

*"A Letter From Heaven"*  
by Alena Hakala Meadows

When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not there to see;  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today;  
While thinking of the many things  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you;  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.



**Pallbearers**  
Darrion Robinson  
Kervin Owens  
Dre Allen  
Keith Hunter  
James Carthan  
Jermaine Kelley

**Honorary Pallbearers**  
Levonne Greer  
Lynn Greer  
Paul Greer  
Kenneth Riley  
DaQuavis Collins  
DaVontae Greer

**Flower Bearers**  
Friends of the Family

**Interment**  
Forest Lawn Cemetery  
3210 South Washington  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

**Acknowledgement**

The family of Mr. Rickie Riley wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of bereavement. Knowing that one day, everyone will cross the same threshold, it is comforting to know that in our time of need, there are special people like you.



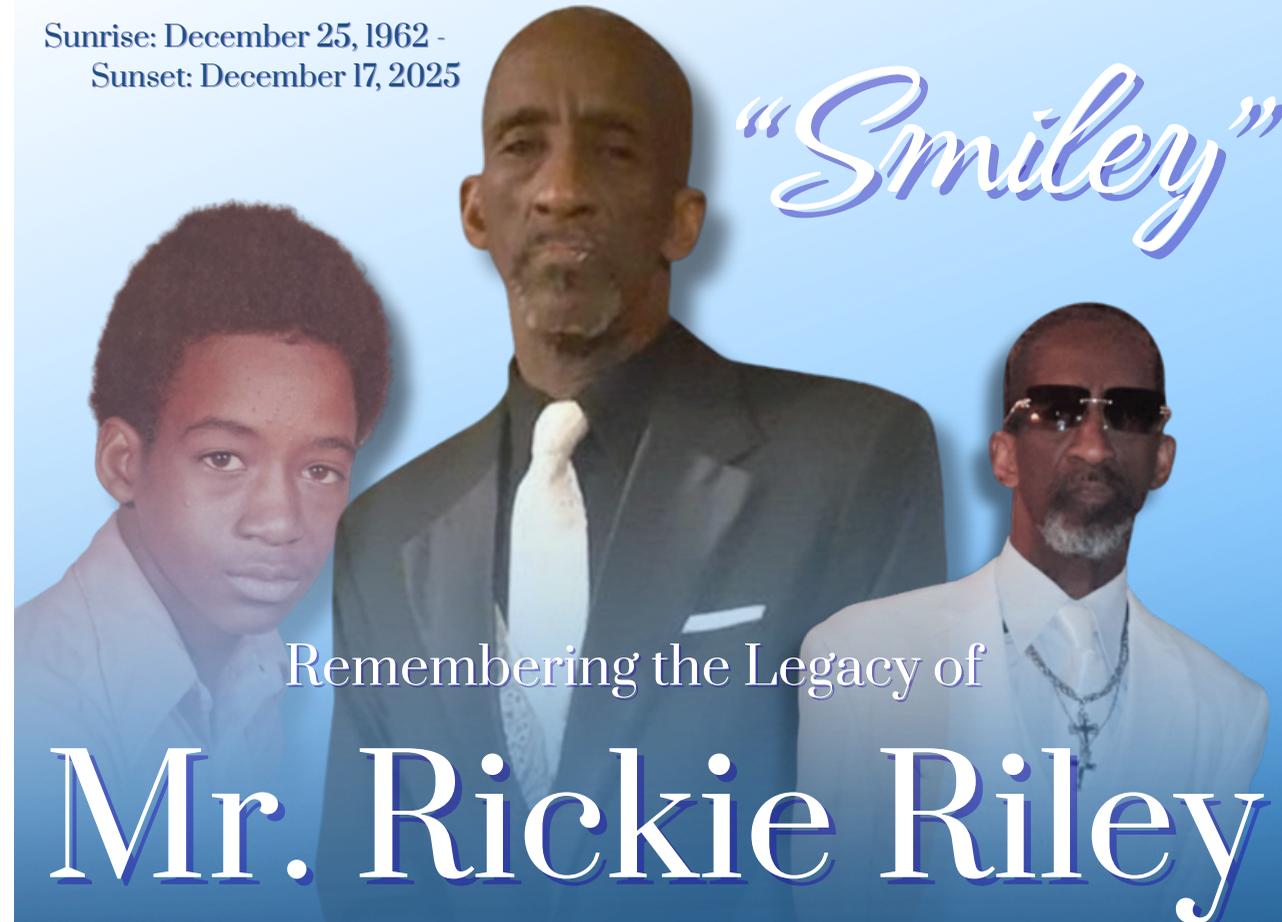
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Sunrise: December 25, 1962 -  
Sunset: December 17, 2025

