



Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley

June 27, 1955 - February 20, 2024

Apostle Vennie “Gal” Riley passed away on February 20, 2024. Age 68 years. Vennie was born on June 27, 1955, to the union of Ezell and Ozell Riley in Kosciusko, Mississippi.

She moved to Saginaw with family in 1980. Vennie grew up in a Baptist Church and received Christ in 1993. Her love for Christ was demonstrated in her love for serving the church and, in her teachings that she delivered to others. Vennie was the church secretary for Temple of Faith Apostolic House of Deliverance Church for years under the leadership of Pastor Mattie Lou Works and Assistant Pastor Darlean Morgan. In her later years, she served under Pastor Natalie Harris.

Vennie graduated from Ocoee High School in Ocoee, Florida in 1973. She also attended Delta College after moving to Michigan. Vennie had a passion for her family, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, they always put a smile on her face. Her hobbies included studying the bible and crocheting. If you were lucky enough to get a blanket hand made by her, you are blessed. She will always be remembered for having encouraging words for everyone. Her “good morning” memes will be greatly missed by all.

Vennie leaves to cherish her memory, mother, Ozell Riley; four beautiful daughters, Lisa Riley (Vincent Mack), Crystal Barkley, Darlean Ervin and

Michelle (Brandon) Harris; grandchildren, Aniya, Jaden, Van, Destiny, Van 'Tarrion, Miy'Angel, Chauncey, Amaya, Kevin, Brandon Jr, Brooklynn, Brielle and Michael; siblings, Betty (Jeff) Baber, Saginaw, MI, Willie Riley, Billy (Patrice) Riley, both from Winter Garden, FL; aunts, Annie Ruth (Andrew) Cotton, Gladis Butler and Shirley Chestnut; uncle, Edward Clark; two special nieces, Santana Lane and Latrisha Baber; two special godchildren, Briona Robinson and Darrion Robinson; a host of nieces and nephews; also special friends, Trina Allen, Faye Burt and Linda Burt Robinson.

Vennie was preceded in death by her father, Ezell Riley; and her siblings, James Ezell Riley and Beatrice Smith.

Funeral service will take place on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Bethlehem Temple Church, 3521 Webber Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Host Pastor, Elder Curtis Johnson. Pastor Natalie Harris will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Family hour will take place from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

FEB **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Temple Church
3521 Webber Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *happy birthday*

Brandon Harris - June 29, 2025 at 02:55 AM

BH

“ *i miss you grandma from brooklyn*

Brandon Harris - June 29, 2025 at 02:54 AM

LR

“ *Family my prayers are with you ❤️ Lisa, Crystal, Morgan and Michelle. Know that your Ma truly loved you all and would always send up prayers for her children and grands. I'm sure you felt the effects of them. Please know that the Temple of Faith Church is hear for you.*

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought athe good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Indeed your Ma did fight the good fight ❤️ To see her growth in the Lord was amazing. So be encouraged and let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me.

Jesus was speaking ❤️ I loved her but God loved her MOST.



Linda Robinson - March 04, 2024 at 07:20 AM

KG

“ *Kitty Godfrey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Kitty Godfrey - March 01, 2024 at 05:29 AM



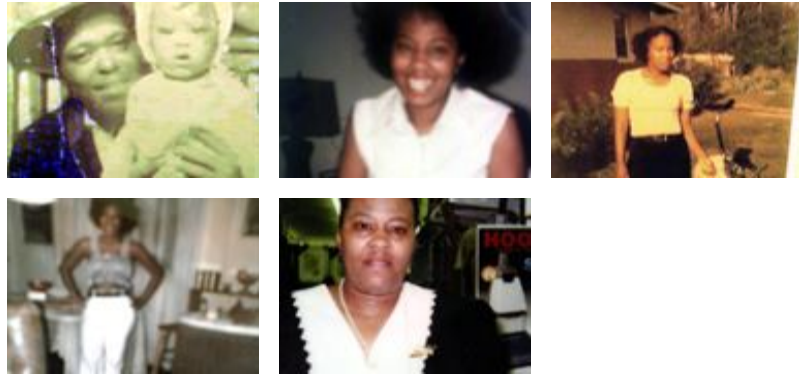
“ *Natalie McLaurin-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Natalie McLaurin-Johnson - February 29, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *66 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - February 29, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley.*



February 28, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley.



February 28, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley.



February 28, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ Cynthia Parham Daison lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley



Cynthia Parham Daison - February 28, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Chris Snow -Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley



Chris Snow -Jernigan - February 28, 2024 at 06:05 PM

BK

“ *Betty King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Betty King - February 28, 2024 at 03:49 PM

GD

“ *George Drain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



George Drain - February 27, 2024 at 11:30 PM



“ *You played a big part of my life, but now that you are gone – The love that I have for you will just go on and on. 💕💕 Love you Gal*



Betty Baber - February 27, 2024 at 09:15 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Theresa McClellon - February 27, 2024 at 06:40 AM

IS

“ *Ida Shaw lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Ida shaw - February 26, 2024 at 09:31 PM

IS

You will be truly missed. Rip in God arm

Ida shaw - February 26, 2024 at 09:36 PM

PW

Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow

pastor w. weems - February 27, 2024 at 05:46 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Rhonda Clark - February 26, 2024 at 09:29 PM

SM

“ *Shayla Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Shayla Miller - February 26, 2024 at 09:24 AM

LM

“ My condolences to the Riley family you all are in my prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏



LaShonda McGill - February 26, 2024 at 03:59 AM

TW

“ Targie Works lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley



Targie Works - February 25, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ Lisa and family you all have my deepest condolences.
I pray God's comfort and peace for your family.
I love you and am here for you. Keep your hands and trust in God, he knows your sorrow. Sending a big hug your way.



Debra Dillard - February 24, 2024 at 11:52 PM

LS

“ Larry & Carrie Campbell Sr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley



Larry & Carrie Campbell Sr - February 24, 2024 at 11:00 PM

MA

“ *MaryHunter lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



MaryHunter - February 24, 2024 at 10:12 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Lisa Jones - February 24, 2024 at 08:29 PM

JL

“ *Joe Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Joe Lowery - February 24, 2024 at 07:55 PM

VM

“ *Veronica K. McClain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Veronica K. McClain - February 24, 2024 at 11:03 AM

JH

“ Sending my condolences to the family. Praying for strength and peace during this time of bereavement. 🙏 Joyce Hurston-Patrick



Joyce Hurston-Patrick - February 24, 2024 at 07:55 AM

CB

“ Charles & Sheverna Burt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley



Charles & Sheverna Burt - February 23, 2024 at 11:20 PM

FB

“ To the Riley’s and Ervin Family: I send my condolences and heartfelt prayers. She wasn’t a cousin but my Sister-n- Christ. She was a light to many always sharing God’s Word and encouraging others. I’m going to miss her on this side but she’s on the better side. As the song says, “Whose side on you leaning on? She would surely say “ the Lord’s side.” We had some great times learning & studying the Word from great WOG! So, family keep looking up; she wouldn’t want you sad but rejoicing in the Lord. I will leave you with this:” The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; He delighteth in His way.” RIP my sister: VENNIE RILEY!!



Faye Burt - February 23, 2024 at 04:07 PM

LP

“ *Lakisha Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Lakisha Parker - February 23, 2024 at 11:21 AM

CB

“ *Charles & Sheverna Burt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Charles & Sheverna Burt - February 23, 2024 at 06:37 AM

JL

“ *Joe Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Vennie Pearl Riley*



Joe Lowery - February 23, 2024 at 05:44 AM