



Cynthia M. Riley

May 24, 1950 - June 13, 2006

CYNTHIA MONTEZ RILEY, daughter of the late William Outlaw and Ruth Ward, was born on May 24, 1950 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this earthly life on June 13, 2006. She was educated through the Archdiocese of Baltimore, graduating from Martins High School in 1969. She married Elton Daniel and from that union one daughter, Jewel, was born. From 1970 to accepting an early retirement in 2001, Cynthia was employed by C&P (Verizon) telephone company. She was married and divorced to Abraham Riley during the 1980's. Cynthia continued to pursue her studies and received an Associates degree in communications from Essex Community College, while never missing a beat caring for Jewel. To relax, Cynthia developed a passion and perfected the art of Pinochle. This "exercise" helped her to discover and maintain several true and life-long friends. She always talked about going places to create memories. After retirement she began to travel extensively, from the East coast to the West coast, and in 2005 her international travel began with a trip to the Bahamas. Finding the most pleasure "just a 4-hour car drive away" as she would say, in Williamsburg, VA. Cynthia loved the summer months. This was the time when she could sit out on the grass to enjoy jazz music, walk around at free outdoor cultural art events, and eat crabs (with a Pepsi cola, of course). Cynthia was a family person who could always be relied upon for strength and support. She devoted herself to caring for her parents. Her mother has often referred to her as not only a daughter but her right arm. She maintained a close relationship

with her daughter, by knowing when to be mother and when to be a friend. Each year she planned something special with her granddaughter, who is also her goddaughter, because they shared the same birthday. She passionately loved all of her grandchildren and maintained a special relationship with each of them. She sought to provide them with what their needs were individually and would always be present to give support. Cynthia also took much pride in helping to coordinate a special family "reunion" on her mother's side in 2005. Cynthia was a true homebody. Her close friends called her "Suzie Homemaker" because her home was always immaculate. She took enormous pride in her home, spending much time and sparing no expense nurturing and beautifying her front and back yard and renovating her entire home meticulously room by room. This trait for keeping her home so clean launched her second career which involved her passion of connecting with youth. Cynthia became the site coordinator for the Safe Healing House, East and West where she facilitated the renovation and maintenance of the homes that house 15 males ages 15-20 years old. She created a program called the "Job Bank" which teaches the youth various carpentry skills. Many of the young men bonded with Cynthia and called her Mom or Grandma. Her way was very effective and she was able to reach many young men who were troubled. She had no formal training in this area but her grandmother wit, undying commitment, and knowing how to make a loving home environment made all the difference. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her stepfather and mother, John and Ruth; daughter, Jewel; son-in-law Fenton; three grandchildren, Blake, Devin, and Tacarra; brother and sister-in-law, Gregory and Marla; three nephews, Phillip, Kevin, and Steven; other mother, Evelyn; two friends that became her sisters, Nzinga and Freda; two childhood friends, Teadie and Ruby; a friend, Michael Cherry; too many relatives and close friends to count; and finally her beloved dog, Rocky.

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“ Cynthia M. Riley

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“ To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ I am writing to send my deepest condolences to the family of Cynthia M. Riley. I did not know her personally, yet I have experienced the lost of a loved one. In addition, I feel led to invite the survivors of Cynthia to my home church: Set the Captives Free. My church holds a bi-monthly bereavement ministry (2nd/4th Mondays @7p) called Life after Loss. It has helped me a great deal and I pray that you allow for it to assist you in such a time as this. May God Bless you!##imported-begin##Angie##imported-end##

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“ Dear Jewel, There are no words that can adequately express my deepest sympathy for you and your family. Knowing that there is no love like the love of and for a mother, I will say, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." May you feel God's comfort during this difficult time, as He continues to give you peace.##imported-begin##Kim R. Embry##imported-end##

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“ Jewel - Step-dad, Abe, grandma Carole, Aunt Yvette, Aunt Mimi, Bobby, Malik, Carole, Maisha, all of us,love you and pray your strength in the Lord as you go through this difficult time. Remember, sorrow may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning. Peace and strength to you for the days to come.##imported-begin##Carole Riley-Edwards##imported-end##

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“ *jewel,my deepest sympathy to you and your family,grace be to you and peace from god our father,and from the lord jesus christ.god bless you all.##imported-begin##mr and mrs antonio jones##imported-end##*

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“ *Jewel, My heart and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. God Bless you and yours. Denise##imported-begin##Denise Counts##imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers go out to the Riley family in your time of sorrow. I had the pleasure in working with Ms. Riley at Verizon and she was a very sweet person. We had wonderful conversations together and I will always remember her smile. We must thank God for the years we had her here on earth and remember she is now in a better place. God Bless.##imported-begin##Keycia Gross & Family##imported-end##*

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“*Jewel, I am very sorry to learn of the loss of your mom. Cynthia and I worked together at the telephone company for decades. As one coworker & I agreed we cannot remember NOT working with your mom. I have many wonderful memories of her. I will share 2 of them. In the early 1980's she was my "picket buddy" when we were on strike. I took my daughter Michelle who was about 6yrs old at the time. With her red hair and fair skin she always wore a sunhat. When we got to York Rd there was Cynthia in a big floral sunhat! They made the cutest couple walking on the picket line. When the company decided to close our office and move us downtown to Pratt St a high management person came to tell us of the closing. She advised us because we had all been there sooo long we were liabilities to the company as the "new" telephone companies didnot have employees who had been there for years so there were no pensions that they had to contribute to. Well, we were all offended. Your mom got up and explained to this lady that we all started about the same time, just out of high school, we got married, had babies, some had divorces, buried parents some children were now getting married and we were becoming grandparents. That is not a liability but a family . She hit the nail on the head. I am blessed to have called your mother a friend. My heartfelt sympathy to your family. Know that your mom was respected and loved by many.##imported-begin##Marge Farrell##imported-end##*

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