



Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.

June 17, 1952 - January 2, 2025

RILEY, Mr. James Ray - Age 72, passed away Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Henry Ford Genesys. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Every Nation Church, 429 Nb Chavez Dr. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mr. Riley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tuesday. Services will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube at: everynationagflint. Mr. James Ray Riley Sr. was born June 17, 1952 in Jackson, Mississippi, the son of R.K. Riley and Josie Mae Allison. His family moved to Flint, Michigan in the late 50's. James was raised to worship the Lord at a early age. James married Sarah Amos in the early 70's where they had three daughters. A decade later, from the union with Valerie Ward, three children were born. James was employed at Hamady Bros., New Paths, and McLaren-Flint. He also became the Sheriff in Coyle, OK. The job he loved the most was being the Head Security Officer of the Flint Beecher School System. After decades of service he finally retired.

James loved to volunteer and participate in food drives where he could help and share with others. He loved his church home at Every Nation Assembly of God Church. James had so much respect for his two pastors. After some health challenges, he had to move to a rehabilitation center at Medilodge of Grand Blanc. He really enjoyed his stay there. James became the Council President and he took his position seriously. Mr. James Ray Riley Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: 3 daughters, Kendra (Charles) Lewis, Yukilah Riley and

Jamie Riley, all of Flint; 2 sons, James (Laureene) Riley Jr. and Clayton (Lily) Riley of Ohio; step-daughter, April Ward of Flint; sister, Kathy (Robert) Thompson of Grand Blanc, MI; brother, Billy Riley of Las Vegas, NV; 33 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews including special nephew, Larry Carr; a host of other relatives and friends. Mr. Riley was preceded in death by his wife, Valerie Riley; daughter, Cherisse Riley; grandson, Kwame Riley; parents, R.K. Riley and Josie Mae Allison; sister, Margaret Ann Thompson; and cousin, C.B. Allison

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN **14**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Every Nation Assembly of God
429 Nb Chavez Dr
Flint, MI 48503
(810) 234-6246

Funeral Service

JAN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Sending condolences to the family of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr. We're going to miss seeing and speaking with him. Our prayers go out to the family. May God bless each and every one.

Shirley Earnest & Jacques - January 15, 2025 at 10:28 AM

SG

“ Shawnda Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.



Shawnda Gaines - January 15, 2025 at 08:40 AM

LL

“ Our prayers and love ate with you all. Love, Howard and Lila Lipscomb



Lila Lipscomb - January 15, 2025 at 08:28 AM

JJ

Thank you so much

James Riley jr - October 20, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SR

“ Always so kindsending my condolences to the family



Sherry Ross - January 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

ST

“ SHALONA THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.



SHALONA THOMAS - January 14, 2025 at 03:14 PM

AC

“ Riley family and loved ones, you all have our condolences. Continued prayers from the Cohn family.



Arthur Cohn - January 14, 2025 at 08:04 AM

LA

“ Lois A.Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.



Lois A.Cunningham - January 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ *Jacqueline Bridges lit a candle in memory of James Riley*



Jacqueline Bridges - January 13, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr..*



January 13, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *We will truly miss Mr. J.Riley. Thanks for the laughs. Reminiscing, encouragement, prayers and tears of joy. Jackie and Kim*



Kim T. - January 12, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ *I'm going to miss my Daddy. Please say a prayer for me and our family.. I just don't understand we talked the night before you asked me for some pickle loaf and some Tide pods. I'm so sad, I just don't understand.. 🥹😞*

Kendra - January 11, 2025 at 10:24 PM

KF

“ Rest In Peace Brother James Riley. Growing up at Florida Street Church of God you kept everybody laughing. Especially when it came time to say our speeches. You were such a fun person. I thank God for you and your Family. You all meant so much to the Pasadena Church Family. Sis Kathy you have my prayers and sympathy. You have been so strong for a lot of people. You are an absolute blessing to all of us who know you. Your very kindhearted and loving. I admire you so much. Keep trusting the Lord, once again he's going to see you through. Love you always.



Kidd Family - January 11, 2025 at 01:12 PM

BD

“ Knew he and his brother Billy from Fairview Elementary. Condolences for the family



Bobie Holmes Douglas - January 11, 2025 at 12:05 AM

TG

“ Rest Mr. Riley we work a lot of Years together at Beecher Now You can Rest. Prayers sent to all the Family at this time. From Tony Gonzalez and Family

Tony Gonzalez - January 10, 2025 at 06:04 PM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.*



Tresia Givens - January 10, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JM

“ *I am the activities director here at medilodge of grand blanc and in the short time i have been here i got to know James and he was very helpful to me he always greeted me with a smile and he always said good morning miss Jamie he was a good resident council president and i will always be grateful for his help. sending you all my prayers and condolences to you all.*

Jamie McSkulin - January 10, 2025 at 03:11 PM

KW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Riley was a great security officer during my time at Beecher schools. Condolences 🙏🙏*

Kathy Watkins - January 10, 2025 at 12:44 PM

NL

“ *Nichole Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.*



Nichole Lewis - January 10, 2025 at 12:15 PM

PN

“ Patricia Newton-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.



Patricia Newton-Moore - January 09, 2025 at 10:51 PM

ST

“ Our condolences to you and your family!
Quatrail and Sha'Lona Thomas



Shalona Thomas - January 09, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JF

“ Jody Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.



Jody Franklin - January 09, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr..



January 08, 2025 at 03:04 PM



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

January 08, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ TO MY Brother not Brother -n-law first kiss my sister Val for me and to my Nieces and Nephews u have my deepest condolences to the grandkids make ur papa and grandma proud keep ur hands in God's Hands and Words so that u will see them again much Love Auntie Gail



Gail Brydson-Thomas - January 07, 2025 at 08:43 PM



Thank you auntie

James Riley jr - October 20, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ray Riley Sr.



Tamora Watson - January 07, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Jody Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of James Riley



Jody Franklin - January 05, 2025 at 03:58 PM

DS

“ Mr. Riley became a good friend to me and my niece in 2022. When my husband and Mr. Riley were both in Medilodge Nursing Home. He would always check on my husband when I wasn't there. He would always make sure my husband was being well cared for. My husband passed away in 2023 and me and my niece kept visiting Mr. Riley. He was such a good friend. He will be missed. My only reason for going back to Medilodge was to enjoy Mr. Riley company. He was so kind. Mr. RILEY thankyou for being my friend. While my husband was there from 2022-2023, you made my coming there bearable. I will never forget you!! DeLisa Sweeney.

DeLisa A. Sweeney - January 04, 2025 at 08:30 PM

PA

“ James is playing bingo in Heaven with Val.
!!Love to his entire family.



PALA - January 03, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ Sonny,Curtis,Jamie,April,all the grandchildren and family of James you all have my deepest sympathy. May God give you comfort and fond memories to lighten your hearts during this transition.



A - January 03, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JH

I met Mr Riley at the nursing home when I was visiting my daughter there.

He helped me with a lot and introduced me to all the important people there. He also made time to check on my daughter and he helped so many people there

He made sure people could learn about Jesus and was so nice. When my daughter told me he had died, my heart was broken

He seemed to be fine a couple a months ago

I pray this will draw his family to the Lord Jesus Christ

John Henry Henderson - January 11, 2025 at 06:01 PM