

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating The Life of*

*Grayling Anthony Rivers*

*A.K.A*

*Abdullah Ali*

*Sunrise*  
*August 12, 1962*

*Sunset*  
*September 15, 2017*

*Service*

*Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.*

**DELIVERANCE HOLY TABERNACLE**

2 Barnett Place • Paterson, New Jersey

*Pastor Keith Caury, Officiating*

## Obituary

A precious one from us is gone Grayling you slipped away from me without saying goodbye on Friday, September 13, 2017 in Beaufort, SC. To unite with your father Preston Sr., sister (Puccie) Alvera, brother, (Dee) Preston Jr., grandparents, Sidney and Vera Bing, Arthur Helen Rivers, Addie Rivers, uncles, Charles Rivers, cousin, Jennifer Myers.

Grayling was born August 12, 1962 to Preston and Rose Rivers in Estill, SC. At an early age he attended Deliverance Center in Paterson, NJ under the leadership of Pastor Willie and CoPastor Sally Darden. He also loved the studies of the honorable Minister Farrakhan. He graduated from Montclair High School in 1981 then went on to culinary school, worked at Montclair Community Hospital until closing in 1999. He was a continuous supporter with those with sickle cell anemia.

He married Betty Bryant afterwards moved to PA and worked at Tobyhanna Army Depot. He loved traveling. He then moved to Atlanta where he met and married Raelynn Kelly from there he moved to Nebraska and worked at State University of Nebraska. He finally decided to move to Beaufort, SC in 2013 his last move.

Grayling was a kind, funny, loving person who would lift you up with his personality. He loved the class of 1981, loved to cook, he also, loved his family. He would travel miles to find a family member. He held a special place in his heart for CJ, a young cousin he mentored. His nephew, Elijah the joy of his life and his special Cynthia was the pride of his life. Kayla Bozzonche whom he adored.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Rose Rivers of Montclair, NJ; brother, Wade Rivers of Paterson, NJ; special nephew, Elijah Rivers; nephew, Wade Jr. (Bernesha); nieces, Shawante (Duke) Sr., Akiba (Bernard); uncles, Williams (Lottee) Taylor of Estill, SC, Arthur (Annie) Rivers of Dover, Delaware, Stanley Rivers of Hampton, SC; aunts, Cora Steveson, Shirley (Willie Lee) Myers of Scott, SC, Florine Mungin Lillie Lotts, Roxanne Lotts, Carrie (Henry) Goodson, Advide Rivers, Beulah and Louise; godmother, Hattie (Lester) Jenkins of Rockly Point, NC, godsister, Ladwana Jenkins and Mya & Aye Chamption, Tray Jenkins, Ruben Tamil Gordon; special cousin, Cynthia Pee Wee and Renee Myers, Sharon McGraw, Laura Youman, Morrissa Robinson-Sommers, Kelly Newsome, Belisa Garvin, Retha Taylor, Janett Best, Dot, Kacy Rivers; best friends, Marvin Reed, Aron, Elam Connie and Linda Brooks, Wesley Clark, Paul and Effie Scaborn, Overseer-Apostle Walter and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Scott, Missionary Elizabeth Wade; and a host of family and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Wilbert McClam

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Pastor Keith Carey

New Testament ..... Doctor Alice Kelly

Solo ..... Sis. Kelly Newsome

To Know Him ..... Cousin Renee Myers

Laura Youmans

A Friend of Class of 1981 ..... Marvin Reed

Acknowledgments ..... CoPastor Rita Canry

Selection ..... Angela McClam

Obituary ..... Attorney Kim Williams

Selection ..... Rev. Gary Hardy

Eulogy ..... Pastor Iris Nuntry

Johnnie Miller Jr.

Jacksonville, FL

Closing Remarks ..... Pastor Keith Cary Carey



## *To Say Goodbye*

*To say goodbye is not the end  
 To all my family and friends  
 For life goes on, you must endure  
 For my eternity is sure.  
 Remember all the good times  
 The memories we've shared  
 The precious jewels of laughter  
 The tender love and care.  
 I found my resting place  
 God's peace surrounds my soul  
 Let love abound in all your hearts  
 Let heaven be your goal.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Cousin to Cousin*

*We're from the same shoot,  
 the same family tree; into this world  
 we sprouted call it destiny.*

*It's cousin to cousin, a special thing,  
 a closeness to which we're tied;  
 and you've always been there to laugh  
 with me ... or even when I've cried.*

*Always, I think it's fantastic that you  
 were meant to be a part of my life, my  
 cousin, you'll always be special to me!*

*Love Cynthia and CJ*



## *Acknowledgements*

*The family would like to express their deep appreciation and  
 sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them  
 during their time of bereavement.*

