

# *The Best Life*



*Deacon Leroy A. Rivers*

JULY 21, 1939 – SEPTEMBER 9, 2024



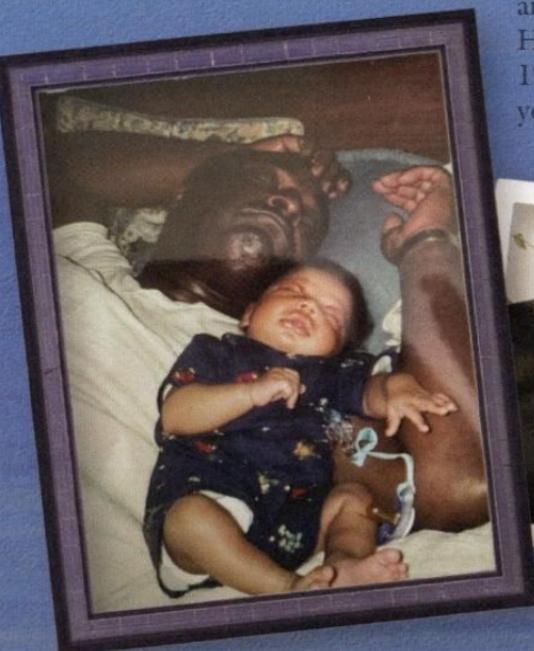
## *Obituary*

Deacon Leroy A. Rivers, of Coatesville, PA, surrounded by his family, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024, at his home. He was 85 years old.

Born in Coatesville, PA, he was the son of the late George Wright and Effie Lowry Rivers.

Leroy completed his schooling at the historic James Adams School up to the 9th grade. He then worked to help support his family. Leroy was a United States Army veteran who valiantly served his country until he was honorably discharged.

Leroy met the love of his life and married his wife, Pattie M. Hunter Rivers, on August 3, 1968, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.



Over the years, Leroy was employed at the former Luken's Steel Mill as a General Foreman. Leroy also was employed at Embreeville State Hospital as a mortuary technician. Then, Leroy enrolled in the police academy and worked as a PA State Trooper and then became the Chief Police of Valley Township.

In 1975, Leroy joined the Second Baptist Church, now known as the Second Baptist Worship Center in Coatesville. He served in various ministries, including the Chairman of the Deacon Board, Usher Board, Building Committee and the Trustees Board.

Leroy was a member of various lodges and organizations over the years. He was Past Master of Hope Chatham Lodge #40 PHA Grand Lodge. A member of the Charles E. Gordon Consistory #65, the Holy Royal Arch Masons, Mt. Lebanon Chapter #18, Minaret Temple #174, Hiram Council R&SM, Eureka

