

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS:

Jason Paul, Jr.            Jaylin Derosin  
Jeffery Stelly            Eric Stelly  
Brandon Tompkins        Billie Tompkins

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Floyd Joseph            Donald Joseph  
   Larry Joseph  
Theodore Joseph        Eddie Joseph

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We extend sincere thanks and gratefulness for the many expression of love and support shown during this time. We offer our sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to us in our time of sorrow. Thanks for all the calls , visits, and prayers. May God bless and keep each one of you. We will always cherish your kindness and support.

*The Family of Vera Rose Riley*

REPAST:

Simmesport Senior Center (located behind Simmesport Town Hall)  
372 Mission Drive  
Simmesport, LA 71369

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Escude Funeral Home  
425 Main Street  
Simmesport, LA 71369

INTERMENT:

True Vine Baptist Church Cemetery  
Hamburg, LA

*Homegoing Celebration  
of  
Vera Rose Riley*



Alpha:  
May 17, 1946

Omega:  
April 11, 2024

*Escude Funeral Home  
625 Main Street  
Simmesport, LA 71369  
Rev. Earnest Salsberry, Officiating  
April 27, 2024  
11:00am*



OBITUARY

*I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.  
Psalms 40:1*

Sister Vera Rose Riley gained her heavenly wings on Thursday, April 11, 2024 while surrounded with family.

Sister Riley was born May 17, 1946 in Wayside, LA to the late Matleen and Paul Joseph. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Rev. Uless Brooks at True Vine Baptist Church. She was married to the late Rev. Willie Riley on July 13, 1974 and to this union, two children were born.

Because taking care of others was one of her many passions, Sister Riley was a dedicated worker at Bayou Chateau Nursing home for several years until she retired. Even after retirement, she continued employment at Cottonport Bank (Simmesport Branch) until her health failed. Everyone knew and loved "Ms. Vera."

Sister Riley is preceded in death by her parents, Matleen & Paul Joseph; son, Jonathan Riley; husband, Reverend Willie Riley; granddaughter, Jessica Guillot, sister, Ivory Mae Anderson Lyles, two brothers, Leroy Joseph, Sr. and Clarence Joseph.

Sister Riley leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Laura Stelly & Shelia Riley, Simmesport, LA; five sisters, Ethel Allen, Port Arthur, TX; Camille (Jerry) Dunbar, Sr., Baton Rouge, LA; Henrietta Joseph, Omaha, Nebraska; Elnora Gordon, Columbus, GA; and Patricia Richard Young, Lafayette, LA; five brothers: Floyd (Annie) Joseph, Simmesport, LA; Eddie Joseph and Theodore Joseph, Jackson MS; Donald (Peggy) Joseph, Port Arthur, TX; Larry (Beverly) Joseph, Houston, TX and a host of loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



*A limb has fallen from the family tree.*

*I keep hearing a voice that says,  
"Grieve not for me".*

*Remember the best times, the laughter,  
the song.*

*The good life I lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage,  
I'm counting on you.*

*Keep smiling  
and surely the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease.*

