



Interment

Oak Lawn Cemetery
427 Cummins Highway
Roslindale, MA.02131

Repast

In lieu of a Repast, the family will have a private gathering

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge
with deep appreciation the many expressions of love,
support and kindness shown to them during this time.

May God bless and keep you all.

The Stone-Riley, Barber and Baxter Family

PALLBEARERS

Dwayne Cruthird
Justin Cruthird
Anthony Jemeison
Jerome Williams

Arrangements

Davis Funeral Home
89 Walnut Avenue
Roxbury, Massachusetts 02119



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Helen Lucille Riley

March 24, 1937 - July 7, 2024





Obituary

Helen Lucille (Burgess) Riley of Boston Mass., was born on March 24, 1937 and finished her earthy journey at the age of 87 on July 7, 2024. She was the second daughter of six children born to Beatrice and John Burgess in Washington D.C..

Relocating to Boston in 1969, she took a job with The Beacon Electric Company. Nicknamed Lou, she loved filling her social life with friends, music (she knew all the words to almost all the songs of the 50's and 60's - which she would sing at the drop of a hat!), dancing and good food. She liked nothing better than cooking for a crowd around her table. Lou was a caring woman who loved babysitting for the children of numerous friends and relatives over the years. She was generous to a fault., relentlessly accepting "found items" so that she could give them to people in need of them. Also, Lou believed that you "were entitled to her opinion".

Lou loved going to church. So much so that during her membership at Twelfth Baptist Church, Roxbury, she would wake up to get dressed for the 11 a.m. service at 4 a.m., arrive to church at 8 a.m., the janitor would let her in and she would sleep all alone in the Sanctuary until time for the service to begin. In her last few years she became a member of Congregation Lion of Judah, Boston.

The Matriarch of our family on the Maternal side, Helen leaves behind her only daughter Lu'ckette (Diane) Stone-Riley, her daughter-in-law Brenda Stone-Riley, Quincy, Ma., her only living sibling, her sister Florence Barber of Washington D.C., and her niece and caregiver Tessie Baxter, Quincy, Ma.. Additionally, she leaves behind several nieces, nephews, family members and friends. But we, the ones left behind, will honor her legacy and we will miss her great big beautiful smile!



Order of Service

Invocation/Prayer	Pastor Samuel Acevedo
Congregational Song	Congregation
Oh, Happy Day	
Old Testament Reading	Brenda Stone-Riley
Psalm 139:13-16	
Psalm 116:15	
New Testament Reading	Tessie Baxter
1 Corinthians 15:53-55	
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
Reading of Obituary	Juanita Baxter
Eulogy	Pastor Samuel Acevedo
It Is Well With My Soul	Joan Blue
Acknowledgements	Gayle Baxter
Blessing & Dismissal	Pastor Samuel Acevedo