



Philistine Rivers

June 22, 2011

Philistine Rivers, 63, (affectionately known as "Phyllis"), went home to be with the Lord while surrounded by her loving family Wednesday, June 22, 2011. She was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi, on January 2, 1948, to Arthur and Julia Mae Milan. She grew up in Holland, Ohio and attended Spencer Sharples High School. She became a Health Unit Coordinator at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center where she was employed for 41 years. Philistine was a very devoted Christian and her contributions to her church, friends and family were endless. She is most remembered for her compassion, honesty and sound advice that she provided to family and friends. She was virtuous, classy, spiritual woman. Over the years, she has touched the lives of many with her acts of kindness, dedication and calm demeanor. She was preceded in death by her step-father, Alfred; mother, Julia Mae Rivers and brothers, Terry Lee and Kevin Alan Rivers. Philistine is survived by her father, Arthur Milian, Sr., of Chicago, Illinois; daughter, Michelle Yvonne McCaster of Toledo, Ohio; her sons, William Jerry (Jackie) and Arthur Lamar (Tricia) McCaster of Cincinnati, Ohio; grandchildren, Debraylin, Jiebril Ashley, Arthur II, Christian, Destiny, Olivia and Madelyn; brothers, Eddie, Johnnie, Larnell (Joann), Darnell (Holly) and Bobbie (Dorothy) River, Toledo, Ohio, Arthur Milian Jr., Darryl, (Ruby) Anthony and Jerome Milian, Chicago, Illinois; half-brothers, Ernest Roy Derrico (Debra), Birmingham, Alabama, Jessie Wilder (Patricia), Chicago, IL; sisters, Mattie (Bertram) Snead, Houston, TX and Betty Ann Rivers, Phoenix, Arizona; half sister, Bobbie Jean Alexander, Byhalia, Mississippi; along with a

host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, co-workers and friends that loved her dearly. Visitation will be held Friday, July 1, 2011, from 5-8:00 pm at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, 572 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio, (419) 248-4254. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2011, at 11:00 am at St. James C.O.G.I.C, 3319 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio, (419) 537-9736. Interment will follow at Springfield Cemetery, 7260 Airport Highway, Holland, Ohio, (419) 865-0239. The family wishes to thank the mane friends, relatives and co-workers of Philistine Rivers for their expressions of kindness during our time of bereavement. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Rivers Family,I would like to express my condolence to your family.I never met Ms. Rivers or any of the family that I know of and yet, the enemy that has over reached your Family is no stranger. The Bible calls death an enemy, none of us can out run it or fight it off. However the Bible does teach “As the last enemy Death is to be brought to nothing” (1Corinthians 15:26) That Is Good news. It also teaches that the time will come when we can be with our loved ones in a Paradise on Earth, that also is Good news. May The True God Reveal himself to your Family, and may He Comfort All of you.

Bj. Daniels - July 02, 2011 at 02:45 PM

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“ After 40 years @ St. V's, I began volunteering there & that's when I really got to know Phyllis. Before that, she was just a familiar face. Then we began being "spiritual sisters" as we shared stories, prayers & hope for each other. I'll never forget her & her compassion for others. I mourn with you.

Rosemary Koziarski - June 30, 2011 at 01:21 PM

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“ *When I waivered in my faith the Lord sent Phyllis. I thank God for having met one of his angels. A new journey she has begun, absent in body but forever present in spirit. I will miss the conversations and stories we shared about family neither of us knew. I thank God for the pleasantries we shared. A short time it was but a lifetime it has been. Glory be to God! Each season being the completion of another journey. I tell you I can't be there, but I will always cherish the times we shared while I lived in Toledo. I pray that you will also find comfort in the memories you have shared with a devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, daughter, sister, and friend. Cousin Claudia (Memphis)*

Claudia Mims - June 30, 2011 at 12:48 AM