



## Leonard Riley, Jr.

July 28, 1944 - November 1, 2013

Mr. Leonard Riley, Jr., our beloved brother, father, grandfather, and uncle departed this life on Friday, November 1, 2013 at the age of 69 years in Rex, Georgia. Leonard was born on July 28, 1944 in Indianola, MS, the 3rd of 12 children born to Rosie and Leonard, Sr.

Leonard retired from General Motors after 33.5 years of service. He was a professional, conscientious, competent, capable and industrious employee. Leonard always shared a smile with those he knew. He enjoyed playing golf and would often travel to various states to participate in tournaments.

He leaves to celebrate his life, his daughters, Stephanie, Teira, Tamika, Lavina and Priscilla; sons, Leonard III and Bartholomew; brothers, Charles, Dudley, James and Robert; sisters, Bobbie, Annie, Emma and Marilyn; nine grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends, including four special friends, Ralph Curry, Raymond Hicks, Delester Brooks and Epheraim Carter.

Leonard's final resting place will be in Indianola, Mississippi.

Condolences may be sent to: Charles Riley and Anita Bradley, 3477 Harper Lane, Rex, GA 30273.

..... "I Have a Place in Heaven" .....

Please don't sing sad songs for me, forget your grief and fears,  
For I am in a perfect place, away from pain and tears...  
I'm far away from hunger and hurt and want and pride,  
I have a place in Heaven with the Master at my side.

My life on earth was very good as earthly lives can go,  
But paradise is so much more than anyone can know...  
My heart is filled with happiness and sweet rejoicing, too.  
To walk with God is perfect peace, a joy forever new...

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ It seems like just yesterday, that you went home to be with the Lord. To day is your birthday, and I always try to do something special for you. I was messing around on the internet and found this. So, I wanted to tell you Happy Birthday and your baby girl loves and misses you so much. I miss picking up the phone and calling you...I miss the way we use to joke around...I miss those conversation we use to have whenever I was scared. You thought me how to be strong, independent and not afraid to live my life to best of my ability. You thought me to not be afraid to try new things and to not set boundaries on myself, and to not put myself in a box based on anyone else's thoughts and beliefs of what they thought I should be doing. And I LOVE YOU for that. There's some many things that was taking away from us when you passed that no one would ever understand what we went through. But, I love you daddy (Homer)! I know that you are in Heaven playing 18 holes of golf and drinking a cup of coffee and smoking a cigarette. HaPpY BiRtHdAy Homer! Love Steffey!

Stephanie Riley - July 28, 2020 at 09:56 AM

FJ

“ Will be missed gone but never forgotten

Frank Richard Jr - November 08, 2013 at 03:10 PM

Y(

“ Yolanda Jones (Young) lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Yolanda Jones (Young) - November 08, 2013 at 11:43 AM

T(

“ *Tiera Liggins (daughter) lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



Tiera Liggins (daughter) - November 08, 2013 at 05:00 AM

TG

“ *Tracy Green lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



Tracy Green - November 08, 2013 at 03:27 AM

KH

“ *Katrice & Anthony Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



Katrice & Anthony Humphrey - November 07, 2013 at 09:18 PM

AC

“ *Uncle Leonard you are missed already.and no one can take your place Unk!!! I'll never forget our visits to Saginaw. You always welcomed us with that beautiful smile!!! Nobody could say Belle like you. And big as soaring eagle was, i always found you!! Loll. May you rest in peace. Your days on this earth will not be fofegotten. Much love to my family !!!!*

Antoinettd Carter - November 07, 2013 at 07:55 PM

GI

“ So sorry for your loss from Lottie Bonds & family



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**gina** - November 07, 2013 at 02:48 PM

TR

“ Tink And Santonya Riley lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



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**Tink and Santonya Riley** - November 07, 2013 at 01:37 PM

T(

“ My beloved father where do I start you mean so much to me it hurts my heart because you were my king my everything. My fondest memory will be the way you loved trouble so much you was so happy when I had him. The loved that y'all shared was so precious he loved him some papa. The both of y'all would be on that amigo together riding all over the neighborhood. This so hard for me our relationship had got so close you will forever have a place in my heart daddy I love you...

