

CELEBRATING THE *Life* OF

SUNRISE:
JUNE 2, 1948

SUNSET:
DECEMBER 15, 2021

*Ronald "Ron"
Rivers*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

Wake: 9:00 a.m.

Funeral: 10:00 a.m.

New Horizon M.B. Church
1600 S 5th Ave
Maywood, IL 60153

Rev. Gregory O. Moore, Pastor
Rev. Marvin E. Wiley, Officiant

A portrait of Ronald 'Ron' Rivers, an older man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly. The background of the portrait is a soft, golden light.

LIFE & LEGACY OF *Ronald "Ron" Rivers*

Ronald Rivers was born into life on June 2, 1948, to James "Usher" Rivers and Clara Mae Rivers (Ne-Sparks).

He accepted Christ at a young age and renewed his commitment at Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood, IL under the leadership of Pastor Marvin E. Wiley.

Ron attended Wendell Phillips High School and later enlisted into the U.S Army in 1966 and was stationed in Germany until the completion of his service in 1969. After returning home to Chicago, he met and married Valerie J. Berard, and from this union they were blessed with two children, Ronald V. and Casaundra D.

Ron began his career at Sky Chefs Inc-American Airlines, an airline caterer in 1972 where he gave 20 years of service and met his wife of 44 years, Regina Rivers. He worked in various industries from 1992-2010 which includes Aviation Support Service, Airline Catering, Traffic Safety and Moving & Storage. Ron served his community as an active member of MAPS (Maywood Alternative Policing Strategies) and a Village of Maywood Special Events Commissioner. In 2011, Ron stepped into the political arena as Trustee for the Village of Maywood where he served 2 terms until 2019.

Ron spent his final Thanksgiving Holiday at Loyola Hospital where he was admitted one day prior. In the 6 o'clock hour on December 15, 2021, God whispered to him "The time is now to come with me," and surrounded by his grandchildren, he entered Eternity. He knew the Love of his Family.

Ron was preceded in Death by his parents James & Clara, and his eldest brother James. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Regina Rivers; his children, Ronald V. Rivers (Special Friend Nefertiti and Jamila), Ray C. Jackson (Letha), Casaundra D. Rivers (Special Friend Floyd Love), Brian D. Jackson (Special Friend Latasha), Yvonne N. Rivers (Special Friend Corey), and Gary M. Rivers (Special Friend Muzic and Zaveana); brothers, Gilbert (Myrties) Rivers, and Maurice Rivers; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, and community members.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....

Processional..... *Family*

Scripture Reading..... *Lorenzo B. Webber*

Prayer..... *Lorenzo B. Webber*

Solo..... *Kawanna Ramsey*

Obituary..... *Jeanine C. Rivers*

Eulogy..... *Rev. Marvin E. Wiley, Pastor*

Reviewal.....

Benediction.....

Recessional.....

Interment

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 W Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421



Tributes OF LOVE

Dear Honey Bunny,

When I think of you now, this is what I hear and am comforted:

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.

Enter into the joy of your lord'.

~Matthew 25: 21 NKJV

WITH LOVE, YOUR BOO BOO

Dear Dad,

I look in your eyes and see my own, it's ok you left me your throne, to protect my mama, your wife, her home. You always told me try harder to right your wrongs. You left a strong family here to carry her weight, no harm will come to her or I'll take her place. Look at my eyes see my face, but moving forward I will have to choose my own pace. I'll never forget "slow down take your time, but my 3 year old runs like he's 9. He says "Hello" just like you used to or maybe it's because he just chose to. Ron calling "Gina" is forever in my memory, just rest up pops, spare us loose sympathy. We'll stay united like the Chicago symphony. Ronald Rivers, my legend and it all started on South 2nd. Love you Pops.

LOVE, GARY

I Love You Dad!

LOVE, SANDY

Although I wish we had more years. You have made the ones we have so dear. Before you left, I whispered in your ear in hopes that possibly you could hear. Thank you for loving me Papa. Thank you for always wanting me around. You never missed a beat. I'm going to miss hearing "Papa loves ya" and I will even miss your jokes. I will tell Amiko all about you and rest well "Indy loves Ya"

LOVE, INDY

“Who loves ya? Papa loves you”, is what you always told us. Gone too soon Big Fella. You’re definitely loved and won’t be forgotten Papa. Continue to rest up Boss Man! We got it from here. Rest up Papa.

