



Carol Oliver

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Carol Delores Brooks Oliver departed this life on November 12, 2025. She was born on December 25, 1938, to the late Bishop George and Nellie Brooks in Ansonia, Connecticut. In her younger years, her father became Pastor of Beulah Heights First Pentecostal Church, prompting the family to move to New Haven, Connecticut.

At Beulah Heights, Carol met and married Kenneth V. Oliver Sr., the middle son of the late Walter J. and Anna Muriel Oliver. From this union, six children were born. Carol later moved her membership with her husband and family to Ebenezer Chapel, where she faithfully attended and served until her illness and transition.

Carol graduated from Hillhouse High School, Class of 1956. She worked for Southern New England Telephone Company for a short time before dedicating herself to raising her children as a stay-at-home mother. She enjoyed romantic movies, taking walks, and especially loved shopping. She collected dinner bells from her travels and had a beloved collection of hats—an interest she inherited from her mother, Nellie Brooks. She cherished being called “Nellie.”

During her later working years, she assisted her husband Kenneth in the family business, Walt's Cleaners—affectionately known around the city as “Mrs. Walt”. Carol was a devoted member of Ebenezer Chapel, serving as a Sunday School Teacher for more than 40 years, a Vacation Bible School Teacher, and Missionary President.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Bishop George and Nellie Brooks; her sisters Mary Louise Harrell, Elizabeth Bowers, and Esther Brooks; her brothers George D., Walter, and Charles Brooks; her husband of 54 years, Kenneth Oliver Sr.; her daughter, Muriel Ann McKenzie; and her lifelong friend, Genevieve Edwards.

She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, Suffragan Bishop Richard Brooks and Bishop Theodore L. Brooks Sr. (Janice L.); two brothers-in-love, Walter Oliver Sr. and Ronald Oliver (Corncie); five sons, Kenneth Oliver Jr. (Renee), Elder Mark Oliver (Laverne), Nathan Oliver, Theodore Oliver (Shelia), and Philip Oliver (Dr. Mikki Meadows); and her son-in-love, Dr. Sidney McKenzie. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, a dear friend, Ms. Theresa Thompson (who visited weekly), a sister-in-law, Barbara Oliver, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and her beloved church families—Ebenezer Chapel, Beulah Heights First Pentecostal Church, and the Connecticut District Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness during this time, with special thanks to Carol's caregivers: Althea Davis (live-in caregiver), Nancy DeJesus, Lisa Harris, Paulette Jenkins, Natia Shaw, Nadine Cunningham, Quality Staffing Home-Care (directed by Vivienne Howard), and Connecticut Hospice Care.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

NOV **24**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Chapel
50-56 Dwight St.
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

GT

“ *My deepest condolences to the family 🙏
Gary Tinney*

gary tinney - November 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM

BA

“ *Brenda Rose Avery lit a candle in memory of
Carol Oliver*



Brenda Rose Avery - November 23, 2025 at 07:48 PM

FQ

“ *To Ken & family, my sincere condolences on the passing of your
mother. Be assured of my thoughts and prayers*

Frank Quadrino - November 22, 2025 at 06:44 AM

YA

“ *Your family at APS purchased the Dreams From t
he Heart Bouquet for the family of Carol Oliver.*



Your family at APS - November 21, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SR

“ Mark, you have my sincere condolences for your loss, but Heaven is a much better place to be. I hope you take great comfort from that. Sara Rolleri

Sara Rolleri - November 20, 2025 at 06:51 PM

SN

“ To Brooks and Oliver Families - So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and sister. The promises in God's Word are the hope for your today, your peace for tomorrow, and your comfort for the future. We share this time with you and will continue to hold you up in our prayers for your strength, comfort and peace which God will supply.

Sfg. Bishop & Lady Laurence Nevels - November 20, 2025 at 11:56 AM

EG

To the family of Carol Oliver, so sorry to hear of the passing of Sis Carol Oliver. May God comfort you in knowing she is at peace with our Lord and Saviour. You are in our prayers

Evg Cynthia Green - November 23, 2025 at 08:08 AM

NS

To the Oliver family, I'm So very sorry for your loss.. she was such a kind woman and staple at Ebenezer Chapel.. she will truly be missed.. I pray you take comfort in the fact that she is with the Lord!!! We love you all.. the Scott family!!

nicole scott - November 23, 2025 at 02:02 PM

VF

Dear Oliver & Brooks Families, my sincere condolences goes out to your family during this difficult time. Sister Carol will be truly missed. The Oliver family embraced me with welcome arms. I remember the times of family gatherings, great conversations, excellent food and working together at Walt's Cleaners! Sister Carol's sense of humor, (lol). She would always say, "Sister Vera," and smile. We would embrace and laugh. Although, she's no longer here, please cherish her memories, remember her loving words. May God's grace continue to bless your family. Sister Vera Haywood Franklin.

Vera Franklin - November 24, 2025 at 10:03 AM

SN

“ *Sfg. Bishop & Lady Laurence Nevels lit a candle in memory of Carol Oliver*



Sfg. Bishop & Lady Laurence Nevels - November 20, 2025 at 11:47 AM

RB

“ *Kenny & Mark, We are heartbroken to hear about the loss of your beloved mother. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God, grant you comfort and strength. With Sympathy, Renee Bland- Hyman & family*



Renee Bland-Hyman - November 20, 2025 at 11:06 AM