



Mr. Lorenzo Rivers

June 22, 2025

Lorenzo Carmen Vincent Rivers was born in Mobile, Alabama on April 1, 1942 to

Griffin and Olivia Scott Rivers of North Ann Street. At seven years of age, as a classically trained pianist, he presented a solo concert at Caldwell Elementary School.

He performed compositions such as Claude Debussy's "Claire de Lune," Frederic

Chopin's "Fantasy Impromptu," Ludwig van Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," Abram Chasins' "Rush-Hour in Hong Kong" and others. As a devout catholic, Lorenzo attended Most Pure Heart of Mary High School and Most Pure Heart of

Mary Church. Lorenzo's artistica ability was demonstrated when he performed in his

high senior musical, "The Student Prince". He also played trumpet in the marching band.

Mr. Rivers engaged in the civil rights movement by desegregating Springhill College, a

catholic institution of higher education. Due to trauma from racial incidents and

intimidations, Lorenzo transferred to Jackson State University, a prominent Historically Black College/University in Jackson, Mississippi. He received his

Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Music Education and Piano Performance. Lorenzo's post-graduation path saw him giving back to his community by teaching in Washington D.C., Mobile, and Detroit. In addition to his musical ability, he became actively involved in the visual arts. Renderings of his paintings and ceramics are presently displaced at various sites. Lorenzo Rivers was a multi-talented genius!

After a prolong illness, Mr. Rivers died on Monday, June 22, 2025 at 1:30 PM. He is survived by his brothers Griffin Harold Rivers, Jr. and his wife Freya of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Charles Anthony Rivers and his wife June of Detroit, Michigan, cousins Jacqueline Rice and her daughter Pamala Hutchinson, nieces and nephews include Monica Rivers, Carla Rivers-Johnson, Shariba Rivers and Sanford Hawkins-Rivers.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Lorenzo you always Dot and I laugh. You were a bright light in our lives. I tried for years to find you but I had no idea where you were. I’m sorry we didn’t reconnect, because I thought of you as a good friend, and a person with integrity, compassion, and full of love.

Diane Johnson

Diane Johnson - April 14 at 02:30 PM

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“ May the beautiful memories of Lorenza, a beautiful soul, give you comfort and peace! 🙏🙏

pat Petite Gardner - January 26 at 12:45 AM

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“ Rest In Eternal Peace cousin Lorenzo
Prayers and condolences to his brothers
Griffin Rivers and Charles Rivers and their families

Walter White - July 17, 2025 at 07:26 PM

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“ Mr. Lorenzo, as he was referred to at SOMI Club, was always a source of light and love. His presence illumined the environment of the day program I managed. He always quipped, "Ron, eat those collared greens," because I didn't acquire a taste for them. Despite his visual impairments and mature age, he did artwork assisted by other members of SOMI Club. I framed one of his creations.



Ronald Hunt - June 26, 2025 at 11:43 AM