

*Celebration of Life*  
*for*

*Audrey (Sparrow) Oliver*

Sunrise  
August 16, 1951

Sunset  
February 5, 2019

Thursday, February 14, 2019 - 12:00 Noon

**MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
163 Autumn Street, Passaic, New Jersey  
Reverend Dr. W. Louis McDowell, Pastor

# *Reflections of Life of An Extraordinary Lady*

**Audrey (Sparrow) Oliver** was born August 16, 1951 in Passaic, New Jersey. Audrey was the second oldest child, born to Joseph Sparrow and Lena Mae (Wells) Sparrow.

Audrey attended the Passaic School System. She worked for many years as a childcare provider. She loved her jobs. She especially loved interacting with children.

She was united in marriage to Leroy Oliver.

Audrey was a positive fixture to her family. She had a strong family commitment and was especially loyal to her family. Audrey would go above and beyond to ensure that the bond to family was intact. Audrey's commitment to family, was as large as her heart. The love would extend from New Jersey to as far as Georgia. Wherever there was a need, Audrey was there to ensure the family bond would stay connected.

Audrey later in life, relocated to Orange, New Jersey where she resided for over forty years.

She was predeceased by her husband Leroy Oliver, her parents, Joseph Sparrow and Lena Mae (Wells) Sparrow. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Anthony Sparrow and William James Sparrow, as well as a beloved niece, whom she loved and truly adored Gloria Jean Sparrow.

Audrey (Sparrow) Oliver departed this life on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

She leaves to forever cherish fond memories: three sisters, Loretta (Shirley) Sparrows, Lena Cannon (Robert), Joesphine Starr all of Passaic, NJ; one devoted, trustworthy, loyal brother, Ralph Sparrow and his fiance, Stephanny of Passaic Park, NJ; two nephews, whom she raised, Lamane and Croix Oliver of Paterson, NJ; three nephews whom she truly adored, Travis Sparrow of Passaic, NJ, George Sparrow of Troy, NY and Steven Sparrow of Augusta, GA; two nieces, whom she truly cherished, Josalyn and Regina of Augusta, GA; a truly devoted uncle James Sparrow of Orange, NJ; two aunts, Ana Mae Roberts of Orange, NJ and her special cherished aunt whom she truly loved beyond measure, Ruby Johnson of Newark, Delaware. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

This is a glimpse of the life story of an ordinary lady who lived an extraordinary life. We shall forever and ever cherish fond memories of Audrey (Sparrow) Oliver!

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Pastor W. Louis McDowell

Recessional

## **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
255 Main Ave. Clifton, New Jersey

## **Pallbearers**

Travis Sparrow	Charles Sparrow
George Sparrow	Steven Sparrow
William Rhodes	Rome Dawson

# *Forever and Always in My Heart*

*Why Are you crying? Do you think I'm gone?*

*I haven't left you, I'm where I belong,  
together again with my husband, mother, father,  
grandparents, uncles, aunt, brothers, and my niece*

*Anytime that your hearts break,*

*Anytime you are sad, anytime you all mad,*

*All you have to do is close your eyes and I'll be there with you.  
You see the world may take my body but that's all that it can do.*

*When Jesus died upon the cross, he took away our Sins.*

*He Conquered death so we can live in heaven where life begins.*

*Don't stop the memory of the time we shared.*

*It's God's way to help you through.*

*Take time to laugh when life gets hard, the way we used to do.*

*A Smell? A touch? the morning Sun?*

*They all will help you see,*

*I'm still here never left, now smile once more for me.*

*Live each day, keep looking up. My life was not in vain.*

*I finish the task I was born to do. That's why I couldn't remain,*

*I have to go now, but please know I'm okay*

*Remember I Love You All and I'll See you again one day*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late Audrey (Sparrow) Oliver wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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