



Carolyn Turner Rivers

June 12, 1952 - August 18, 2023

A Life Well Loved

Our beloved Carolyn Elizabeth Turner Rivers entered this world on June 12, 1952. She was born in Richmond, Virginia to Geraldine Wright and James P. DePriest and was adopted by Edward and Edith Turner.

Carolyn who was known by some as “Turner” or “Mumma” attended and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. After graduating, she furthered her education by attending the Richmond Technical College and learned to be a Data Entry Operator. Later, she worked at Merridian as a supervisor in their Data Entry Department. She also became employed at Creative Office Environment. Carolyn had a soft exterior way about her and she also had a tough interior. She was a fighter and was able to beat one of her biggest battles of her life, breast cancer.

She was well-known for her love of the singing group “The O’Jays”, and had that very name placed on her license plate for her Toyota. Later, she had the privilege of meeting her favorite, along with Eddie Lavert’s son, the late Gerald Lavert. She was then known to them as “Carolyn with the Toyota”. She was also known for her love of sports. Baseball (New York Yankees), Football (The Miami Dolphins), Nascar (Jeff Gordan), and even Tennis (Them Williams Sisters). Carolyn enjoyed reading and was a member of the Elite Guild Book

Club for many years. She loved to have family gatherings especially during the holidays so she could try her hand at fixing a new dish.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her loving husband of 42 years Charles Leroy “Joe” Rivers, Sr.; mother Edith Turner; father Edward Turner; biological mother Geraldine Wright and biological father James P. DePriest; siblings, Barry DePriest, Charles DePriest, Cecila Williams, Betty Hurdle and Kennard Brown, Sr.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory – daughters, Charlene (Eric) Rivers Kenney, Natasha Sheronne Rivers and Alma Nicole Rivers and her “Baby” Charles (Catherine) Rivers, Jr.; two bonus children Darrin (Karent) Rivers and Patrice (Elishama) Rivers-Wheeler; 4 adored grandchildren, Octavia who was a devoted caregiver, Camille and the twins, Caleb and Caiden; bonus grandchildren, Richard, Jordan, Javen, Brittney, Brett Jr., and Victoria; 3 bonus great-grandchildren, Ke’Shion, Appolo and Daxston Charles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, great friends and close acquaintances.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and patience. Throughout her life, Carolyn Rivers loved all of whom she came in contact with and the best part of it, all they loved back.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG 29. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

AUG 29. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life with live streaming

AUG 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - August 30, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Carolyn Rivers, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Carolyn Turner Rivers*



March Funeral Homes - August 24, 2023 at 09:30 AM

FB

“ *"I will miss you my sister, we grew up together on 22nd street, and people though we were sisters, we had some great times together, we had baby 3 months apart, will always love you "REST IN PEACE" my queen" - Pinky*



Frances (Pinky) Brown - August 30, 2023 at 01:00 PM

NT

“ *A cousin who I could always joke with. Her smile and grin was infectious. Wasn't too many folks she didn't know. Now, you get to walk around heaven all day with peace, mercy and the grace of God.*

NTSIKELELO - August 28, 2023 at 12:02 AM

VW

“ The Rivers Family have my deepest sympathy. Charlene your Mother is in heaven with your Father. She missed him. They were together until death. That is a very bless Love. May she RIP. 🙏🕊️😊
Viesta Washington



Viesta Washington - August 27, 2023 at 01:45 PM

AG

“ I'm sending my condolences to the family which i have known for years watching them grow up and ms carolyn coming to my store to shop for them , we would talk about the O'jays for hours on was the best group them or the Temptations lol i'm going to miss her beautiful smile and great laughs RIP my friend love you.....Coach Tony #SteadyFlowClothing

Anthony D Grigsby - August 25, 2023 at 07:27 AM

TG

“ I use to spend weekends at Mrs Carolyn house with Natasha. She assured my mother that I was ok and she stood on that. It was like a second home to me. I will always remember the way she loves them OJAYS! Your adopted house guest Tiandra Gregory

Tiandra Gregory - August 23, 2023 at 05:29 PM

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Condolences to the families of Ms. Carolyn Rivers. Freda Andrews

Freda - August 23, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Turner Rivers.*



August 23, 2023 at 05:29 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.*

March Funeral Homes - August 23, 2023 at 09:09 AM