



MY *Mother*  
KEPT A GARDEN

My Mother kept a garden,  
a garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things  
that gave my life it's start.  
She turned me to the sunshine  
and encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
the seeds of self-esteem...  
And when the winds and rain came,  
she protected me enough-  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example  
always taught me right from wrong-  
Markers for my pathway  
that will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother's garden.  
I am her legacy-  
And I hope today she feels the love  
reflected back from me.

# SALLY

LEE RIVERS

## PALLBEARERS

Demario Hills  
Darius Rivers  
Reginald Samuels, Jr.  
Joshua Rivers  
Philip Jordan  
Marvin Colbert

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Granddaughters, Nieces, Family and Friends

## INTERMENT

Edgewood Cemetery  
4519 Edgewood Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida 32219

## REPAST

Central Baptist Institutional Church Fellowship Hall

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Sally Rivers, wish to extend our deepest appreciation to those who have helped to brighten our day in whatever way, big or small. The sunshine of your smile, the warmth and sincerity of your prayers and all other acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement have been told to God, whom we pray will shower His blessings on each one of you.

~ *The Rivers Family*

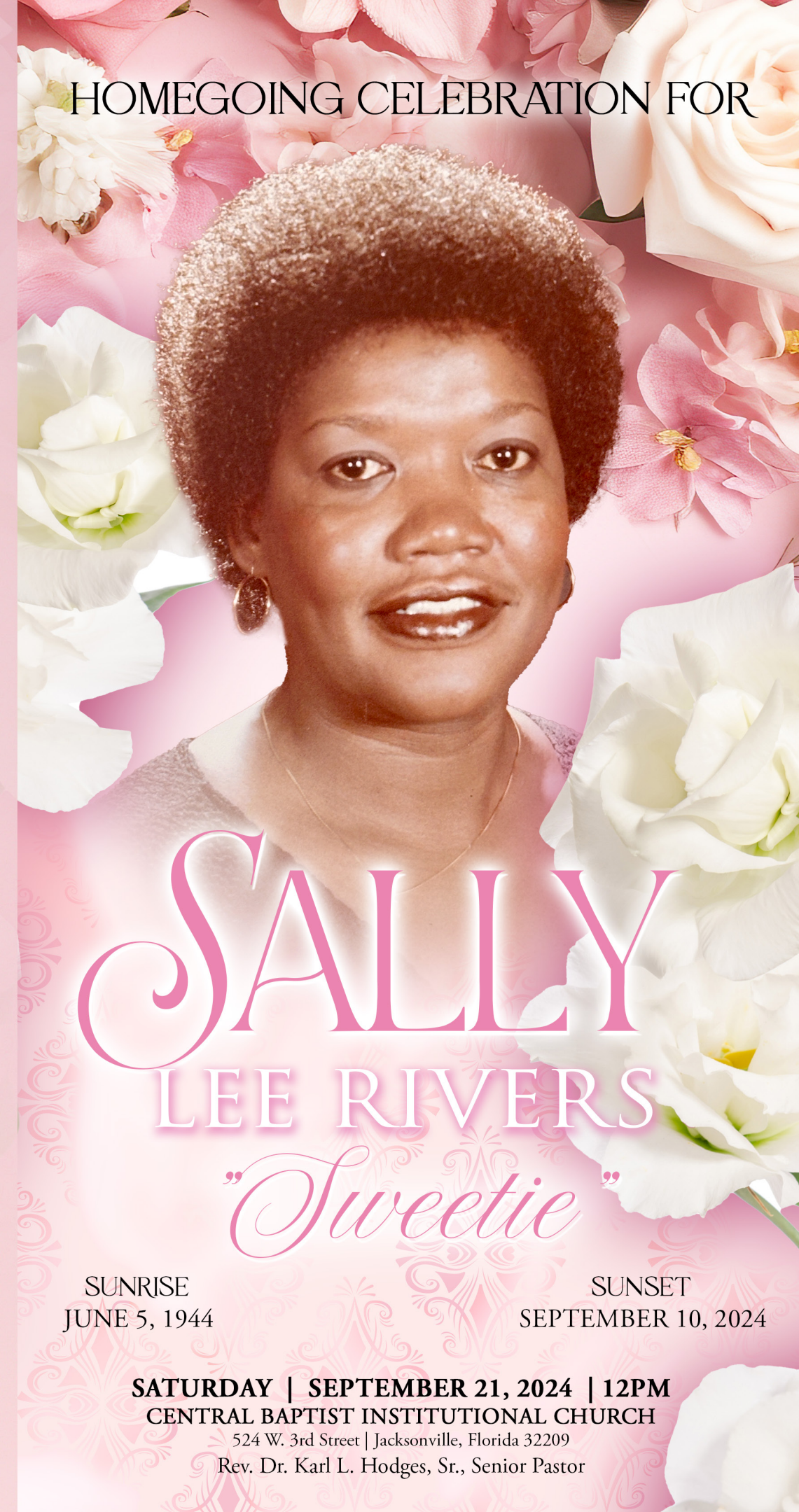
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## HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



# SALLY

LEE RIVERS

*"Sweetie"*

SUNRISE  
JUNE 5, 1944

SUNSET  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 | 12PM**  
**CENTRAL BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH**

524 W. 3rd Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32209  
Rev. Dr. Karl L. Hodges, Sr., Senior Pastor



# THE LIFE & LEGACY OF SALLY

Mrs. Sally Lee Rivers, affectionately known as “Sweetie,” was born to Mattie Harris on June 5, 1944, in Albany, Georgia. She attended local high schools in Macon, Georgia, graduating from Ballard Hudson High School, Class of 1962. Later, she relocated to Jacksonville, Florida.

Sally was joined in holy matrimony on May 4, 1966, to Henry Lee Rivers and together they shared fifty-four years of marriage.

Sally was employed by the Southern Bell Corporation, which later became AT&T, as a telephone operator. She retired after over thirty-five years of dedicated service. She also had her own silk flower decorations and arrangements business for over forty years, during which time she dazzled her customers with her silk flower artistry.

Sally’s home was ALWAYS open, as was her heart. She was the “neighborhood mom” and always filled hearts with love and stomachs with her amazing dishes.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Deacon Henry Lee Rivers; brother: Roosevelt Anderson; sister: Molly Colbert; twin grandsons: Jacob and Jeremiah Rivers and great-granddaughters: Aleena Peterson and Tyrah Hills.

Sally is survived by her two sons: Windell Rivers (Arlisa) of Flowermound, Texas and Henry Rivers (Marlo) of Jacksonville, Florida; two daughters: Tamesha Samuels (Reginald) of Jacksonville, Florida and Tyrina Smith (LC) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one sister: Polly Jordan of Jacksonville, Florida; grandchildren: Anthony Hills, Duane Hills, DeMario Hills, Reginald Samuels, T’onna Samuels, Veronique Colbert, Antonio Rivers, Darius Rivers, Joshua Rivers and Hamia Rivers and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Rev. Dr. Karl L. Hodges, Sr., Presiding*

Processional/Viewing

Selection

Central Music Ministry

Scripture Reading

Pastor Jeffrey Francis

Invocation

Reverend Jessica Ford

Selection

Central Music Ministry

Reflections - (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)  
Minister Gwendolyn Green  
Sister Mayme Clark

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Solo

Dr. Pamela Davis

Words of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Karl L. Hodges, Sr.

Recessional