



Mary Riley

November 7, 1949 - February 17, 2009

Funeral service will take place Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 2403 E. Remington Street. Pastor, Rev. Murry Culberson. Pastor James Hodge will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend went home to be with the Lord Monday, February 16, 2009. She was born November 7, 1949 in Eufaula, Alabama, one of eight children to the late Johnnie B. Forte' and the late Mary Jane Fort'e. She moved to Saginaw, Michigan at age 7 and married Matthew Riley in 1986. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church for many years. Mary Jane graduated from Saginaw High School in 1969 and worked in the service industry. To all who knew her, she was a happy person captivating the hearts of those around her with her smile that brightened any room and her distinctive laugh. She loved and appreciated life. Mary Jane was close to her family and communicated with them on a daily basis. Her face would light up when she spoke of family, especially her grandchildren. Mary will be dearly missed and remain in our hearts forever. Her memory will be cherished by her daughters, Stephanie (Gerald) Wilson and Andreda (Robert) Williams; grandchildren, Britany and Brandy Wilson Forte', Deandre Forte', and Robert Michael Williams, all of Cleveland, Ohio; her siblings, Henry (Nona) Forte', Woodrow (Marvella) Forte' and Essie Williams of Las Vegas, Nevada, Margaret (Peter) Goudeau,

Dorothy Gordon of Houston, Texas and Jessie Forte' of St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Also cherishing her memory is sister-in-law Lucille Forte', best friend, Brenda Erwin, and a host of nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by sisters Ruth Hicks and Mary Francis, and brother, Johnnie B. Forte', Jr.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ To the family, my heart is deeply saddened as Ms. Mary was truly special to myself. During our time of interaction one with the other over the past several years, she was always noticed as being kind and considerate of others. My prayers are that you all find Peace as you each are comforted by the Grace of God.

*Be Blessed,
Rosalind*

Rosalind Stewart - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mary's family. While there aren't any words to ease the pain of losing someone, there is joy in the memories that are left behind. I will always remember her enthusiastic tone and laughter. There is no doubt that she was welcomed by God's open arms and is at peace. May comfort find you in the days ahead.

Jill Loth - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Riley & Forte Family
We're unable to be there with you, doing your time of Bereavement. To know that God is in control, and that we will always have you all in our prayers.

Ellington & Juanita Neal - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ One behalf of Georgia Diggs and all of the family our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. We hope you all know that it goes without saying that we have and will always love you all. We share in your grief and we will dearly miss Mary.

Elise Nickson-Smith - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ To the Riley and Forte family: It Seems our words just aren't enough to take away this grief, So we rely on God for help and strength in our belief. May he uplift you gently, take the sorrow that you bear, then comfort you with healing in the safety of his care.

May God's Love Comfort You In This difficult Time We loved her, too. but God loved her best.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" Matthew 5:8

Blanche Williams/ Willie Neal - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I'll always remember her smile...

Sherley Clark - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ MARY YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME..NOW THAT YOU ARE GONE,I'LL NEVER FORGET THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD..I HAVE WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF YOU AND NOBODY CAN TAKE THEM AWAY..WHENEVER I'M FEELING SAD OR ABOUT TO CRY, I JUST REMEMBER SOMETHING YOU SAID OR DID, AND I CANT STOP LAUGHING..STEPHANIE & DREDDA MAY GOD BE WITH BOTH OF YOUR FAMILIES AND YOUR CHILDREN..MARY MARY MARY..EVEN THOUGH I DIDNT GET TO SAY GOODBYE WHILE YOU WERE LIVING ..I KNOW YOU HEARD MY CRIES..AND YOU WERE PROBLY SAYING "TIMMY STOP CRYING"..YOU WILL BE FOREVER MISSED AND LOVED..YOUR LOVING NIECE'S (TANYA & RHEMY)...

TANYA FORTE' - February 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM