

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Mylas Clifford Riles***  
***“Boonie”***

*Sunrise: October 7, 1947*  
*Sunset: November 29, 2015*



**Service**

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating*

*Latasha Jordan, Soloist*

# Obituary

**Mylas Clifford Riles** was born on October 7, 1947 to the late Cleophus Riles, Sr. and Lula McCoy Riles. Since he was the youngest of five children; he was affectionately called “Baby Brother”. Mylas Clifford “Boonie” Riles, age 68, was called home to be with his Heavenly Father, November 29th, after sudden illness.

Mylas attended A. H. Parker High School in Birmingham, Alabama. He was an outstanding student and football player. Mylas served as Class President in 1965. He received the Pop Warner and Fred Singleton Outstanding Football Awards. These great skills earned a football scholarship to Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he majored in business administration.

After graduating from Morris Brown, Mylas moved to New York. He lived a wonderful and adventurous life with multiple occupations. Boonie lived life on his own terms, preferring an adventurous and engaging life... life lived to the fullest. Boonie was a friend to everyone he met, with his engaging personality, easy smile and sense of humor. He was the type of person who would be the first person you saw, if you were in the hospital and made sure you weren't forgotten if you were in a nursing home.

You see... Boonie was from a special breed of men you don't see much of anymore...The “Alabama Boys” a fraternity of men with a quiet strength, dignity, class, and loyalty unparalleled. These men forged friendships that transcend time or distance; when one is in trouble they all support each other; they know the importance of friends and family.

Mylas was preceded in death by his devoted parents: Cleophus Riles, Sr. and Lula McCoy Riles; two adoring sisters: Gwendolyn Riles Collins and Joyce Riles Britton; a wonderful niece: Barbara Henderson Williams; and an awesome nephew: John Bennie Henderson.

Mylas leaves to cherish his memories: a loving daughter, Kiera Outlaw Dean (Ross), Los Angeles, CA; one adoring sister, Viola Peoples; a devoted brother, Cleophus Riles, Jr. (Maxine), Birmingham, AL; a special life partner, Sebrina Frink, Coatesville, PA; lifelong friend, Sidney Jones, Hackensack, NJ; a host of relatives and friends. He was in great anticipation of the arrival of his first grandchild, Hunter Dean, at the time of his death. We will celebrate his life at “Just Loraine’s” after the service. Following, cremation, Boonie will be reunited with his ancestors, after a celebration of his life is further memorialized in Birmingham, Alabama.

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile...it's the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friendship. The reason why all men honor love is because it looks up, and not down; aspires and not despairs. Emerson

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection  
Latasha Jordan

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection  
Latasha Jordan

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection  
Latasha Jordan

Eulogy  
Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

*Final Disposition*

Woodlawn Crematory  
Bronx, New York

# *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 found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

Sebrina and Kiera acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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