

*In Loving Memory of*



*Lillian Rivers*

**Sunrise**  
**June 27, 1958**

**Sunset**  
**May 11, 2021**

**Thursday, May 20, 2021 - 10AM**

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## Obituary

**Lillian Rivers** was born on June 27, 1958 in New York City to Authur Lee Rivers and Lucille Middleton who preceded her in death. Lillian resided on 517 W. 159th Street where she grew up with her seven brothers and three sisters: James Middleton, Louise Gousby, Edward Lee Middleton, Ernest Lee Middleton, Leonard Rivers and Jerome Rivers (who preceded her in death).

She attended Charles Evan Hughes High School. In her early years, Lillian worked at The Salvation Army for years. She then transitioned into the receptionist field for Martin's Volvo and BMW dealerships. Lillian's last place of employment was The Cathedral of St. Patrick where she stayed more than 18 years and then retired.

Work was never the center of her life, but just a small portion of it. Lillian could say her greatest achievement was being blessed with three daughters: Monique Coates, Tameika Coates and Tabitha Lucille Wallace. She also had a bonus son, her nephew, Leonard Rivers. This loving mom of three leaves behind seven grandchildren: Justin Boykin, Anari-Brielle Hinkson, Taarell Coates, Tayden Boutin, Taariq Coates, Taliah Boutin and Tayah Boutin. Lillian also leaves behind her remaining beloved siblings: Debra Elaine Raysor, Arthur Lee Rivers, Jr., Pamela A. Rivers and Rodney Rivers. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, lifelong friends, and workmates who cherished her while she was physically here. They will miss her dearly and appreciate the memories they shared with her now that she has passed on.

Lillian was truly one of a kind. She was a helper, a giver, a teacher, a spit fire. She was also a great cook and baker and she will definitely be missed for her cooking. Lil enjoyed playing cards, online shopping and watching her game shows, and spoiling her grandchildren who will carry on her legacy and the many memories forever.

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# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his 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've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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 heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *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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