



## Sereetha Riley

October 4, 1937 - September 7, 2010

RILEY, Mrs. Sereetha V. - Age 72, passed away Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI. Family hour 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 11, 2010 at New Beginnings Ministries, G-5227 Beecher Rd., with funeral service commencing at 10 a.m., Apostle Clarence Lewis officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Riley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Sereetha V. Riley was born October 4, 1937 in Marks, Mississippi, the daughter of Zee Pee and Isadora Vaughn. Sereetha was a resident of Flint Township and a member of New Beginning Ministries. She earned her B.A. from Alcorn State University and two Masters from Eastern Michigan University. Mrs. Riley taught in the Flint Community Schools for 42 years at Dort, Cook, Civic Park and Brownell Elementary Schools. She enjoyed traveling, reading, shopping and cooking for family. Mrs. Sereetha V. Riley leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, LaGretta R. Riley-Ayers and Cassandra D. Riley; son, Melvin C. Riley, Jr.; 7 grandchildren, Brad and Brandon Riley, Mehgan Hart, Austin Michael Riley, Lauren Tyler-Riley, Justin Swims and Blair Riley; 3 sisters, Lucy Myricks, Isadora "Dorothy" Hall and Emma Jean Thompson; 2 brothers, James and Clarence Vaughn; 3 nieces, Lorraine Vaughn, Gwen and Shari Thompson; 4 nephews, Keith Myricks, Ken Myricks, Clarence Vaughn, Jr. and James Vaughn; 2 aunts, Mattie and Mary Wilson; uncle, James Wilson; cousin,

Clarissa Sumrall; 5 sisters-in-law; 7 brothers-in-law; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, John Ayers, Andre Smith, Mary Lou Plemmons, the Tinnin, Strozier and Ready for the World families and co-workers. Mrs. Riley was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin C. Riley, Sr.; and parents. The family would like to express special thanks to Apostle Clarence Lewis and the New Beginning Ministries Church family, Heartland Nursing staff, Okemos Rehabilitation, Hurley Medical Center staff, Comfort Keepers and the Flint Board of Education.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sereetha Riley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To The Family of Mrs. Riley:*

*Mrs. Riley was my 3rd grade school teacher whom I adored. She was such a classy lady and she always acknowledged me as her little girl even when I became older. I remember always going to her home playing with her kids when I was young and the love she shared with them and with me. My heart is broken knowing that my former 3rd grade school teacher has passed away. I will greatly miss her and I know she is smiling down on her kids and grand kids. May God comfort you during this difficult time. I will keep the family in prayer.*

**Patricia Barker** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *LaGretta Sandy and Melvin, truly my prayers are with you. Your mother was a wonderful mother, woman, and teacher. I can remember so many memories of her as we were growing up. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

*The comfort of God help you during this difficult time. Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel. And no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in my every thoughts and prayers.*

**Yvette Gayden Martin** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Sandy, LaGretta, Melvin, Megan, Bradd and Brandon,

*I am sorry to hear of your Mother's/Grandmother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I didn't know your Mother well, but am impressed with the great children she raised. Take care.*

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**Colleen Everett** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Cassandra, Brent and I would like to express our sincere sympathies at this time of your mothers passing. As we have never met your mother, we are sure she was a wonderful person reflected by the wonderful daughter she has raised. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Take care of yourself

*Brent and Camelia Webb*

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**Brent and Camelia Webb** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sandy, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your daughter at this very difficult time,If there is anything I can do please let me know. You have been a dear friend for years,I have never met your mother but I am sure you are just like her which makes her caring,loving and thoughtful, all the traits she has passed to you. May God be with you and your family, you are in my prayers, my friend. Love Tammy

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**Tammy Fillmore** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Cassandra, we are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of your mom. We will always be here for you....if you need anything let us know....*  
*lyn, cecille, rick, flora, reg, emily*

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**Lyn Stuart** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Sandy and family,*  
  
*We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. You are all in our prayers during this difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Gwenn, Dave, Michael, Liam and Kevin McAuliffe*

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**Gwenn & David McAuliffe** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Welove you and will miss you dearly. Thank-you for being a influnce in my life and my childs. And also thank-you for teaching me how to make the cornbread. LOVE YOU REE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Sue, Kesia, and J'lisa.*

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**Sue and Jlis'a Turner** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Mrs. Riley was a wonderful educator and a beautiful spirit. I worked with her for approximately 15 years and she became my mentor. She was a quiet storm! Her commitment to excellence in educating children will always be remembered. I called her foxy brown! She the same caring person everytime I saw her. She always shared with me her love for her children and grandchildren. I use to tell her, "Mrs. Riley when I grow up I'm gonna be just like you". She would laugh and say, "Naw, I'm gone be like you". I would often say Mrs. Riley you trying to get a boyfriend cause you looking to good to just be coming to work". She would always say, "Aww these old clothes, nobody don't want no old lady like me". Mrs. Riley will always be in my thoughts. My prayers are with the family as I know this is a TREMENDOUS loss. Mrs. Riley was my hero.

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**Alicia Payton** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ To Melvin, LaGretta, Cassandra & Family. I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your mom, but know she is in the best place of all and that is in the House of the Lord Almighty I'm sure. My prayers go out to you and the entire family.

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**Lyz Wilkins** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Please find comfort in the great life Mrs. Riley has lived. We will see her again on that great getting up day. Saint don't die they sleep. Rest in peace, Mrs. Riley

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**Melody** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*Michelle Haughton*

*Our prayers are with you in this time of need.*

*Jill REilly*

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**Michelle Haughton** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *LaGretta, Sandy, and Melvin, we are so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was an incredible woman who has touched the lives of many. We regret that we are unable to say good-bye in person. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your families always.*

*Love,  
Tonya, CJ, and Xidne Jackson*

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**Tonya, CJ, and Xidne Jackson** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Sorry to hear about your mom's passing . I really enjoyed taking care of her while she was at Hurley Hospital. She was a sweet person. My prayers are with the entire family.*

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**Candia Payne** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Our hearts are saddened for you during this difficult time of transition. For we are aware that there are no words that can truly comfort you at this time, so we commend you to the only wise God, who is able to heal your hearts and keep you in perfect peace. In addition, we are so very grateful that because you know Him, you too shall see your "loved one" again. May the grace of God wrap you with love and enable you to endure. With our deepest regrets and sympathy.

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**Pamela J. Powell** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To the Riley Family, we the Moore children want to express our deepest sympathy for the lost of Mrs. Riley. We remember her beautiful face and smile, in the halls of Dort. You have our prayers. Hold to God unchanging hand. Allow him to lead and guide you.

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**Doris Moore-White** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM