

Celebration of Life



Sunrise
January 9, 1966

Sunset
August 25, 2021

PASTOR GREGORY DWAYNE RILEY
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

The Greater Refuge Temple
1317 Rowe Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Pastors Apostle Dr. Gentle Sr.
& Bishop Kenneth Groover

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding Bishop Kenneth Groover

Processional..... "His Eyes Is On The Sparrow"
 Officiant..... Bishop Erssell Reed
 Pastor, Sanctuary of Praise, Greenville, Florida
 Invocation..... Elder David Robinson
 Scriptures ~ Old & New Testament..... District Elder Tony Lane
 Pastor, Refuge in Aucilla
 Selection..... Sister Erica Gibson
 Poem..... Sister Zerelda James
 Acknowledgements & Resolutions..... Lady Danita Groover
 Reflections (two minutes please)
 Selection..... Sister Vivian Wiley
 Eulogy..... Bishop Kenneth Groover
 Recessional..... "Going Up A Yonder"



Obituary

Gregory Dwayne Riley was born January 9, 1966, to the late Elijah and Shelley Jean Riley in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He was a true believer in God and spent his life leading people to Christ. Gregory was bold and unapologetic as he went after souls for Jesus Christ. He had a passion for people and desired for them to live their best life in Jesus Christ. Gregory loved anyone that crossed his path and willing to give him two minutes to talk about his God. He enjoyed detailing cars and no car was ever the same once he encountered it, just like the souls he won for Christ.

Gregory attended the local schools of the city and graduated from Ribault Senior High School. He attended Greater Refuge Temple where his family had membership. Later, Gregory was called to Pastor at The Elect Apostolic Ministry and married his beautiful wife March 18, 1988 ~ this union was blessed with eight children.

His loving memory will be cherished by his wife, Jo Ann Riley; children, Fredrick Watson (Sheresh), Duane Lee (Tora), Tangela Smith (Sergio), Timothy Spearman, Gregory Riley, Elexis Riley, Jordan Vital, Brandon Vital; grandchildren, Kyla, Duane Jr, Trinity, Londyn, Princeton, Tavaris, Jefferey, E'Lora, De'Ontae, Armani, Jordan Jr, Kemirah, Brandon Jr, Julian; stepmother, Readis Riley (Elijah); siblings, Valerie Riley, Kenneth Riley (Gwendolyn), Reginald Riley (Frantrice.), Zerelda James (Willie), Lisa Harvey, Gary Riley, Terry Wheaton; a host of other relatives and friends.

"I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I'm following the path God
 has laid you see. 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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee God wanted me now; He set
 me free.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Gregory Dwayne Riley, appreciate your prayers, phone calls, text messages and especially your expressions of encouragement during this difficult time. We thank you for your presence and for any kind acts, deeds or thoughts for us.

~ The Family ~

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