

*Homegoing
Celebration
For*



Mary
OLIVER

Sunrise:
June 9, 1954

Sunset:
August 15, 2025

Visitation

Thursday, August 28, 2025 • 2pm - 5pm

Service

Friday, August 29, 2025 • 10am

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Mary Oliver was born on June 9, 1954, in Summerton, South Carolina to Susie Oliver and William Edward Oliver. She attended St. Paul Elementary and Junior High School and Scott Branch High School in South Carolina. After graduating high school, Mary moved to New York, where she built a full and meaningful life rooted in family and community.

She was a proud graduate of Hunter College and dedicated much of her career to service and professionalism. Mary worked for Time Warner Cable and was a valued employee at Macy's, where her warmth and dedication left a lasting impression.

Affectionately nicknamed "Zanziny," Mary was known for her love of shopping, traveling and her deep devotion to her family. Mary enjoyed music, especially the soulful sounds of The Temptations and Michael Jackson. A passionate sports fan, Mary also loved cheering on the New York Yankees and the New York Knicks.

Mary passed away peacefully on July 15, 2025. Mary is preceded in death by her parents, William and Susie Oliver. She leaves to cherish her memories, her loving siblings, Willie Lee Powell, Hattie Robinson, John Oliver, and William Oliver; treasured brother-in-law, Henry Powell; dearly loved nieces and nephews, Rodney Powell, Ronald Powell, Terrance Robinson, Shanda Oliver, Renita Powell, Twain Robinson, and Ryan Powell; godchildren, Renita Powell and Rodney W. Powell; special friend, Andrew Bell; beloved cousin, Betty Bracey; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, friends and the 164th Street community.

Mary's warmth, laughter, and generous spirit will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing her. Her legacy lives on through the many lives she has touched.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

“Going Up Yonder”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Myrtle Brown

Musical Selection

“Jesus To Walk With Me”

Acknowledgments

Renita Powell

Reflections/Remarks

(2–3 minutes each)

Obituary Reading

Shanda Oliver

Selection

“Soon and Very Soon”

Poem Reading

Twain Robinson

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery

4199 Webster Avenue • Bronx, NY 10470

Precious Memories





forever loved









Her Smile

Though her smile is gone forever,
And her hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much.
Her memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part.
God has her in His keeping,
We have her in our hearts.



Acknowledgement

We thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your comforting words during this difficult time.

Mary was a light in our lives, and though her physical presence is gone, her love, laughter, and lessons will forever remain in our hearts. May we continue to honor her by loving one another as she loved us.

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