



Shirley A. Oliver

May 27, 1946 - May 10, 2023

Shirley Ann Oliver of New Haven, CT passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Shirley was born on Memorial Day, May 27, 1946, in Danville, VA to Ms. Odessa N. Oliver. She relocated to Connecticut in 1950 with her grand-mother Dakota Faulkner Oliver. Shirley was educated in the New Haven and Ansonia Public Schools. After graduating, she attended the former Stone Academy, where she received her certification as a Legal Assistant. Later, Shirley would continue her educational endeavors at Gateway Community College where she majored in Social Services.

Shirley was a conversationalist, she loved meeting and talking to people. You could tell by her diversified work history. She worked as a mixologist at some of the most popular establishments of her day including, The Soundtrack I and II, The Monterey Club and the Swinging Door. Shirley loved sharing stories of the famous musicians she met. Let her tell it she even helped James Brown write a song. Later she worked as a TV Hostess at Yale New Haven Hospital. She also worked for Century Printing, Nike Factory Outlet and finally she retired from AT&T in 2010. After retirement she loved to drive her family around to run errands especially to her favorite store “Wally World”.

Shirley was an only child, however, she extended her branches gracefully. She leaves behind three daughters; Dzondria Leshirle Oliver and Deirdre Tremaine (Adeniyi) Oliver-Adensina of New Haven, CT, Thomea “Tomi”

(Darryl) Oliver-Pervis of Hamden, CT. Seven grand-children; Thomas (Kathy) Oliver and William Fitzgerald of New Haven, CT, Toccara Oliver of West Haven, CT, Dakota Oliver Barrett of Prince George County, MD, Ebony, Essence and DaShawn Oliver of New Haven, CT. Twenty-One great-grandchildren; Thomas Jr., TeiQuaSha, Isaiah, Thomari, Enyha, Audrey, Owens, Dayonna, Erin, Kanijah, Thome're, Londyn, Lonnie Jr. "LJ", DaShawn Jr., LeeAnthony "LA", Thyme're, Dasanie, Harmony, Thre'lynsiere, Willow and finally her namesake Thaliyah Isadora Shirley Ann. She also leaves a cousin Hester Barbour of Danville, VA and a host of godchildren, friends and family. She was predeceased by her mother Odessa Oliver and her grand-mother Dakota Oliver. Shirley Oliver was well loved and will be missed very much.

The Family will receive Guests after the Memorial Service at 748 Pine Rock Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beaverdale Memorial Park
90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *Yellow was my mom’s favorite color. She is truly a great mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is always in our hearts I miss you so much. Love you always.* ”



Dzondria Oliver - July 20, 2025 at 02:43 AM



“ *Shirley A. Oliver* ”

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



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Thomea Oliver-Pervis - May 19, 2023 at 07:46 PM

BO

“ *Our condolences to the Oliver Family. Nana will be missed. May she rest in peace, We pray that the family have Gods comfort, peace and joy. Nana will forever be in our hearts. ❤️* ”



The Booker Family

Booker - May 17, 2023 at 04:52 AM

WW

My deepest and sincere condolences 🙏 to all the family Shirley had a beautiful spirit giving ,caring and a willingness to help others I know she will be terribly miss but remember earth holds no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.keep your faith in the lord and I pray your strength. GOD BLESS THE OLIVER FAMILY

William Wilkes - May 27, 2023 at 02:23 PM

SH

“ Ms. Shirley was one of a kind you can't find another like her if you tried! The most beautiful smile and treated everyone like family ❤️👍❤️👍 Gone but never forgotten,



sherrell - May 16, 2023 at 07:14 PM

HB

My cousin Shirley really was one of a kind she will never be forgotten we had some great times together rest in peace my love ❤️❤️

Hester Barbour - May 27, 2023 at 01:49 PM

MO

“ RIP AUNTIE 💔

Moreen - May 16, 2023 at 07:09 PM

WD

“ My condolences to you and your family.



Wanda Dawson - May 16, 2023 at 04:51 PM

RE

“ Sending Love and condolences to the Oliver family. Truly Ms. Shirley (Nana) will be missed. To God be the glory for the life lived! Thank you for genuinely loving, feeding :-), and teaching my son Rashaud, my sisters Yada and Esha, and I. We will always love you. <3

Reece - May 16, 2023 at 08:08 AM

AC

“ I Love you Shirley, May God rest your soul, and Give the Family His comfort, Peace and Joy, for all the Years he has allowed Us in Sharing Your Life.

Allison Carbone - May 15, 2023 at 05:50 AM

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“ Allison Carbone lit a candle in memory of Shirley Oliver



Allison Carbone - May 15, 2023 at 05:47 AM