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**Tiera Liggins (daughter)** - November 07, 2013 at 01:21 PM

SH

“ JOINED AS ONE UNITED TOGETHER BY 'GOD'S CHOICE AND PREPARED A HUSBAND JUST FOR ME. I INHERITED BOBBY HILL AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY LEONARD AS MY BROTHER-INLAW. SPEAKING IN REFERENCE OF LEONARD RILEY ONLY OF MY PERSONAL ENTERACTIONS I SHARED WITH HIM. VIEW WITH ME MEMORIES OF A RADIATE LIGHT THAT'S BLINDING AT THAT VERY FIRST GLANCE. BUT LETS EXPERIENCE A COMFORTABLE VISUAL VIEW OF LEONARD'S LIFE THAT'S NOT UNDERNEATH A MIRCOSCOPE. LET WORDS OF PLEASENTRIES NATURALLY FLOW FROM YOUR MOUTH. THAT CAN BE PULLED FROM OUR MEMORY BANK OF AN UNTARNISHED CHILD OF 'GOD'. FOR JUST A FEW SECONDS, HOURS AND THIS ONE DAY 'GOD' PLANNED FOR LEONARD FROM BIRTH. BECOME AN HONORABLE MENTION OF HIS PRESENCES BEING EARTHBOUND. WE ALL SHARE ONE 'GOD' THE REFLECTION'S NOW OF LEONARD'S ABSENCE. HE LEFT AN EXTENTION OF HISSELF HIS WIFE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GREATGRANDCHILDREN, SISTER-INLAWS, BROTHER-IN LAWS, SISTER'S, BROTHER'S FRIEND'S AND CO-WORKER'S. LEONARD COLLECTED AT THE MANY CROSS ROADS HE ENDURED WITH LIFE'S TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS. UNDERSTANDING WE ALL HAVE FELL FROM GRACE LIVING IN A WORLD FILLED WITH SO MANY UNCERTAINTIES. LET HIS SOUL NOW 'REST IN PEACE' AND SOAK UP A DIFFERENCE ONLY 'GOD' CAN CURE. ANOTHER BRAND NEW BEGINING FROM THE TOP OF HIS HEAD THAT TOUCHES HIS FEET NOW WASHED. BY OUR CREATERS HANDS WE ALL HAVE BEEN PRAYING TOWARDS. FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME. NOW A LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP I 'PRAY' TO THE LORD TO KEEP. IF I SHOULD 'DIE' BEFORE I WAKE I 'PRAY' TO THE LORD MY SOUL TO TAKE 'AMEN'. 'GOD' S WHISPER'S PASSED TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF OURS ELDERS BEFORE US THAT VERY HEART FELT PRAYER THAT'S IMBEDDED INTO EVERY HEART AND MIND. LEONARD RILEY LEFT OF HIS CONNECTED BLOODLINE AND FAMILY MEMBER'S STILL LEFT BEHIND. DETAILING MY

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE'S LEONARD IMPACTED INTO MY MIND AND HEART. ARE MY PERSONAL LIFELESSON'S AND A GIFT HE LEFT WITH ME. I CAN PASS ON TO SOMEONE ELSE WITH JUST ONE WORD OR GESTURE FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE. THAT WAS PROFOUND WITHIN HIS SELF BECAUSE EVERYONE OF US SHARE OUR BEST. THAT WORD HAS MANY DIFFERENT MEANINGS THAT FITS THE PERSONALITIES OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF US. THIS VERY DAY ALTHOUGH WE ARE NEVER PREPARED FOR ALFA OR AMEGA. A JOYFULL AND POSITIVE TRANSITION WILL BE VISUAL AND CONCREATE. IF 'GOD' PLANNED AND BIRTHED IT NOW HAS A PERSONAL MEANING. YOU WILL WITNESS AND THAT BE A CONSTANT REMINDER. IF THE SUN SHINES TOMORROW AFTER HIS JOYFUL HOMETO GOING. THERE'S NO NEED FOR SADDNEST LEONARD'S HEALTH AND MIND NOW REST WITH 'GOD'. SAVE THE REST OF YOUR COMMENTS WE DONOT QUESTION 'GOD'S WORK IT WAS PERFECTED BEFORE HE BLEW THE BREATH OF LIFE INTO YOUR MOUTH AT BIRTH. I WILL REMEMBER OUR CONVERSATIONS WHEN I SPOKE WITH HIM. LEONARD'S FIRST WORDS TO ME WERE ALWAYS THE SAME. SHELLEY BABY HOW ARE YOU DOING AND I'D SAY HOW ARE YOU. REST IN HEAVEN 'LEONARD RILEY IT'S YOU TURN TO CANVAS YOURSELF WITH PIECE OF MIND' WE'VE ALL BEEN CHASING THAT STATEMENT FROM BIRTH. LOVE YOU REST NOW NO MORE CRAVINGS FOR UNWANTED SLEEP. LOVE YOU SHELLEY AND BOBBY HILL YOUR CONTINUATION OF YOUR LIFE AND EXTENED FAMILY

