



James C. Oliver Sr.

February 18, 1942 - August 7, 2023

A CELEBRATION of the LIFE of JAMES CORDELL OLIVER, SR.

SUNRISE FEBRUARY 18, 1942 – SUNSET AUGUST 7, 2023

James Cordell Oliver, Sr. ("J", "Jimmy"), age 81, the 4th child of the late Cordell Oliver and Louise Baxley, entered eternal rest with the Lord at his home with his wife on August 7, 2023. Jimmy was born in Girard, GA (Burke County). He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Girard, GA. Jimmy attended public schools and graduated from Girard High School with additional skills of certification in automotive mechanics in 1960. Immediately following graduation, he headed to St. Louis, MO, with a full scholarship to enroll in a vocational automotive mechanics program, where he received his professional certification in automotive mechanics in 1961.

Jimmy moved to New Haven, CT. in 1963 and in 1964, he started working for Mike's Service Station on Goffe St. in New Haven. In December 1967, he and his brothers Charles and Henry purchased Oliver Bros. Texaco Service Station on the corner of Bassett and Dixwell Avenues, where they became one of the best-known service stations in the city. He loved working on cars and even worked on Varick's multiple vehicles. His most prized cars were a classic 1970 Lincoln and a 1964 Mustang.

In 1971, Jimmy met the love of his life, Natalie Ann Perkins in New Haven, CT. They were wedded in holy matrimony on June 19, 1976, by Rev. Harold A. L. Clement at Varick A.M.E. Zion Church, New Haven, CT. Jimmy was an avid

professional bowler, scoring many perfect 300 games, and was inducted into the Connecticut State Bowling Association's Hall of Fame in 2007 for his bowling ability. He had many bowling rings that he loved to wear, and he had a story to tell for all of them.

To cherish his memory, Jimmy leaves behind his wife, Natalie, and three children, James C. Oliver, Jr. of Virginia, Tonya R. Wells (Donald Myers, deceased) of Florida, and Dr. Naticca Nicole Robinson (Kenneth) of Virginia, two brothers, Henry Oliver of Connecticut, and Attis Oliver of Florida, four sisters from Florida, Annie O. Godbee (Leo, deceased), Annie Louise Oliver, Lucy Williams (Louis), and Barbara Jean Oliver. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Rev. Phillip R. Agee (Beverly) of Bridgeport, CT, sister-in-law, Marilyn Perkins-Narcisse (Larry, deceased) of Hamden, CT, godson, Ryan Sands of Orange, CT, one living aunt, Josie Mae Chandler of Oak Park, MI, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Jimmy was predeceased by brothers Charles Oliver (Lillian) and William Gilbert.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Varick Memorial AME Zion Church
242 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Oliver Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Jimmy Oliver. He was such a pleasant and soft spoken man, a real Class Act. He will certainly be missed out on the lanes.*

Nikia Madden - August 25, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *He was a great guy fun to bowl with and great mechanic he will be missed, my condolences to the family God bless*

Gordon Watkins - August 17, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Jimmy was a great guy and friend going back to the seventies, and eighties, when we competed in bowling tournaments, and were team members. Jimmy always had a smile. When competing Jimmy had the look of confidence, and a winner. Great memories.*

*Sincerely,
Sal. Rap.*



sal. Rap. - August 17, 2023 at 11:52 AM

KT

“ Natalie, I send my heartfelt sympathy and condolences. I am so sorry for your loss and I send my love and pray that God be your comfort and strength during this time.

Krista Teel-Yates - August 17, 2023 at 10:24 AM

NB

“ Sending our deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. We hope time brings you peace and you're surrounded and lifted up by the ones you love most. We wanted to share our heartfelt sympathy, we know words can't bring your loved one back, but we do hope they bring you some comfort during the difficult time. In our thoughts and prayers. Julian and Nakitta Brown



Nakitta Brown - August 17, 2023 at 08:58 AM

MT

“ Rest in Heaven Mr Oliver. I had the pleasure of bowling with him on the Barbara Fox League. He definitely was a pro bowler!!! He will truly be missed 💔

Melinda Teague - August 17, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James C. Oliver Sr..

August 16, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James C. Oliver Sr..*



August 16, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *May the beautiful love and memories you and Uncle Jimmy shared bring you and the family comfort in the days ahead and always. Love, Brenda, Sid Sr, Sid Jr, and Shakira Conner*



Brenda Conner - August 15, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James C. Oliver Sr..*



August 15, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ *Condolences to Natalie and her family. Natalie, we are so sorry for your loss. Jimmy will surely be missed. He was such a kind, respectful. giving and loving person. God bless you all. We love you. Carol Teel and Shante Teel-Williams*



Carol Teel - August 14, 2023 at 09:37 PM

MG

“ *My condolences to the Oliver Family.*

Marion Garrett - August 14, 2023 at 08:42 PM

BB

“ *Natalie, May God wrap His loving arms around you and your family during this most difficult time. My condolences. Beth Bynum*

Beth Bynum - August 14, 2023 at 06:34 PM

GB

“ *My condolences to you and your family Natalie. God's perfect peace be with you at this time.*



Gwen Beamon - August 12, 2023 at 03:02 PM