

In Loving Memory Of



Lucious Nesby "Lou" Riley

Sunrise
August 23, 1933

Sunset
July 8, 2016

Obituary

Lucious Nesby “Lou” Riley was born on August 23, 1933 in Newark, NJ to the late Lucious Riley and Sylvia Tucker. He was one of four sons (Donald, Charles, and James “Tee”) from this union which also gave birth to two daughters (Lucille and Peggy). Known affectionately as “Junior” to his family who originated in Summerville, SC, he attended Miller Street School and graduated from South Side High School. Afterwards, he proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1953-57. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant after serving his country.

After being discharged, he focused on his career. Through a mutual friend he met a beautiful and charming young lady named Janet McIntosh. Through writing a series of letters; a lifelong romance would emerge. They were married September 8, 1957 and began their family life together. He affectionately called her “Pix”. They celebrated 47 wonderful years of marriage (fairytale!). They had three children, a daughter, Valerie, and two sons, Darryl “Ricky” and Gregory.

In February 1958, he received a Western Union telegram to report for duty to the Chief Airways Technical Field Office at Newark Airport as an Electronic Maintenance Technician GS-7. This began a forty-year journey with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) where his skills, experience, and leadership were recognized and cultivated. His growth potential resulted in him being promoted to Chief of the Navigational Aids Communication’s Unit. In July, 1971, he became the Proficiency Development and Evaluation Officer for the Airway Facilities Sector 823 at Newark Airport. He had staff responsibility for all of the Eastern Region Airports technical staff. In September 1973, Lou was selected as the Assistant Manager for JFK International Airport. He worked in the Control Tower and delegated managerial responsibilities to JFK, La Guardia, White Plains, and Islip Airports. He received stellar recommendations thru his career in the FAA. In 1980, his disciplined work was rewarded in his promotion to Sector Manager at Newark International Airport. He tried to instill a level of confidence and aspirations in his employees. He was known as a good manager in the FAA realm.

Lou was raising his family and employed by the FAA while he attended Rutgers University at night. He attained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980. Additionally, he earned a Professional Quality Engineering State Certification in his FAA Career. He received numerous Awards and Recognitions during his Civil Service Career;

many individual but most for the organizations and teams that he led. He received the prestigious DOT FAA National Sector of the Year Award's Certificate of Achievement two consecutive years from 1992-1993.

In 1994, Lou officially retired from the FAA. Some of the congratulatory messages he received were from President Bill and Hillary Clinton, the late Representative Donald Payne, Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Mayor Cardell Cooper, Mayor Sharpe James, and Reverend William D. Watley. After his retirement, Lou increased his involvement in the community and church. He was President of the St. James Men's Club, Leader in the Veteran of Foreign War, member of the Tuskegee Airmen. He served in various capacities for other St. James organizations.

Lou and his late wife, Pix, were extremely proud of the achievement of their children. He is survived by these children, Valerie Montgomery and husband James, son Darryl "Rick" and wife Katrin, son Gregory and wife Elba, special nephew Adolfo Reid and six beloved grandchildren; Isabella, Sylvia, Sanchia and Nedinia Riley and Jared and Bryce Montgomery. He leaves his dear sister, Peggy Breitenbach, sister-in-law Joyce Riley and a host of nieces and nephews.

We acknowledge the love and support of Mrs. Alberta Gregory and Family.

He will be reunited in heaven with his dear wife, Pix, who he cherished, his parents, Lucious and Sylvia Riley, brothers, Charlie, Donald, and Tee, sister, Lucille, and a host of dear family and friends who will welcome him into the kingdom.



Services

Saturday, July 16, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Saint James AME Church

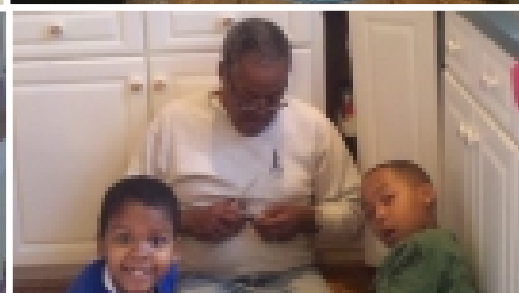
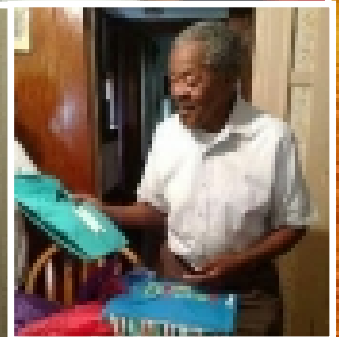
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Order of Service

Rev. Reginald Clark, Presiding

- Musical Prelude Rev. TJ Martin
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Opening Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”
Sis. Phyllis Snead
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Antonio Porter
- Scripture Readings Rev. Jeremiah Dix
Old Testament
New Testament
- Resolution and Acknowledgements Bro. Ike Thomas
- Obituary (Read Silently)
- Solo “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Sis. Phyllis Snead
- Eulogy Rev. Ronald Slaughter
- Recessional Clergy and Family

<p><u>Interment</u> Private</p>
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The Price

By Leon Baker

My son, I think of all the times I've worried for your sake.
And wondered what the future held,
What kind of man you'd make.
Just what things I ought to do,
To guide you in the future.
When you would have the world to face,
Without a guiding tutor.
Decisions I have made and pondered,
In the dark of night.
Then later I have watched and wondered,
If I were really right.
Sometimes the things I've had to do,
With leather strap or switch
Was just as hard on me as you,
To make the lesson stick.
But now you are of voting age
There's a price you'll have to pay.
For all the years of bringing up
And your childhood so gay.
This price you will not pay to me
Although you will atone.
The one who will collect my debt,
Is the son you call your own.

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them
during this time of bereavement.*

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