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**SHELLEY AND BOBBY HILL** - November 07, 2013 at 11:07 AM

EL

“*Brother my most fondest memory of you is your charismatic smile and the strength and courage you had during your long illness.*  
Love, Jean

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**Emma Laird** - November 07, 2013 at 07:10 AM

VJ

“ Vera Jones lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Vera Jones - November 07, 2013 at 05:36 AM

AF

“ Acashia Anderson And Family lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Acashia Anderson and family - November 07, 2013 at 03:28 AM

JJ

“ Jamie And Raymond Hicks, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Jamie and Raymond Hicks, Jr. - November 06, 2013 at 08:03 PM



“ Patricia Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Patricia Hill - November 06, 2013 at 07:11 PM



“ Patricia Hill lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Patricia Hill - November 06, 2013 at 06:18 PM



“ Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr - November 06, 2013 at 05:51 PM



“ I will miss you.you were my bro in law but was like a brother.you called me weenie and I thought was special.R I P



*Eloise Moore Lansing, Michigan*

Eloise Moore - November 06, 2013 at 04:59 PM



“ Debra M. Guster lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.



Debra M. Guster - November 06, 2013 at 01:10 PM

DJ

“ *Darlene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



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**Darlene Johnson** - November 06, 2013 at 12:43 PM

GA

“ *Gus And Barb Alexander lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



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**Gus and Barb Alexander** - November 06, 2013 at 11:17 AM

KF

“ *Katherine Feltson lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



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**katherine feltson** - November 06, 2013 at 10:59 AM

SM

“ *Sonny & Pamela Moten lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



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**Sonny & Pamela Moten** - November 06, 2013 at 08:40 AM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



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**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - November 06, 2013 at 08:36 AM

RW

“ *RITA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Leonard Riley, Jr.*



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**RITA WILLIAMS** - November 05, 2013 at 07:19 PM

“ *My Fondest Moment With My Brother, LEONARD*

*Wow, I can go back to being 9 years old when my brother, Leonard, use to come home to Mississippi to visit us with his family. I used to love to see them get out of the car; all of them smiling, which made me feel happy inside.*

*So, I can't really say when my very first fondest moment with my brother was but I can say my most memorable moment was the day that I took him and put him in my car when he said, "GOODBYE MICHIGAN, I'M GOING HOME!!!! Never knowing that when we were driving to Mississippi that this was not really home.*

*We spent time together in Mississippi and he asked me was I ready to go? So, one morning at 5:00 a.m., he woke me up and he asked, "Are you about ready to go"? I asked, Where are we going? He says, Wherever you go; I go!!" So he made me feel that he was a part of me and that I would never let him go.*

*I NEVER LET HIM GO BUT I KNOW HE HAD TO GO!!!  
I LOVE YOU BIG BROTHER & I MISS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*YOUR BABY BROTHER, CHARLES*

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**Charles** - November 04, 2013 at 04:30 PM

AB

“ *My Fondest Memory of Leonard was when I first met him in Rex, Georgia. I walked on the porch and met him and Charles on a beautiful Thursday, July 5 while he was getting a haircut by Charles.*

*After Charles finished cutting his hair; I looked at him and said, "Wow, You Look Like Ghandi. He gave me the most beautiful smile, scratched his head, and said, Wow, Oh No I Don't!!!!. From that day forward, I adored the man I knew him to be!!!!*

*In Loving Memory,*

*Nita*

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**Anita Bradley** - November 04, 2013 at 04:10 PM