



Jewel Oliver

June 2, 1942 - January 31, 2024

Jewel Lane Oliver (née Harris), was born to the late Emmaline Hicks and Charles (Charlie) Harris on July 2, 1942 in Fort Valley, Georgia. Jewel, most affectionately known as Mom and Grandma, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in the presence of family in Wilmington, Delaware.

Jewel completed her early education in the Fort Valley, Georgia school system. She relocated to Newark, New Jersey during the 1960's where she soon began a career as a home health aide. Jewel was wedded in marriage to her husband, John Oliver, in June 1979. She devoted many years to caring for others as an employee of Morristown Home Care, and later Bayada Home Health Care, where she retired. Her compassionate nature and tireless work ethic left an indelible mark on all she served.

Jewel was a dedicated and faithful member of the White Rock Baptist Church, in Newark, New Jersey under the leadership of Rev. Timothy Burgess, Senior Pastor. Most recently, she was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church of East Orange, New Jersey. Jewel enjoyed singing in the choir, listening to music and good preaching, and reading the Holy Bible.

Family was the cornerstone of Jewel's life, and she relished the role of matriarch. She was a wise, loving, and generous woman, whose wisdom and

guidance were a source of strength for her family. Jewel's interests were as rich as her character, and she shared a good sense of humor. Music and cooking filled her home and heart, often serving as the backdrop for gatherings and celebrations. She was known for making delicious food and desserts, with most of her dishes being made from scratch. She most loved talking to, spending time with, and feeding her family.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Oliver; mother, Emmaline Hicks; father, Charles (Charlie) Harris; brothers, Dallas McCray and Charlie Harris Jr; sisters, Jeannette Harris, Mary Harris Owens, and Catherine Kendrick; stepdaughters, Johnetta Oliver and Sharon Blue.

Jewel leaves to cherish her memory; her daughter, Celestine Lewis (Kenneth); stepdaughter, Deborah McNeil (Ronnie), and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Jewel Oliver was a treasure to all who knew her, and her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of her family and friends.

Lovingly submitted,

The Family

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

792 E Edgar Road
Linden, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Burial

FEB 14 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grandmother I miss you so much!

Sharita - December 11, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jewel Oliver.



February 11, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ Pastor Khalil Rogers and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jewel Oliver.

Pastor Khalil Rogers and family. - February 11, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ Samonie Oliver purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jewel Oliver.



Samonie Oliver - February 09, 2024 at 09:54 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Samonie Oliver - February 09, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Samonie



Samonie Oliver - February 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ Going to miss you Auntie. Your nephew Donnie

Donnie Harris - February 08, 2024 at 12:25 AM

DH

“ Aunt Jewel was just that a Jewel, She with be remembered for her thoughtfulness and kind heart. Going to kiss you Auntie. Love your nephew Donnie.

Donnie Harris - February 08, 2024 at 12:23 AM

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Celestine - February 07, 2024 at 08:02 PM

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Celestine - February 07, 2024 at 07:59 PM