

Pallbearers

Marcus Galloway
Robert Gamble
Kevin Smith
Greg Bell

Tyrone Wardlow
Carl Kimble
Roy Patterson

Family Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank everyone for everything that they have done to help us get through this time. Our mother/grandmother will be truly missed however she is with her father our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Until we meet again Silver Fox. WE love you.

Arrangements Lovingly Entrusted To

The staff of Alford's Mortuary extends to you our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your love one. We are most honored to have served you in your most difficult time of need. We sincerely hope that we have been able in some small way to lighten your burden while giving proper reverence to a well-loved life.

Respectfully,

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Celebration of Life



Willa Riley

March 1, 1943 – May 20, 2020

Thursday May 28, 2020 | 1:00PM

Alford's Mortuary Chapel
1222 Napier Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601

Obituary

Willa Riley was born March 1, 1943 to Earlie and Stella Ivory in Saltillo, Mississippi. Ms. Willa attended grade schools and high school in Mishawaka, Indiana, having moved to South Bend in 1960. Willa married Fred T. Riley Sr. on December 31, 1962. She worked many years in the health science field, retiring from Memorial Hospital after 28 ½ years.

She enjoyed spending quality time with her family and friends. Willa had a special group of ladies that she enjoyed social lunches with periodically. She found pleasure in reading, cooking, and smelling the roses (literally) while she was here on earth. Willa was well loved by the people who knew her because she was always willing to help those who needed it.

Willa is survived by her sister Doris (George) Wright, her sister-in-law Catherine Ivory and brother-in-law Roosevelt Wardlow; her daughters Eydith (Willie) Ivory Menyard of South Bend, Indiana, Sheila Muhammad of South Bend, Indiana, Marcita (Roy) Riley of Minnesota, 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends. Willa was a member of Believers Church of Christ with Superintendent Sam Diggins as Pastor.

Willa was preceded in death by her parents Earlie and Stella Ivory, former spouse Fred T. Riley Sr., her siblings Earlean Wardlow, Robert Ivory, John L. Ivory, Christine Johnson, Lara Thompson, Addie Burton, Romie Ivory, Ruth Gibbs, Walter Ivory and Fred T. Riley Jr, her only son.

A few of her favorite scriptures to ponder on:

John 14:1-3 "Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me in my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you; I will come back and take you with me that you may be where I am."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid."

Order of Service

Opening Prayer.....Elder Randall Walker
Obituary.....Chakesha Shurn
Poem.....Divine Johnson

"I Am Free"

Acknowledgements.....Family & Friends
2 Minutes, Please
Closing Prayer.....Elder Randall Walker

Footprints in The Sand

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my
life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave
me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."