

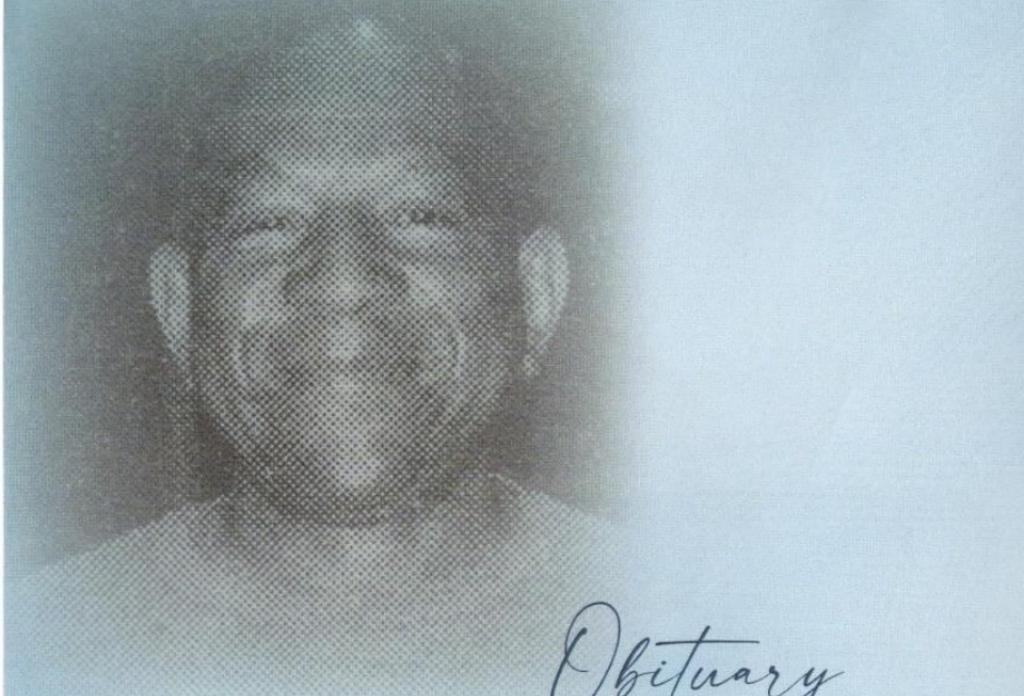
Celebrating a Life



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**WILLIE RIVERS**

MAY 20, 1933 – MAY 12, 2025



# Obituary

Willie Rivers, 91, of Coatesville, PA, passed away on Monday, May 12, 2025, at Chester County Hospital in West Chester.

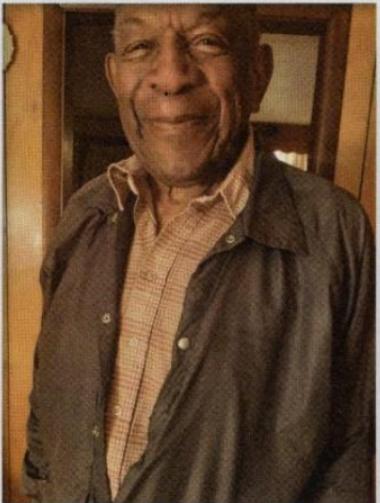
Born in Coatesville, he was the son of the late AJ Rivers, Effie Lowry Rivers Wright, and stepson of George Wright. He was known as "Brownie" by his family and friends.



He was married to his first wife, Evelyn Lorraine Grant Rivers and from this union were born two children, Brian and Frederick. They shared many years of marriage until her passing in 1995. Willie later found love again with his second wife, Elsie Naomi Boyd Rivers, who brought renewed happiness into his life. They shared many years of marriage until her passing in 2011. Both held a special place in the hearts of the family, leaving behind a legacy of cherished memories with his children, grandchildren and extended family.

He dedicated 44 years of hard work to Lukens Steel Company, where he was employed on the Zip Line. His commitment to his job was a testament to his simple, straightforward character and work ethic.

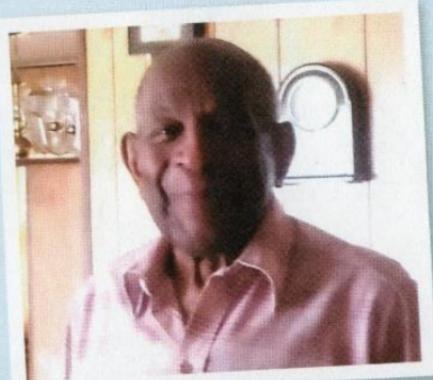
He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Coatesville. His greeting was always with a smile. He did things the old-school way. Willie found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He was an avid gardener, traveler, and fisherman, often spending peaceful days by the waters of Northeast Maryland.



His leisure time was filled with playing bingo, watching TV shows and sports, especially the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies, and enjoyed watching boxing matches. Most of all, he enjoyed automobiles and taking long walks.

In addition to his parents and his former spouses, Evelyn and Elsie, he was preceded in death by his son, Brian Rivers; brothers, Hugh Rivers and Leroy Rivers; sisters, Eula Mae Rivers and Jeanine Rivers; daughter-in-law, Juanita Towles Rivers; and sister-in-laws, Pattie Rivers and Anne Grant.

He will be deeply missed by his sons, Frederick C. Rivers of Coatesville, and Michael W. Campbell of Downingtown; daughter, Stephanie Campbell of Lancaster, and Janice Campbell of Coatesville; step-children, Pastor Henry M. Boyd, Jr. (Patty), Dea. Martin N. Boyd, Sr. (Loren) and





Phillip F. Boyd, Sr. (Marie), JoAnn Brown; sister, Diana Martin; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

He will be deeply missed and remembered for his kindness and support.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family



# Order of Service

<b>Organ Prelude</b>	<i>Sis. Roberta Scott</i>
<b>Final Viewing</b>	
<b>Officiating Clergy</b>	<i>Rev. Howard Miller</i>
<b>Opening Hymn #223 "The Solid Rock"</b>	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	
Old Testament- Psalm 23:1-6	<i>Dea. Daniel Washington</i>
New Testament- John 14:1-6	<i>Dea. Martin N. Boyd, Sr.</i>
<b>Prayer of Comfort</b>	<i>Rev. Richard Cook</i>
<b>Reading of Cards &amp; Resolutions</b>	<i>Min. Renee F. Carey</i>
<b>Reading of the Obituary</b>	<i>Sis. Valerie Foust</i>
<b>Reflections (2 Minutes)</b>	<i>2 Family Members</i>
<b>Words of Comfort</b>	<i>(2 Minutes)</i>
<b>Music Selection</b>	
<b>Eulogy</b>	<i>Pastor Henry M. Boyd</i>
<b>Remarks</b>	<i>Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director</i>
<b>Recessional</b>	<i>Clergy and Family</i>

## **LIFE CELEBRATION SERVICES**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

9:00 AM Viewing

11:00 AM Service

## **SERVICE LOCATION**

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

128 Irish Lane

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Henry Michael Boyd, Pastor

## **PALLBEARERS**

Dea. Henry Carey	Arland Jones
Family & Friends	

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

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## **COMMITTAL SERVICE & INTERMENT**

Mellinger's Mennonite Cemetery

11 Greenfield Road

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. We appreciate your love, prayers and support. May God bless you.*

*Sincerely, The Family*



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