*"Smiley"*



Remembering the Legacy of

**Mr. Rickie Riley**

Celebration of Life Services  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
11:00 A.M.

Paradise Funeral Chapel  
3100 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Pastor Mary Alice Allen, Officiating

*A Little While*

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow... Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only gone to rest a little while. Although my leaving causes pain and grief. My going has eased my hurt and given me relief. So dry your eyes and remember me. Not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because I will remember you all. And look on with a smile. Understand in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.

# “Smiley”

Mr. Rickie Riley passed away on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan. Age 62 years. Rickie was born on December 25, 1962, in Kosciusko, Mississippi, to Ida Riley and Levi Hamilton.

Rickie was a resident of Saginaw, Michigan. He attended the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. Growing up, Rickie attended several churches and always had a close relationship with God.

Rickie will be remembered for his sense of humor and his willingness to help others. He loved detailing cars; it was his special trade among many. When he wasn't working on a project, he would put his outfits together and get dressed up as if he were stepping out of a magazine. Rickie loved his suits and Stacy Adams. He was known for his style, confidence, and the ability to light up a room with his smile. Rickie truly lived life his way and left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Rickie leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Ida Riley Shaw, Kosciusko, Mississippi; one sister, Annie Greer, Saginaw, Michigan; four brothers, Levonne Greer, Lynn Greer, Paul Greer, and Kenneth Riley all of Saginaw, Michigan; children Janese Boli, Taylor, Michigan, and DaQuayvis, Bay City, Michigan; fiancé Rita Black; four stepchildren, Alexis, Carolyn, Angel, and Beyonka; grandchildren, Aaliyah, Kendrick, DaQuaviona, Jailyynn, Elijah, Joelle, and many others; eleven nieces; Michelle, Shandas, Cresha, Kionna, Kimaya, Champaigne, Jasmine, Keyosha, Kendale, Monsi, and Jayla; eleven nephews, Marcus, Marquise, Torrian, Tyree, Mario, DaVontaw, Lyntarius, Isaiah, Kendall, Lil Ken, and Quay; four aunts, Dianne Riley, Billie Ruth Wilson, Lula Malone, and Peggy Petee, all of Kosciusko, Mississippi; one uncle, K.P Evans, Kosciusko, Mississippi; cousins, Faye Burt, Linda Burt, Charles Burt, Steve Allen, Trina Allen, Keith Hunter, Kenyatta Hunter, Dre Allen, Tim Allen, and Jackie Bland; many other relatives and friends including special friend, James Carthan.

Rickie was preceded in death by his father, Levi Hamilton; three brothers, Kevin Lee, Gleen, and Michael Greer; grandfather, K.P. Riley; grandmother, Wardine Riley Lockett; aunt, Susie Lee Riley; special cousin, Tommy Riley; and his friend Disco.



## God Saw the Road

God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hill was hard to climb.  
He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered, “Peace Be Thine.”

The weary hours, the days of pain,  
The sleepless nights have passed.  
The ever-patient worn-out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were weary  
So He did what He knows best.  
He came and stood beside you,  
And whispered, “Come and rest.”

You bid no one a last farewell,  
Not even a goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.



## Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little, but not too long and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take and each much go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss me but let me go.

## Order of Service

- Prelude ..... Musician
- Processional ..... Family
- Scripture Reading  
Old & New Testament ..... Sister Linda Robinson
- Prayer ..... Pastor Mary Alice Allen
- Selection ..... Timothy Allen
- Acknowledgements & Obituary ..... Diane Holliman
- Expressions  
(Please Limit to 2 Minutes) ..... Family & Friends
- Selection ..... Minister Marlow Dunn
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Mary Alice Allen
- Committal .... Benediction .... Recessional