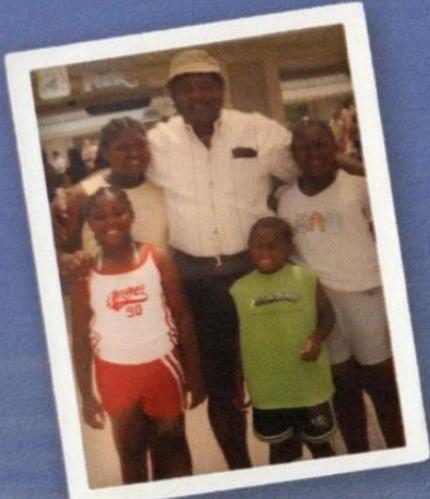


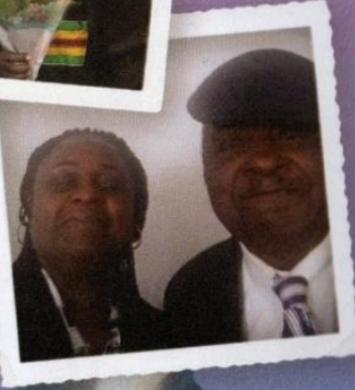
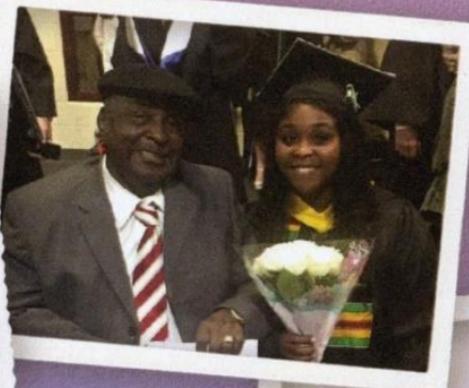
Chapter #12, Order of Eastern Star PHA, the VFW Post 2404 Mt. Vernon Lodge #151, I.B.P.O.E. of W.

Leroy enjoyed bowling, golfing, and shopping with his wife Pattie (as he sat in the chair) at Boscov's. He also enjoyed watching the Philadelphia Eagles, the Price Is Right, and CNN almost every day. Most of all, he enjoyed being around his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grands.

In addition to his wife, Pattie, he was predeceased by his great-grandson, Devon Peoples, Jr.; nephew, Brian Rivers; brother, Hugh Rivers; sisters, Eula Mae Rivers and Jeanine Rivers.

Deacon Rivers is survived by two daughters, Sheila Smith (husband, Benito) of Coatesville, and Sharon Thomas (husband, Earl) of Justin, Texas; brother, Willie Rivers; sister, Diana Martin; sisters-in-law, Annie Hunter,





Helen Madry, and Minnie Hunter all of Baltimore, Maryland, and Emma Williams of Washington, D.C.; 5 grandchildren: Sheilita Rivers-Hamilton, Charyea Rivers-Hamilton, Janeyah Rivers-Hamilton, Charles Rivers-Hamilton Jr., and Cameron Smith; 5 great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

He is also survived by special friends, Lisa Lister, Eliza Mae Brown, Deacon Leroy and Olivia Lyons, Deacon, Corinthian, and Marvina Depté, James Grove and his Pastor, Rev. Dr. James L. Smith, and First Lady Beverly Fox Smith.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family





## Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Bro. Kendall Wilson
Local Veterans Tribute	
Masonic Ritualistic Service	
Final Viewing	
Officiating Clergy .....	Min. Amarte Grove
MC.....	Elder Christopher Robinson
Opening Hymn.....	Choir & Congregation
"When We All Get To Heaven"	
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament-I Corinthians 15:50-57 ..	Min. Andre Bennett
New Testament-Romans 8:18-29.....	Min. Khaalis McGibboney
Prayer of Comfort.....	Evang. Tisha Mae Jackson
Music Selection .....	SBWC Choir
"Silver and Gold"	
Reading of Cards.....	Sis. Audrey Alston
Reading of the Resolutions &	
Obituary .....	Missionary Jessica London, Church Clerk
Reflections (2 Minutes).....	Family & Friends
Ministerial Words of Encouragement.....	(2 Minutes)
Music Selection.....	Sis. Rita Tingle-Lewis
"I Shall Wear a Crown"	
Eulogy .....	Rev. Dr. James L. Smith
Remarks .....	Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director
Recessional.....	Clergy and Family

## LIFE CELEBRATION SERVICES

Saturday, September 21, 2024

8:00 AM Viewing

10:00 AM Service

## SERVICE LOCATION

Second Baptist Worship Center

857 Lumber Street

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Dr. James L. Smith, Pastor

## PALLBEARERS

Masonic Lodge Members

## FLOWER BEARERS

Eastern Star Members

## COMMITTAL SERVICE & INTERMENT

With Military Honors

New Evergreen Cemetery

208 Cemetery Lane

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

## REPAST

The repast will be held at the church for the immediate family

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. Special blessings and thank-yous to his caregivers, Sheilita Rivers Hamilton, Kris Bogan, and Felicity Costin. Thank you to Pastor Smith and the entire church family for serving us generously. We appreciate your love, prayers and support.*

*May God bless you.*

*Sincerely, The Family*



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