



*Celebrating
The
Life
of*

Gladys Riley

Sunrise
March 31, 1935

Sunset
October 13, 2011

Service

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

420 West 145th Street
New York, New York 10031

Rev. Booker T. Morgan, Officiating

Obituary

Gladys Riley, daughter of Hattie Bradley and Heywood Champion, was born March 31, 1935 in New York City. She attended the Public School system in New York City and received her high school diploma from Central Commercial High School.

In 1951, she married her soul mate Van Buren Riley III. During the thirty-two years of marriage they were inseparable. He was a devoted father and husband that was the bread winner and backbone of the family. Gladys was the nurturer, emotional and spiritual support that made the Riley family a strong clan. This clan consists of three sons, Van Buren Riley IV, Glenn Riley and Martin Rome Riley; three daughters, Vanessa Brenda Riley, Tracey Riley and Tawana Riley; two daughters-in-law, Michelle Riley and Corina Riley; two adopted children, Mary New and Stevie Raye; fourteen grandchildren, Van Buren Riley V, Michael Anthony Riley, Glenn Riley, Jr., Buren Rome Lee, Joshua Michael Riley, Darryn Donte Taylor, Sherod Anthony Smith, Jasmine Lien Blount, Taysha N. Riley, Thomas Edward Lee, Pharoah Riley, Isaiah Riley and Billy New; three granddaughters-in-law, Latoya Riley, Isabel Riley and Carmen Riley; nine great grandchildren, Billy New, Jr., Christopher Riley, Anthony Riley, Avana Riley, Jaycob Riley, Marcus Rome Lee, Mikayla Riley, Sherod Anthony Smith, Jr. and Aria Van Riley; and a host of friends and adopted family.

Over the years, the Riley home was a open door that sheltered not just family but all who needed a place to stay, eat or just have a good time. She taught us to be strong minded and never allowed us to feel sorry for ourselves. As long as we believe in God, we have the power to change any circumstances. She cared and respected everyone enough to give them her honest opinion whether you wanted it or not. She believed that the Riley family is the strongest when we are all together. As long as we are a strong unit, walking with Christ, we are unstoppable. Her love was like food for the soul, her hugs were a safety blanket and her words of belief are the armor that makes us strong. In March 1983, Van Buren Riley III went home to be with the Lord and wait for his loving wife. On October 13, 2011, she went home to join him once again and live a blessed eternity with our Lord. She will be watching over us making sure we stay the strong unit she taught us to be. Her family and friends will celebrate the great woman she was and will always be.

We love you Mommy and will miss you always.

*One of her favorite quotes,
“Don’t Tell Me Goodbye, Say So Long Or I’ll See You Later.”*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Sentences

Hymn “We’re Marching To Zion”

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 100

New Testament John 14:1-6

Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Acknowledgements Church, Friends, Family

Obituary (read by family)

Selection “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Eulogy Rev. Booker T. Morgan
Associate Minister Convent Ave. Baptist Church

Selection “I Won’t Complain”

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Riverhead, New York

Trust Him

*Trust Him when dark
doubts assail thee
Trust Him when thy
strength is small,
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all.
Trust Him, He is ever faithful;
Trust Him, for His will is best;
Trust Him, for the Heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.
Trust Him then, through
doubts and sunshine.
All thy cares upon Him cast,
Till the storm of life is over
and the trusting days are past.*

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Condolences can be sent to:
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Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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