



Jennifer, Ruth P. 'Nee Riley'

June 16, 1922 - June 11, 2003

Ruth Pauline Riley-Jennifer passed away on June 11, 2003 due to complications arising from Alzheimer's disease. Ms. Jennifer was born on June 16, 1922 in Boley, Oklahoma. She moved to Los Angeles as a teen-age girl and graduated from Jordan High School at the age of 16. Upon graduation from high school, Ms. Jennifer attended Xavier University in New Orleans and subsequently transferred to Howard University in Washington D.C. While a student at Howard, she met Harold Jennifer, a Washington native and a student at Springfield College. Because of the war and her impending marriage, Ms. Jennifer left Howard and began a stellar career in federal government. She served as a Management Analyst in the manpower division at Fort Meade from 1950-1963; and she was employed in a similar but more responsible position at the National Security Agency from 1963 to 1972. She retired with honors in 1972. Immediately after retirement, Ms. Jennifer returned to Howard University and completed her work towards a B.S. in Physical Education and M.Ed in Guidance Counseling. She later returned to Los Angeles (from 1975-1990) after a brief stint as a counselor in the Virgin Islands. From 1990-2001 she resided in New Town of Coldspring from 2001 until her time of death. She was a resident of Marriott Brighton Gardens in Columbia. According to her only surviving son Clinton W. Jennifer, "My mother was a person of wit, charm, and exquisite style. She was a loving, kind, and generous individual." Ms. Jennifer was a member of several social clubs including the National Smart Set, the Girl Friends, the WMN's, and the

American Bridge Association. She was a prolific Bridge player, having amassed a large collection of trophies as a result of winning Bridge tournaments around the country. Other survivors (son Harold died in 1997) are sister Evelyn Cromell of Mariposa, California; grandchildren, Jai Jennifer of Oakland, California, Jacob, Riley, Jasmin, Joy and Ali Jennifer - all of Columbia, Maryland. She also leaves a nephew Robert D. Coleman of Merced, California and a niece Jacqui Coleman of High Point, North Carolina. In lieu of flowers, kindly send donations to the Campaign for Howard at Howard University or the Sonny Jennifer / Iota Phi Theta Endowed Scholarship Fund at Morgan State University.

Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer, Ruth P. 'Nee Riley'

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ Jennifer, Ruth P. 'Nee Riley'

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I would like to have said a few words to express my love for your Mom, but my emotions would not have allowed me to get past the first word. Gee, I do miss her and her and all the good times.##imported-begin##elizabeth edwards##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Our family finds much comfort in Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes , and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away ." Also John 5:28, 29 says: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life." We hope you find comfort in these words too.##imported-begin##sharon hill##imported-end##

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“ I WAS SO SORRY TO READ OF THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. DEATH IS INDEED MAN ENEMY, THATS WHY THE BIBLE TELL US THAT DEATH WILL BE DONE AWAY WITH FOREVER. IN THE BIBLE AT ST. JOHN CHAPTER 11, OUR LORD JESUS FRIEND LAZARUS HAD DIED AND AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THIS NEWS, THE BIBLE SAYS JESUS GROANED IN THE SPIRT AND BECAME TROUBLED. HE KNEW THE EFFECT THAT DEATH WILL HAVE OVER MANKIND, IN READING THAT PASSAGE OF THE BIBLE WE LEARN THAT JESUS RESSURECTION HIS FRIEND LAZARUS. SO ONE DAY WE TO CAN LOOK FORWARD TO OUR REIGNING KING JESUS PERFORMING THIS ON A WORLD WIDE SCALE. I HOPE ALL MAY BE COMFORTED WITH THESE WORDS.##imported-begin##JULIA##imported-end##

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“ My condolences go out to Ms. Jennifer's family. The bible offers hope for those in death as found in Rev 21:4##imported-begin##Shanell Williams##imported-end##

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