbia, SC); brother, Bruce Riley (Columbia, SC); former wife and dear friend, June Riley; four first cousins, Charles Bolton Jr. (NY), Yvonne Bolton (NY), Kelvin Bolton (NY), Marie Drayton (SC); three sisters-in-law; a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Mr. Riley was preceded in death by: his father, Willie Riley, Sr.; and uncles, Andrew Bolton and Charles Bolton.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Scriptures Reading.....Deacon Roosevelt Bennett
Old and New Testament
- Prayer.....Pastor Wes Caldwell
- Selection.....Fellowship Baptist Church Choir
- Reflections.....Deacon Darnell Crowell, *Friend*
Ms. Tawsha Prioleau, *Cousin*
- Musical Selection.....Musician
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Johnny Gibbs
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

