

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Riley Andrews Jr., wish to express sincere gratitude for the kind deeds, prayers and other expressions of sympathy shown during our hour of bereavement. Your prayer has been a source of strength that will sustain us and keep us through each day.

**Special Thanks to Summit Homecare & Hospice**

### *Pallbearers*

Anthony Price - Aaron Bosley - Robert M. Gooch Sr.

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Gary Andrews - Terry Andrews - Tyron Geiger - Matthew Holston

### *Honorary Flowerbearers*

Angela Price - Victoria Smith - Jasmine Smith - Jailan Smith

#### **The Joy of My Life**



Carolyn, my love you brought me so much joy for 21 years. I know you did not expect this union to end so soon, but God had a purpose and a plan for me. The days and months will go by slowly, but know that at every sunset I will be watching over you holding your hand. Continue to cheer the Cleveland Browns on to victory and tell those Buckeyes it's their season to beat the team up North. These past few months, I would glaze into your eyes and wonder where did you get the strength. You made sure that my final days were my best days so, I counted it all joy. "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord." You are truly, "The Joy of My Life." I will forever love you and hold you in my heart. Always take good care of yourself and may God be with you until the pearly gates will open, we shall tread the streets of gold when we all get to Heaven.

Love your Husband, Riley

#### **To My Dear Husband**

Riley, you were my best friend, and then you became my husband, your face I loved is now laid low, your voice is still, your hands so often clasped in mine now lies in death's cold chill, now I sit and I think of you when I am all alone, your memory Riley is the only thing that grief can call its own, I will miss you Riley, I love you, until we meet again.

Love your Wife, Carolyn



**The Pathway**

#### **My Children, Grandchildren, Family, and Friends**

There were many pathways that I took through life some were good and some I failed at. The pathway I will leave behind for my children, grandchildren, family, and friends, "May the works I've done speak for me. There's nothing more to be said; for I am resting in my grave." You all were very special to me and I will forever cherish every memory. Thank you for caring for me it really meant a lot. Although, the tears may come and go, just remember the pathway is not too far for Jesus is near. Until we meet again, I will be waiting by the pathway.

Love your Father and Friend, Riley

#### **Interment**

**Evergreen Burial Park**  
1401 Woodland Ave.,  
Columbus, OH 43219

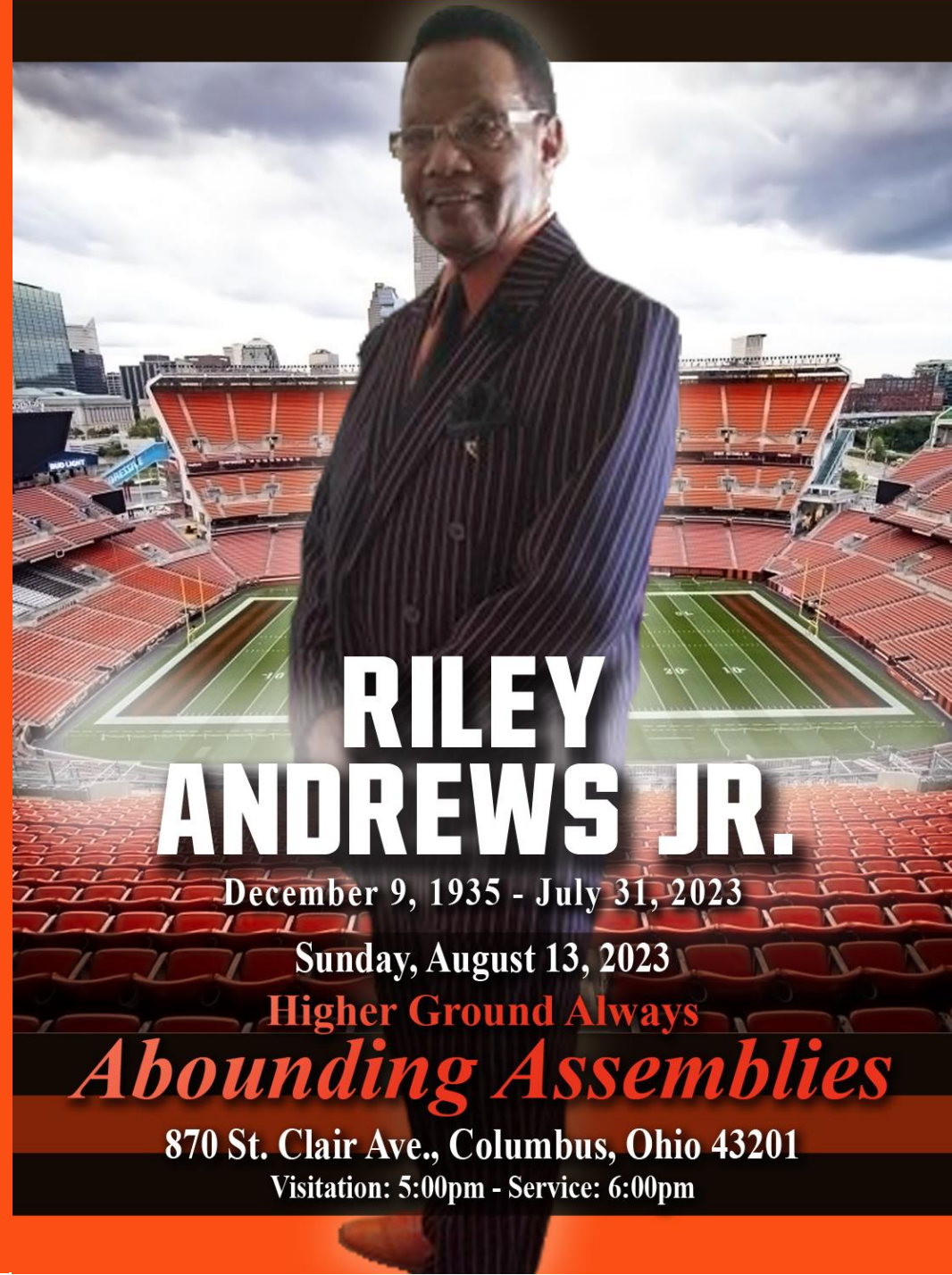
#### **Funeral Processional to the Cemetery**

