

A TRIBUTE TO BIG "O"

by Cheryl Oliver Spaulding

*I learned my subtle lessons from you.
The lessons that people don't talk about
Because they hurt.
The ones that teach.
The lessons that we don't take for granted.
The ones that feel.
The lessons that I learn over and over again.
The ones that think.
Your quiet manner has taught me
That sometimes there are truly no words
And false words have no place in your surroundings.
Your dry humor has taught me to smile
Whether I am happy, frustrated or sad.
Yet only from living thru the years
Have I come to understand your love,
The lessons taught and why.
For today my eyes can see you
From the eyes of your grandchild,
Your guard down with certainty and ease,
Your mood carefree.
And this is part of what my love for you is all about.*

PALLBEARERS

Men of Memorial Presbyterian Church
and
Friends of the Family

FLOWERBEARERS

Women of Memorial Presbyterian Church
and
Friends of the Family

LONG & SON MORTUARY SERVICE
2312 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216-4314
Telephone: 394-1111
"We Excel in Quality and Service"



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MR. WILLIAM ROBERT OLIVER



Friday, July 31, 1992
1:00 P. M.

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Charlotte, North Carolina
Reverend Edward B. Newberry, Pastor/Officiating

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN #403 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Psalms 23

New Testament Lesson John 1: 1-9

HYMN #359 "More Love To Thee O Christ"

EULOGY Rev. Edward B. Newberry

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed pg. 14

HYMN #275 "God Of Our Life"

BENEDICTION

INTERMENT YORK MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

* * * * *

The Family wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many kind deeds extended to them during their hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you.



OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM ROBERT OLIVER, son of the late William and Alene Oliver, was born on November 5, 1914 in Meriden, Connecticut. He died at Brian Center in Charlotte, North Carolina July 28, 1992.

He was educated in the Meriden Public Schools. He graduated from Johnson C. Smith University, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree, in 1941. He later received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1953.

He was a veteran of World War II, in which he served as a First Lieutenant. After the war, he was employed by the North Carolina Public School System as a biology teacher. He became a school administrator in 1960 until his retirement in 1980 from Myers Park High School.

While at Johnson C. Smith, Mr. Oliver participated on the varsity basketball and tennis teams. As a student, he earned All-CIAA honors for 3 years. He was inducted into the Johnson C. Smith Hall of Fame in 1980 and into the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983.

Not only was he active in sports but he also enjoyed officiating in basketball and football in the CIAA and local high schools. He also served on the Park and Recreation Commission for several years.

Mr. Oliver was an active member of Memorial Presbyterian Church where he served as elder and member of the Men's Council. He was a member of several civic and social organizations, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule), Optimist Civic Club, Swanks Social Club and the Bridgeteers Social Club.

Surviving him in loving memories are: his wife, Blanche; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Virgil Spaulding of Greensboro, North Carolina; a granddaughter, Kimberly Boyton of Greensboro, North Carolina; a sister, Marion Sommers of Newport News, Virginia; brothers, Curtis Oliver of Meriden, Connecticut, Charles Oliver of East Orange, New Jersey, Rodney Oliver of Plainfield, New Jersey, Raymond Oliver of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, Alvin Oliver of Bluebell, Pennsylvania; several nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

PALLBEARERS
Men of
Memorial Presbyterian Church

FLOWER BEARERS
Women of
Memorial Presbyterian Church



"ONE SWEET DAY"

by Kimberly Boyton McGregor

*Although you are no longer of this earth,
You now are in perfect peace.
Your spirit will always live within,
My love will never cease.
I'm relieved to know you are now with God;
My heart is finally at ease.
You're no longer ill and I feel better
Knowing you're with Diane and Bill.
Bubby, one sweet day I'll see you again,
Not on this earth — but in heaven with our friends!*

"BY ANY OTHER NAME"

by Cheryl Oliver Spaulding

Mother ...
Mama ...
Ma ...

*Whatever I name you at any given moment
Or whatever the reason or the time,
You are there, this I know.
And you will live forever thru me
For I am a part of you
By any other name.*



Service Entrusted To:
LONG & SON MORTUARY SERVICE
2312 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina
704/394-1111 FAX 704/394-1316

"We Excel In Quality And Service"



FUNERAL SERVICE
FOR
MRS. BLANCHE ELNORA RANN OLIVER



Friday, February 9, 1996
1:00 P.M.

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Charlotte, North Carolina

Reverend Edward B. Newberry, Pastor/Officiating

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #404 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Reverent J. Herbert Nelson
Pastor, St. James Presbyterian Church

THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Lesson Psalms 23

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:28-39

MUSICAL SELECTION *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"*
Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson

EULOGY Reverend Edward B. Newberry

CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed
Page 14

HYMN #345 *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"*

BENEDICTION

INTERMENT York Memorial Park Cemetery



The Family wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many kind deeds extended to them during their hours of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

Obituary

MRS. BLANCHE ELNORA RANN OLIVER, daughter of the late Emery and Vicie Rann, was born on April 30, 1919 in Northfork, West Virginia. She died in Greensboro, North Carolina February 3, 1996.

She was educated in the Charlotte Public Schools and graduated from Talladega College, where she received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees. She later received the Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Oliver worked as a vocal and piano teacher for North Carolina's public and private schools, conducted workshops in Church Music for the Synod of Catawba, and served as organist for the Chancel Choir at Memorial Presbyterian Church for twenty-nine years. She received various awards of appreciation for her contribution to music education. She retired from Oliver music studio in 1992.

Mrs. Oliver was a charter member of the Charlotte Piano Teachers Forum, chaired the local chapter of the National Piano Teachers Guild, and was involved in several civic and social activities. She formerly served as a member of the Board of Directors of Hornet's Nest Girl Scout Council. Throughout the years, she participated in her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Modernettes Social Club, MEBS, and various bridge/pinochle organizations.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Virgil Spaulding of Greensboro, North Carolina; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Kimberly and Raki McGregor of Greensboro, North Carolina; a brother, Emery L. Rann of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; several nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and many friends.



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.