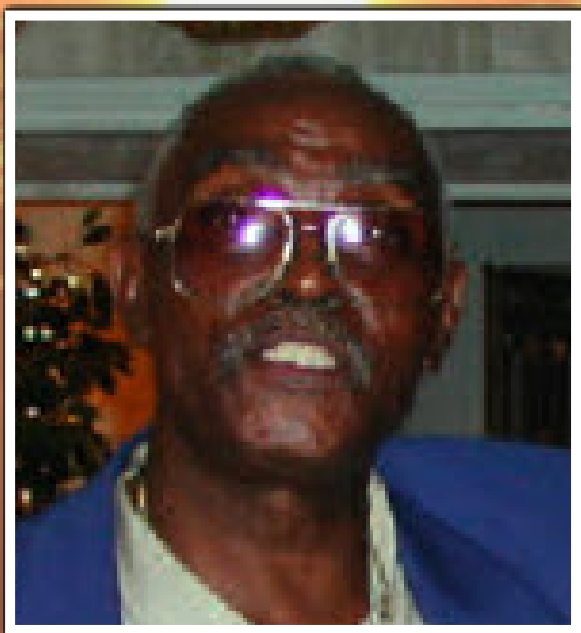


*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Benjamin Rivers*

*Sunrise*  
*April 18, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*July 24, 2011*

Sunday, July 31, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

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## Obituary

**Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden... Sleep on now and take your rest. -Matthew 11:28; 26:45**

**Benjamin Rivers** was born on April 18, 1937 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Lurie Way Rivers and Joseph Rivers. He was the second oldest child born to this union.

“Benny”, as he was affectionately known, grew up in West Savannah with his sister and brothers in Fellwood Homes. He graduated from Woodsville High School in 1955 and headed north to the Big Apple. He settled in Manhattan and worked for the Railway Post Office as a mail sorter. He later became an entrepreneur and settled in Newark, New Jersey.

Benny, in his walk, had a natural bop everybody recognized when he came into a room. He was opinionated and expressed himself no matter what. He always gave advice and was always there to help anyone in need. Benny never met a stranger. He was humorous and always had a funny joke to keep you smiling. He had a young spirit, he loved to be around young people and they loved to be around him. He loved to write poems in his youth, and was an avid sports fan.

On Sunday, July 24, 2011 at the age of 74, Benny released his spirit to the realm of Glory. There are no more pains, medications or worries of this earthly journey, only the happy reunion with God almighty, family and friend forever more.

Benny will be lovingly remembered by: his loving sons, Craig (Maria) Rivers of New York, New York, Kevin (Karen) Gibson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Duvall Watson of Minneapolis, Minnesota; a beloved daughter, Terri Rivers of New York, New York; his grandchildren, Kyle, Crystal, Gerard, Dennis, Gabrielle, Cecily and Shenaia. Benny will also be greatly missed by his four siblings; one loving and devoted sister, Verna Lee (Frank Smith) of Englewood, New Jersey and three devoted brothers, Johnnie (Matilda) Rivers, Garden City, Georgia, Eugene (Charity - deceased) Rivers, of Sanford, Florida, Harold (Elizabeth) Rivers, Savannah, Georgia.

Uncle Benny will also be extremely lovingly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, cousins, and friends, and is also survived by an ex-wife, Mildred Abney-Rivers.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Invocation**

**Selection**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer of Consolation**

**Solo**

**Acknowledgements**

**Reflections**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

*Rev. Andre C. Alston*

**Recessional**

## **Interment**

*(Monday, August 1st, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. )*

Maple Grove Cemetery

535 Hudson Street • Hackensack, NJ 07601

# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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