



God Says:

I've heard your cries, I can feel your pain. I have not forgotten you. I know you do not understand all that I do and allow, but I am always in Control. I alone have all power. Out of your disappointments, pain and hurt, I will bring great joy. I need you to hold on in these difficult days ahead. Everything is going To be alright. Place your trust in Me like never before. Be still and know that I AM GOD

# Pallbearers

Alfred Edwards      Delonzo Riley  
Brian Herrington      Bacari Harris  
Jamal Harris      Steve Gibson

Kaden Herrington

# Flower Attendants

Family and Friends

# Acknowledgments

We would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your prayers that have helped to strengthen and keep us during this most difficult time. Continue to pray that God will keep us encouraged and strengthen. May God continue to bless each of You. We love you.

The Riley Family



**REPAST**  
St John Baptist Church  
Fort Valley, GA

**CATERER**  
Bab's Family Catering  
Warner Robins, GA

## Arrangements Entrusted To:

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# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# A.J. Riley

JUNE 5, 1930 - AUGUST 1, 2025

## EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY

1011 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 AT 11.00AM**



# REMEMBERING A.J.

## A Time to be Born

AJ affectionately known as “Speedy” or to his grands “Big Daddy” was born on June 5, 1930, to the late Ella Lee Boose and Hillard Riley in Peach County Georgia. He was the middle child of the three from this union.

## A Time to Grow

“Speedy” attended the public schools of Peach County. He accepted and joined Fairview CME Church in Fort Valley, Georgia at an early age. Though his formal education was brief, his life was rich in lessons and wisdom taught not by textbooks, but by experience, responsibility, hard work and grace.

## A Time to Love

Speedy was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mattie Lee Johnson Riley in 1956. To this union, five children were born, one preceding him in death.

## A Time to Serve

Speedy was employed with Bluebird Body Company where he proudly served for 47 years. When he wasn’t working, you’d likely find him outdoors -fishing pole in hand, waiting patiently by the waters or walking through the woods with his 410 shotgun during hunting season. In those moments where he could spend hours outside, he was most himself; calm, patient and content with life.

## A Time to Rest

On August 1, 2025, God peacefully called AJ from labor to reward. He is reunited with his beloved wife of 52 years, Mattie Riley. He is survived by four children: Alonzo Riley of McDonough, GA; Pamela Riley, Gail Adams and Phyllis (Donald) Hart all of Fort Valley, GA; one child who preceded him in death, Sherry Ann Lowman Edwards; and one daughter-in-law who preceded him in death, Patrica Ann Moore Riley. Two siblings: Ruby Gibson and James Hill that preceded him in death; sister-in-Law; Callie Brown of Miami FL; 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, friends and a devoted friend, Ray Monfort.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL

### PRAYER

Rev. Jimmy Ross

## SCRIPTURE READING

Old & New Testament.....Rev. Ricky Jackson

### SONG

Min. Dexter Davis

## WORDS OF COMFORT

Dr. LeTunya Walker

## WORDS OF REFLECTION

(2 minutes)

Neighbor.....Donald Walker

Friend.....Ray Montfort

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Min. Dexter Davis

### EULOGY

Rev. Dr. Willie Wright

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## RECESSIONAL

### Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

1854 Willow Lake Road  
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