LOVE TARAY

*Who’s gonna call my name until I want to just melt into a puddle on the floor when I come over now? We should’ve been taking more pictures together. I’ve been seeing some pretty good ones of you! And I didn’t know they used to call you “Brown Man” LOL. Papa it actually fits you. Man O man will I miss your wet kisses on my cheek that I would immediately wipe off as soon as I’m otta your sight. You were love and loved! Always and into eternity. I love you
Papa*

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*You could always count on Papa to teach a lesson. Whether it was political, logical, fact or fiction. I remember road trips, picnic at the lakefront, and Family BBQ’s at Papa and Nana house. He opened his home to everyone and anyone. Invite papa and he’s coming, rolling up in his Cadillac and pulling out his lawn chair. It was a honor seeing you reach your goals as The Trustee of Maywood and meeting your political friends that could help me out a jam lol.
Sometimes it’s the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination*

LOVE, DRE

Who Loves you? PaPa! We want you to know that we love you too!

You have always had a fighting heart made of steel since before I was born, I can only imagine. You always managed to get under my skin when we would talk because your point of view was so different, like you were trying to knock me down on purpose to get a reaction. But, I realized that you were testing me and the ground that I walked on because it was your house. You were teaching me how to stand my ground and to have faith in myself and others; and to believe that God is going to lead me down the right path. Papa, we didn't think that this fight would take you this soon. You are a strong man, PaPa. I know you are looking down on me. You PaPa have opened my eyes to the meaning of faith.

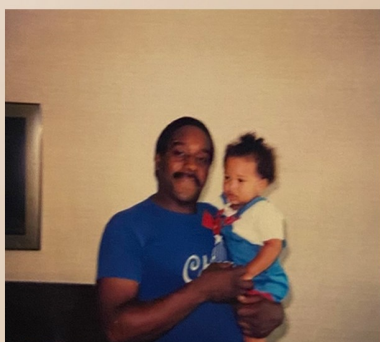
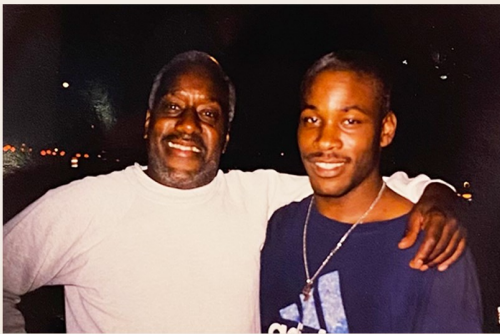
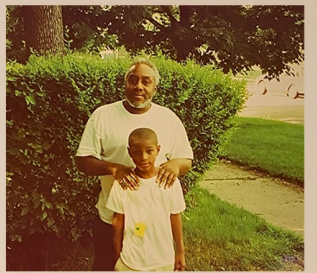
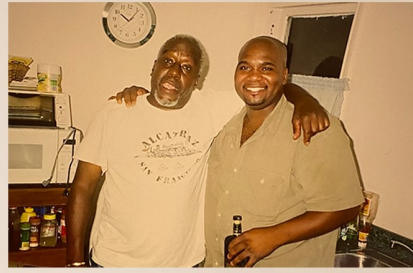
LOVE, BRIAN (BEBE)

*Mr. Rivers, Maywood Snake, Ron, Uncle Ronnie and PaPa were the many faces you wore but when you looked at me I saw Daddy. I want you to know that I remember everything you taught me like “Sit like a lady, Speak loud and clear so they can hear, Count your change before you leave the store and never put your purse on the floor, and if you got the juice, use it and mention my name if you have to. The meaning of Resilient is being able to withstand or recover from difficult conditions, and with your rough exterior you raised a Resilient warrior in me. The memories I have, some good and some bad, some happy and some sad, but they will all live in me for eternity alongside my heartbeat. Daddy rest now, there’s nothing left for you to control, just stay in the window for us and I promise to say
Hi each and every time I drop by.*

LOVE, POCHIE



Photo Memories



Pallbearers

*Keith Moore, VOM Liquor Commissioner
Steve Smiley, VOM Liquor Commissioner
Marvin Savage, VOM IT Consultant
Darryl Fairley, VOM Police LT
Craig Bronough, VOM Fire Chief
Orlando Kimbrough*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Tawan Love
Taray Love
Sidney Rivers
Brian Jackson II
Rayvon Jackson
Anthony Thompson*



Acknowledgement

The Family of Ronald Rivers acknowledges with great appreciation and gratitude your presence, prayers and many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you in loving peace.

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