



I'm Free



Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
 I'm following the path God laid for me
 I took his hand when I heard him call,
 I turned my back and left it all
 I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I've found that peace at the close of day
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life's been full, I've savored much,
 Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
 If my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
 God wanted me now, He set me free.

Lovingly Submitted by son and daughter,
 Anthony and Melissa



Love

Love means to learn to look at yourself
 The way one looks at distant things,
 For you are only one thing among many.
 And whoever sees that way heals his heart,
 Without knowing it, from various ills.
 A bird and a tree says to him: Friend.
 Then he wants to use himself and things
 So that they stand in the glow of ripeness.
 It doesn't matter whether he knows what he serves:
 Who serves best doesn't always understand.

Lovingly submitted by brothers and sister,
 Tommie, Malcolm and Rita



Interment

Ervington Church Cemetery
 Allendale, SC
 Committal Service, Prayer and Benediction

Pall Bearers

Nephews & Grandchildren

Floral Attendants

Friends of the Family

Repast

Ervington Fellowship Hall



Final Care and Arrangements Entrusted To:

Dr. Betty D. Strudwick
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"Where Comfort Is Found In Memories"

Homegoing Celebration for



Esther Mae RILEY BUTLER

Alpha: May 23, 1948 - Omega: March 30, 2026

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 AT 11:00 AM

Ervington Baptist Church

4347 RIVER ROAD
 ALLENDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29810

REVEREND JAMES REYNOLDS, PASTOR

Order of Service

Minister Angel Williams, Presiding

Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional/Final Viewing Clergy, Family & Friends

Opening Hymn Ervington Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Readings..... Reverend Jerry Montgomery
Old and New Testaments *Faith Ministry Church, Denmark, SC*

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Freddie Jamison

Selection Mike and Chara Brown

Family Tributes..... Anthony Butler (son)
Minister Benji Addison Jr. (nephew)
Deacon Curtis Addison (brother-in-law)

Acknowledgements.....Allendale Community
Funeral Home

Special Selection Mike and Chara Brown

Words of Comfort..... Reverend James Reynolds

Recessional

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Esther Mae Butler would like to extend sincere gratitude for the support that was shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

The Butler Family



Reflection of Life



Mrs. Esther Mae Riley Butler was born on May 23, 1948, to the late Ned Riley Jr. and the late Barbara Holmes Riley. She peacefully entered into eternal rest on March 30, 2026.

Mrs. Butler received her education in the public schools of Allendale, South Carolina, and graduated from C.V. Bing High School. Following her graduation, she relocated to Miami, Florida, where she began a new chapter in her life.

In 1970, she met and married Mr. Elmer E. Butler. From this union, she leaves to cherish her loving memories one son, Anthony J. Butler, and one daughter, Melissa Butler, both of Florida.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Mary Ann Riley.

She also leaves behind one sister, Barbara Rita (Curtis) Addison, two brothers: Tommie (Carrie) Riley and Malcolm (Catherine) Riley all of Barnwell, South Carolina; two sisters-in-law: Weldra Butler and Melissa Butler; one uncle, William Holmes of Summerville, South Carolina; and two aunts: Viola Holmes and Modie Holmes.

Mrs. Butler's legacy continues through her three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.