



## Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr.

January 31, 1943 - February 19, 2023

### A Life Well Lived

Our beloved Charles Leroy "Joe" Rivers, Sr. entered this world on January 31, 1943. He was born in Richmond, Virginia to John and Alma Rivers, the second born of four children.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Henry Rivers; mother Alma Coleman Rivers (Ryan); devoted paternal grandparents David and Sarah Rivers and his maternal grandparents Benny and Susie Williams.

Charles respectfully known as Joe attended Richmond Public Schools and soon after joined the workforce. He was a faithful employee of the Richmond Paperboard Mill for over forty years driving tractor trailers as a foreman.

He married his beloved wife of 42 years, Carolyn Elizabeth Turner on June 21, 1980. Charles was the brother of John (Yvonne) Rivers, Jeffrey (Lisa) Ryan and Bernadette Ryan. He was known for his athletic skills in playing softball, bowling, and semi-professional football. Joe also served as an adult local basketball coach for a number of years. He was the business partner of Cook's Lawn Service which was a well-established in the Richmond Tri-Cities area with commercial and residential contracts.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Carolyn Elizabeth Turner Rivers; sons, Darrin (Karent) Rivers, Carlos (Shiela) Austin and his loving baby boy Charles (Catherine) Rivers, Jr.; beloved daughters, Patrice (Elishama) Rivers-Wheeler, Charlene (Eric) Rivers Kenney, Natasha Sheronne Rivers aka the favorite one and the baby girl, Alma Nicole Rivers; 13 grandchildren, Richard, Jordan, Javen, Brett Jr., Brittney, Camille, Victoria and the twins, Caleb and Caiden, Tayquan, Chrishawndra and Cquan; granddaughter, Octavia Watts who was his devoted caregiver over the last year and a half; 7 great grandchildren, Ke'Shion, Apollo, Tayquan, Jr., Markail, Derond, RJ, Carlisha and the newest great-grandchild, Daxstyn Charles; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other friends and close acquaintances.

He leaves behind a legacy of hard work and devotion to family. Throughout his life, Joe Rivers used his time wisely and wasted very few hours of a day. He ensured that his family had what they needed and even some things that they wanted. He will be forever known as a loyal Washington Redskins/Commanders fan.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 25. 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

FEB 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life with live streaming

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222



# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Charles "Joe" Rivers, Sr., Please Click the Link below. in memory of Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - February 22, 2023 at 04:01 PM

BM

*What a beautiful homegoing Mr. Rivers. A life well lived, he now resides with the Angels. Sending love and condolences to Carolyn, Charles, Charlene, Tasha, Ms. Alma and to all members of your family. May God comfort you.*  
*Betty Moyer*

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**Betty Moyer** - February 27, 2023 at 04:53 PM

MF

“ *To the Rivers Families*  
*We are sincerely saddened by the homegoing of Joe, a wonderful and joyous spirit. May his soul rest in peace.*  
*The Jones Family*  
*North Providence, RI*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Jones & Family** - February 27, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr..*



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February 25, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr..*



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February 25, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *"To Carolyn and the Rivers Family - We grew up together on 22nd street as a family, and as we grew, we stayed close, you and Rip -( That's the nickname I called Joe) - we always kept in touch with each other, he loved his family, and I am so sorry to hear of his passing, R.I.P, for your love will live on in generations to come.  
Frances Pinky Brown*



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**Frances ( Pinky ) Brown** - February 25, 2023 at 05:55 PM

CB

*To Carolyn and Patrice, Elishama Wheeler...all children and grandchildren.  
Deepestcondolences to you and family... Joe and I grew up in ministry.. under leadership of Bishop Annie Chamblin...Joe and I were children together in the ministry.. His Beloved Grandmother, Mother Sarah Rivers....kept us all close to the family. Praying for you all especially during to of bereavement. We are here if there's anything you need. International Christian Ministries...standing by to assist you... Chief Apostle Olive Brown...International Christian Ministries..Chesterfield, VA..23236*

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**Chief Apostle Olive Chamblin Brown** - February 26, 2023 at 07:15 PM

VW

“ *The Rivers family have my deepest sympathy. The Lord has Mr. Rivers & he is at rest with him. May he RIP. 🙏🏻✝️😊.*  
*Viesta Washington*



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**Viesta Washington** - February 25, 2023 at 03:46 PM

AC

“ *Althea Coleman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr.*



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**Althea Coleman** - February 24, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ Carolyn T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr..



Carolyn T. - February 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM

KF

“ Kitty and David Franz purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charles "Joe" Leroy Rivers, Sr..



Kitty and David Franz - February 21, 2023 at 02:08 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 - February 21, 2023 at 01:44 PM

AC

To my family.  
Earth has nor sorrow that Heaven cannot Heal.RIP Joe we loved you but God loved you more.Praying for my family.  
Althea and Paul Coleman

Althea Coleman - February 24, 2023 at 05:09 PM

SE

*Rest In Peace Joe with the rest of the Woodville Community family and especially with your lifelong friend and buddy, Donald(Donnie) Carter. His sister Sandra is paying tribute and sending heartfelt sympathy and having golden memories of all the days we all shared growing up together. Woodville was a community and everyone was family. A special shout out from Ronald(Ronnie) Meredith as well. Love and Peace go out to the family of Joe.*

*Sandra Carter Eddleton*

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**Sandra Carter Eddleton** - February 25, 2023 at 02:27 AM

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*To The Rivers Family : My deepest condolences to the family in the passing of Joe Rivers b.k.a." Little Joe that what Andrew Rivers" called him . I met him years ago through sonny boy he always had something positive to say about things that was going in life . When Mother Rivers called or needed anything he was right there. Joe on the spot . It did not matter what it was or how much it cost . He was just like a son to her. May you rest in peace. "Don` t Weep Don` t Moan Joe Rivers has gone on home " Chandra Rivers & Andre` Rivers*

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**Chandra Rivers** - March 23, 2023 at 06:18 PM