



## Camelia Ellenann Riley-Howell

May 17, 1937 - May 2, 2022

CAMEILIA ELLEN ANN RILEY-HOWELL, daughter of the late William Robert Riley,

Jr. and Sarah B. Riley, was called home on Monday morning May 2, 2022 to be with the

Lord. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 17, 1937. She was the oldest child

of seven siblings in that union of marriage, and also the first grandchild of the first Black

African-American police officer in the State of Maryland. She completed her education in

the Baltimore City Public Schools, graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, and then

attended Johns Hopkins University where she majored in Biochemistry and Science. She

graduated and received a license to work in the Research Department at Sinai Hospital for

a number of years. While working there at Sinai Hospital, Cameilia met a young man who

became the love of her life, Mr. Cleveland Howell, from Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was

a fabric cutter for a company named Misty Harbor.

In the season of Autumn 1963, Cameilia and Cleveland were married at St.

Cecilia's Catholic Church in Baltimore, Maryland and lived happily together until God called Cleveland home on December 31, 1973. She never remarried after the love of her life went home suddenly to be with God. As time moved on, the family kept her busy. Nieces and nephews who they loved, loved them just the same as if they were their own children. Aunt Cameilia was always there. Even if you didn't call she would just come by your house to check to see if you were alright or needed anything. Most of the time she would have a car trunk full of bags loaded because she went shopping before you could go the store to shop. She was a master of coupons and quick sales at the food market. Cameilia was very talented. She loved gardening and planting flowers in the yard on Gelston Drive. She was a seamstress of making wedding dresses and prom gowns for neighbors' children in the Edmonson Village Community. She also enjoyed visiting the sick and shut-in. She worked as a Team Captain of the Food Co-Op for Edmonson Village Woman's Group of St. Bernadine's Catholic Church, and the Legion of Mary Group. She sang in the senior choir as a member at Central Sommerfield Methodist Church and also was a wonderful baker of cakes. Aunt Cameilia could bake an awesome sour cream cake that would melt in your mouth and the

macaroni and cheese with bacon and sweet potato pies. She was always on the go. From St.

Alphonsus Church, to the Basilia Cathedral, to Our Lady Center, she loved the church, Lord

Jesus Christ, and especially the Blessed Mother Mary.

As time moved on in her life she was employed with the American Red Cross as a

phlebotomist, traveling around the state of Maryland American Red Cross Blood Drive. Later

she retired from there but kept busy with her family and close friends, especially Maxine,

Betty and Magalene. They would always like to go out for lunch or dinner from time to time.

Cameilia was still working and keeping busy. Her passion was being a hospice nurse and

caretaker doing private duty nursing for the elderly at home. That was her passion and she

was really good at it. She loved her patients and their families loved her also.

She was kind,

patient, and had a heart of gold, but most of all a hard worker for God with the patience of

Job. She will deeply be missed by all who knew her. For such a time as this.

Amen.

In addition to her parents and husband, Cameilia was preceded by three brothers, Gary Guy

Riley, Arno Q. Riley, and Timothy L. Riley; grandparents, Edith Riley Cousins and William

R. Riley, Sr., Irene and Moses Moton; aunts and uncles, Eleanor Flemmings, Myrtle and

Mark Ellis, Carolyn and Vernon Woods; sister-in-law, Beatrice Riley; brothers-

in-law, Larry

Patterson and Wilbur Johnson; nephews, Tony A. Riley, Lawrence D.

Patterson, Kevin Nixon

and first cousin, McKinley R. Matthews of San Antonio, TX. Cameilia leaves to cherish

fond memories: devoted brother, William R. Riley, Jr. (Debbie) of Windsor Mill, MD; sisters,

Patricia E. Riley Johnson of Middle River, MD and Renee C. Riley of Houston, TX; dedicated

sisters-in-law, Doris Riley of Baltimore, MD and Flora Riley of Windsor Mill, MD; a host of

nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St Bernardine Roman Catholic Church  
3812 Edmondson Ave  
Baltimore, MD

## Funeral Service

MAY 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St Bernadine Catholic Church  
3812 Edmonson Ave  
Balto., MD 21208



# Tribute Wall



“ *Camelia Ellenann Riley-Howell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Camelia Ellenann Riley-Howell.*



May 20, 2022 at 09:51 PM

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“ *I have known Ms. Howell for many years she and her late husband live on Gelston DR for many years until she became sick she was a sweet lady . she have been miss over the years. Rest easy Ms. Howell. Your Gelston Drive Family send their LOVE*



**Norma E Bailey** - May 20, 2022 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Melinda Ann Gresham lit a candle in memory of Camelia Ellenann Riley-Howell*



**Melinda Ann Gresham** - May 15, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 04, 2022 at 03:31 PM