

*In Loving Memory of*



*Mark B. Riley*

*Sunrise: February 20, 1955*

*Sunset: July 30, 2019*

Service

*Sunday, August 11, 2019 - 12:00 Noon*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating*

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist*

# Obituary

*Mark Braynen Riley was born on February 20, 1955 in New York City to Herbert and Dolores Riley, the fourth child of three siblings, Esther, Herbert Jr. and Laura.*

*He was educated in New York State and graduated with high honors from a prestigious high school. Mark married Valonda seventeen years ago and together nurtured three children, Mark Jr., Bell and Eric.*

*He was raised as a devout member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Harlem, New York and served on several church committees.*

*He worked as an accountant for several years for various private and public firms. He also worked as a personal income tax preparer. His last position was with Jordache, Inc. for the last nineteen years.*

*His biggest joy in life was spending time with family and friends, watching and following several professional and college sports teams on television and preparing meals for any occasion. He will be missed for his jokes and joyous laughter no matter what the circumstance. He made people smile through any situation.*

*His surviving loved ones will cherish Mark: wife, Valonda; children, Angela, Mark Jr., Eric and Bell; sisters, Esther and Laura; brothers-in-law, Larry and Victor; grandchildren, Nasir and a baby girl due October 2019; aunts, Gwendolyn and Shirley, uncles, Raymond and Rupert; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will also miss and cherish his kindness and joy of life.*

# Order of Service

Prayer.....UFC Pastor

Selection.....UFC Organist

Scripture Reading

Testament Reading.....Larry Neal

Testament Reading.....Pernida Edwards

Selection.....UFC Organist

Tributes.....Family and Friends

Obituary Reading.....Tiffany Riley

Selection.....UFC Organist

Message of Comfort.....UFC Pastor

## Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

# Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,  
I thank God because He came for me.*

-Author unknown

## Acknowledgement

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

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