*My soul is at rest.*

*Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.*

*Continue traditions,  
no matter how small.*

*Go on with your life.*

*Don't worry about falls.*

*I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.*

*Until the day comes,*

*We will meet and be together again.*






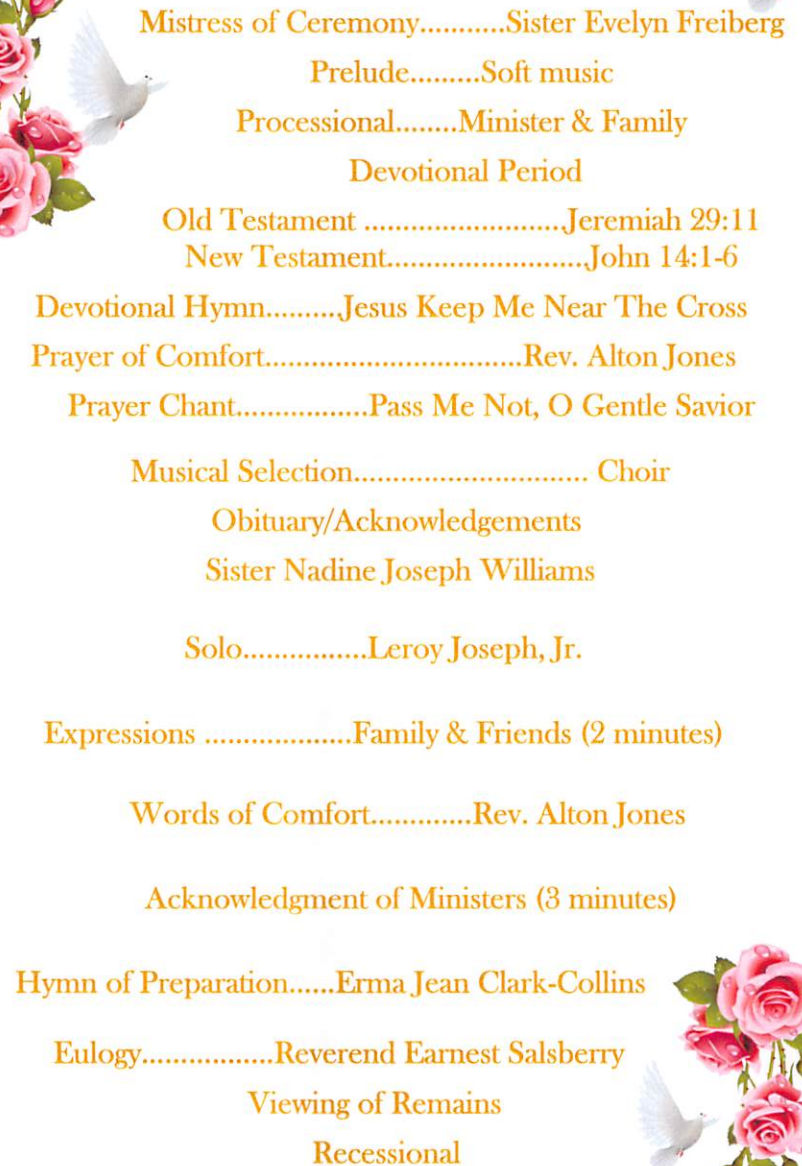
**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

*Psalms 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of  
my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever.*



**ORDER OF SERVICE**



Mistress of Ceremony.....Sister Evelyn Freiberg  
Prelude.....Soft music  
Processional.....Minister & Family  
Devotional Period  
Old Testament .....Jeremiah 29:11  
New Testament.....John 14:1-6  
Devotional Hymn.....Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Alton Jones  
Prayer Chant.....Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior  
Musical Selection..... Choir  
Obituary/Acknowledgements  
Sister Nadine Joseph Williams  
Solo.....Leroy Joseph, Jr.  
Expressions .....Family & Friends (2 minutes)  
Words of Comfort.....Rev. Alton Jones  
Acknowledgment of Ministers (3 minutes)  
Hymn of Preparation.....Erma Jean Clark-Collins  
Eulogy.....Reverend Earnest Salsberry  
Viewing of Remains  
Recessional



## ROSES FOR MOM

If roses grow in heaven,  
 Lord please pick a bunch for me.  
 Place them in my mother's arms  
 And tell her they are from me.  
 Tell her I love her and miss her,  
 And when she turns to smile.  
 Place a kiss upon her cheek  
 And hold her for awhile.  
 Because remembering her is easy,  
 I do it everyday.  
 But there is an ache within my heart that will  
 never go away.



*Mama, this is not goodbye...Just...See you later.*

*We love you now and forever*

*Your Loving Daughters,*

*Laura & Shelia*



## REMEMBERING GRANDMA



### Grandma....

I thought of you with love today,  
 but that is nothing new.  
 I thought about you yesterday,  
 and the days before that too.  
 I think of you in silence,  
 I often speak your name.  
 All I have are my memories  
 And your picture in a frame.

*Grandma, you will live in our hearts forever.*

*All Our Love,*

*Your grandchildren and great-grandchildren*

