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The family of Mrs. Gladys Oliver would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of love and kindness. Your prayers and support have sustained us.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.



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Celebrating The Life of



Mrs. Gladys Oliver

January 13, 1936 - November 11, 2012

Friday, November 16, 2012

A Celebration of Life - 11:00 a.m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PATERSON
375 Van Houten Street • Paterson, NJ 07501

Order of Service

Pastor Robert L. Oliver, Jr. - Officiating
Elder - New Covenant Church, Philadelphia, PA

Processional Clergy Officials & The Family

Invocation Pastor Robert L. Oliver, Jr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Mr. Stan Anderson

New Testament Mr. Deion Oliver

Musical Selection Minister Andrew Williams & Pure Worship

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Robert L. Oliver, Jr.

Acknowledgements & Expressions of Sympathy

Tributes & Reflections Mr. Albert Oliver

Reading of the Obituary Mrs. Sherrell Oliver-Riley

Musical Selection Minister Andrew Williams & Pure Worship

Eulogy Pastor Levy Gurly

Final Viewing

Recessional Clergy Officials & The Family

Interment
Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

The Last Enemy Destroyed

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

A Glorious Body

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" 36 Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain - perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a lifegiving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Our Final Victory

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 *"O Death, where is your sting
O Hades, where is your victory?"*



56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Even in her darkest hour, Gladys proclaimed that “the Lord is taking care of me.” Her unwavering faith and commitment to living her life for the Lord allowed her to bless many lives of people throughout the community.

Gladys Oliver was predeceased by her husband, Robert L. Oliver, Sr; parents, John and Sally Ratliff; two sisters, Louise Barnes and Margie Carmichael; four brothers, John Ratliff, Russell Ratliff, Bobby Ratliff, and James Ratliff; four brother in-laws, Bobby Barnes, Billy Carmichael, Jacob McCoy, and James Dunlap.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, Robert L. Oliver, Jr. of New Hope, Pennsylvania, and Albert Oliver of Greensboro, North Carolina; three sisters, Shelby McCoy, Dorothy Marshall, and Mae Dunlap; two brothers, Albert Ratliff, and Rufus Ratliff; six grandchildren, Stan Anderson, Shekhana Anderson, Sherrell Oliver-Riley, Trusan Oliver, Deion Oliver, and David Oliver; two great grandchildren, Jahee Anderson, and Sanai Anderson; two daughter in-laws, Denise Oliver, and Lola Oliver; one special friend, Sherrie; a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Mrs. Gladys Oliver was very grateful to have her niece, Mrs. Nancy Thomas, and her dear friend, Ms. Sherry Mcghie as two of her loving caretakers. Mrs. Gladys Oliver was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and aunt. She will be sadly missed by her family and the entire community.



Reflections of Life



Gladys Oliver departed this life on Sunday, November 11, 2012 for “a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (Hebrews 11:10)

Gladys Oliver was born on Monday, January 13, 1936 in South Carolina to the late John and Sally Ratliff. She was one of twelve children. For most of her adult years, Gladys resided in Paterson, NJ where she enjoyed life with her late husband, Robert L. Oliver, Sr. and their two sons, Robert L. Oliver, Jr. and Albert Oliver. Gladys was employed by White Metal, where

she worked hard for many years. She was also a devoted member of Solomon’s Temple.

Gladys Oliver was a gifted Minister who loved teaching the word of God. She also enjoyed singing, and giving back to the community in any way she could. She was a loving and generous woman, always offering advice and a listening ear.

Gladys Oliver deeply loved her family, and had a lot of fun spending time with each and every one of her loved ones. Her gorgeous smile and infectious laugh lit up any room and brought joy to all that were in her presence.

To know Gladys was to love her. Family, friends, caretakers, and acquaintances can all attest to the strength of Gladys Oliver’s faith, and the sincerity of her heart.



