



Arnold Oliver

April 28, 1956 - September 23, 2024

Arnold Marrell Oliver, affectionally known as “June”, was born on April 28, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama to proud parents Eugene June Oliver and Essie Mae (Goree) Oliver, both of whom preceded him in death. Arnold was especially close to his mother.

Arnold gave his life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at The Calvary Baptist Church of Detroit. Arnold was a product of the Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Martin Luther King High School. He received a full scholarship to Fayetteville State University in North Carolina where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education and later obtained a Master’s Degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Arnold was a dedicated educator and family man who touched many lives.

He began his career as a teacher in Detroit, where he also coached football, volleyball and track. He provided a strong voice in encouraging his young students and athletes to attend college so they could become successful adults. Many of them listened to him and some proudly became the first generation to graduate from college. After retiring, he later joined the staff of Regional Elite and became a supervisor for Prospect and G2 Services at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

On July 21, 1981, Arnold married the love of his life, Evelyn Joann (Walton) Mabry. Together, they raised three children, Larry Mabry, Lori (Mabry) Christianson and Lisa LaShay Oliver. He was a devout family man and a loving grandfather to his two grandchildren, Joshua and Sarah Christenson. As

a family, they enjoyed traveling around the world, visiting Greece, Turkey, Egypt, London, Paris and Rome. Arnold especially enjoyed driving Evelyn all over the country in support of her genealogy quests. He also participated in numerous 5k's with Evelyn. However, when she chose to participate in half marathons, Arnolds decided to observe and encourage her from the sidelines. Arnold was loved by many. He was remarkably close to his sister, Connie; his mother-in-love, Sally Mae King; his sisters-in-love, Beverly and Brenda; and his brothers-in-love, Donnie, Terry, Markee, Phillip & Kevin. Arnold leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Evelyn; his daughters Lisa Oliver and Lori Christensen and Sarah Christenson; his sister Connie (Kevin Strong); very close cousins, Cynthia Haynes and Katrina Bowman; nieces Alanna (Paul Griffin) and Jennifer (Gregory Ivory II) as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Street
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

OCT 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
1000 Robert Bradby Dr
Detroit, MI 48207

Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 09, 2024 at 10:45 AM

MG

“ *Coach Oliver, you've been a blessing to all of us at Chadsey High School, guiding us in sports and life. Your role as a dedicated coach exemplified the love and compassion you shared with everyone around you. While we will deeply miss you, we take comfort in knowing you are now with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We look forward to the day we meet again! May God surround your family with comfort, peace, and strength, filling their lives with endless love and joy. May we meet again! May God surround your family with comfort, peace, and strength, filling their lives with infinite love and happiness. - Mario G!*

Mario G - November 10, 2024 at 02:13 PM

JS

“ *Arnold Oliver was a good longtime friend to me. He will be sorely missed by me. We send condolences to his family and friends. Much love Jeffrey and Janice Scott.*

Jeffrey Scott - October 12, 2024 at 12:48 PM

SJ

“ *Stacy Jones-Brown lit a candle in memory of Arnold Oliver*



Stacy Jones-Brown - October 11, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SJ

“ My prayers are with the Oliver family! Thank you Coach O for all that you have done for my son and nephews Darnell, Cortney and Stephen. Eternal Rest grant Him Oh Lord. Amen

Stacy Jones-Brown - October 11, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TV

Coach O was my work partner at Chadsey. We worked in the Gym 2gether. He was the BEST person I ever worked with. From 1989-2011 we worked 2gether. I loved O as a great person. I will miss him so much. Thank U O for ur friendship RIP my best friend. U will be missed.

Tanya Varner - October 31, 2024 at 03:01 PM

MT

“ Arnold you were loved by many and you will be missed by many more. Love Marsha

Maraha Thomas - October 11, 2024 at 04:43 PM

AG

“ June you will truly be missed although we were born cousin we were raised like brother and sister I will always Love You rest easy your cousin/sister Cynthia

Alanna Griffin - October 11, 2024 at 04:31 PM

JS

“ My Condolences to Arnold's entire family and friends this Guy was the Best and loving person I had as my manger at prospect I will miss you Arnold rest in peace 🙏❤️👍 Juan Salinas and Family!!

Juan Salinas - October 11, 2024 at 03:02 PM

LW

Arnold was a loving husband and father. His legacy is his family; the lives he touched as a coach and counselor; and, the love he shared from his heart. He is greatly missed today and always. Blessings to his wife, Evelyn, and family.

Louisa D Wills - October 11, 2024 at 08:18 PM

PT

“ *Patricia T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Arnold Oliver.*



Patricia T. - October 11, 2024 at 09:22 AM

AG

“ *Hey uncle June. I'll never forget working at Chandler Park together. On rainy days you would get a popsicle and stand in the middle of the park and just look up at the sky. lol Leaving all the staff wondering if we were closing down or not. Those were good days. Love, Lanna*

Alanna Griffin - October 11, 2024 at 12:48 AM

AL

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Arnold was a beautiful and gentle soul whom I am blessed to have known. The angels rejoiced when he went home.*

Allison - October 10, 2024 at 07:34 PM

LD

“ Linda D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold Oliver.

Linda D. - October 10, 2024 at 02:42 PM

DL

“ Deedee, geralynn, sydney, lamont, lamar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arnold Oliver.



Deedee, geralynn, sydney, lamont, lamar - October 09, 2024 at 08:59 PM

DL

“ Deedee, geralynn, sydney, lamont, lamar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold Oliver.

Deedee, geralynn, sydney, lamont, lamar - October 09, 2024 at 08:59 PM

VW

“ Victor Walker and David Walker purchased the Sereene Retreat for the family of Arnold Oliver.



Victor Walker and David Walker - October 08, 2024 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ Mark Haymer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arnold Oliver.



Mark Haymer - October 07, 2024 at 11:55 PM

MH

“ Mark Haymer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold Oliver.

Mark Haymer - October 07, 2024 at 11:55 PM

HF

“ Holguin and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arnold Oliver.



Holguin and Family - October 07, 2024 at 01:52 PM

RE

“ Runette E. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Arnold Oliver.



Runette E. - October 07, 2024 at 11:36 AM

RE

“ Runette E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold Oliver.

Runette E. - October 07, 2024 at 11:36 AM

CS

“ Arnold (June) was one of the best brothers I could ask for. I thank God he chose him to be a light in my life. Whatever you asked him to do, he did it willing. He was a gentle giant who spoke softly and had a beautiful smile. He was a great husband, father, brother and Uncle. Rest well my love. *connie*

connie strong - October 07, 2024 at 01:54 AM

BE

“ I remember Arnold as a great father, brother, uncle. More importantly, he was a good husband who became a best friend to his wife as they pursued their lifetime dreams. He will be sorely missed by all.

Beverly - October 06, 2024 at 12:28 PM

AB

“ Allison B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold Oliver.

Allison B. - October 04, 2024 at 04:42 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold Oliver.



October 01, 2024 at 06:48 AM

PT

“ *I remember Arnold's unwavering affection for his family. He was an incredibly kind man and he will be missed.* ”

Pat Touzeau - October 01, 2024 at 06:32 AM