**Monday, August 14, 2023 at 11:00am**

Family & Friends will leave from the Funeral Home at 10:45

To offer condolences to The Andrews Family,  
visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)

# **HOMEGOING CELEBRATION** *for*



# **RILEY ANDREWS JR.**

**December 9, 1935 - July 31, 2023**

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Higher Ground Always**

# **Abounding Assemblies**

**870 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201**

**Visitation: 5:00pm - Service: 6:00pm**

## Obituary

Andrews, Riley Jr.; age 87, whispered to his Heavenly Father "Take My Hand, Precious Lord and Lead Me Home." Riley departed this life surrounded with wife and family at his bedside on Monday, July 31, 2023. He was born December 9, 1935 in Griffin, Georgia to the late Riley Sr. and Mattie Lou. Riley Andrews Jr., graduated from Central High School taking career training courses that prepared him for the workforce. He worked all of his life and then later retired from Buckeye Steel and the Ohio Dayton Malleable Iron Company. Riley led a contented and fulfilling life, as a singer with the group "Five Hearts and a Beat" they performed locally and toured different states. "Ned," as he was affectionately known by his church family was a long-time faithful member of the Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies. Riley was a well-dressed man always color coordinating with his wife at all events.

Everyone knew he loved to watch the Cleveland Browns, The Ohio State football games, and the news. Riley stayed very active going on nature walks, traveling, landscaping his yard, setting up spectacular Christmas lights, and spending time with family and friends. Often times, you will hear Riley singing "Happy Birthday" to someone or serenading his wife with ballads such as "My Girl" and showering her with flowers. In his final moments, Riley renewed his wedding vows with his best friend Carolyn and a nurse was their witness. Their commitment to each other "in sickness and in health, to love and cherish, till death do us part" was the strength to their union. On August 18th they would have celebrated 22 years of marriage. Riley Andrews Jr. will surely be missed by all.

He is preceded in death by parents; Riley Andrews Sr., and Mattie Lou; brothers, Grady and Issac; and granddaughter, Ebony.

He leaves to cherish his devoted wife of 21 years; Carolyn Andrews, sons; Gary (Aldean) Andrews, Terry (Diann) Andrews, and Tyron (Tasha) Geiger; daughters, Marcy and Angela; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and special dear friend Robert M. Gooch, Sr., all of Columbus, Ohio. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended family.

## Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Music Ministry  
~Clergy Processional~
- PRAYER OF COMFORT .....Pastor Juan Brady  
*True Spirit of God Christian Life Center*
- SCRIPTURE READING..... Elder Toya Watts  
Old Testament .....Psalm 23  
New Testament.....2 Corinthians 5:10
- SOLO.....Sis. Becky Mitchell
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..... Elder Deborah Williams
- READING OF OBITUARY ..... Read Silently
- REMARKS..... Deacon Matthew Holston  
& Pastor Derrick Bass, Sr.  
*Serenity Baptist Church*
- SOLO .....Pastor Juan Brady
- PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD .....Elder Jeff Watts  
*Higher Ground Always Abounding Assemblies*
- RECESSIONAL ..... "When We All Get To Heaven"

## Repast

*(Immediately Following Service ~ Family & Out of Town Guests)*  
**Higher Ground Family Life Center**