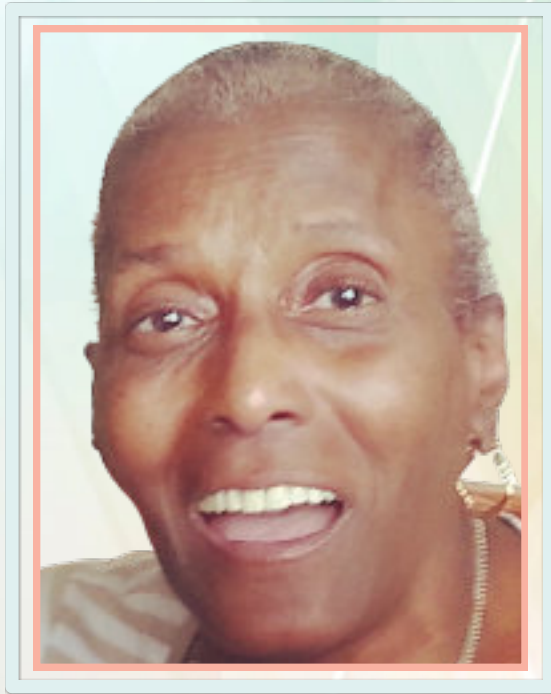


*Celebrating the Life of*



*Joann Riley*

**SUNRISE: September 6, 1945**

**SUNSET: July 22, 2022**

**Friday, August 5, 2022 - 10am**

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# Obituary

**Joann Riley** passed on July 22, 2022 with her family by her side. She was born on September 6, 1945 in New York City to the late Virginia Mason and Joseph Bulter.

She graduated Commerce High School in 1963, and she worked for years at Alexander's Department Store as a Sales Clerk.

In 1966, she gave birth to her first and oldest child, Joell Walker. In 1973, she gave birth to her son Kenyetta Riley (her special needs child). She loved and took care of him until his passing in July 22, 2014. In 1978, she gave birth to her daughter Quran Riley (her miracle baby). It was a high risk pregnancy and she needed plenty of bed rest.

She enjoyed entertaining in her apartment with friends and family. She loved music, watching soap operas, games shows, western movies and the news. She also enjoyed spending time with her only grandson, Dylan Nelson.

Joann is survived by her daughter, Joell; late son, Kenyetta; daughter, Quran; and grandson, Dylan; son-in-law, Michael; her sister, Betty Kitching, (late sisters, Elizabeth and Joyce); nieces, Lesa and Makaya; nephews, Tarrance, Eddie and David; great niece, Dazesha; and great nephews, Janki and Jah- hye. Too many to name, but are clearly loved by Joann.

# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Selection**

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**Prayer**

**Selection**

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**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**FINAL DISPOSITION:**  
Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York



# *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 Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or 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 up 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 heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-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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