



William 'Doc' Oliver

September 22, 1936 - August 20, 2012

William 'Doc' Oliver, 75 of Ardmore, Alabama died on Monday, August 20, 2012, at Athens-Limestone Hospital in Athens, Alabama. Born Tuesday, September 22, 1936 in Pulaski, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Cary Oliver and the late Eugenia Kirkland Oliver. He was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and was Ardmore Chief of Police for 34 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Cary Jr., Eugene, and Douglas Oliver and a step-son: Barry R. Brazier. Surviving are his wife: Doris Oliver of Ardmore, AL, daughters, Connie (Tim) Pierce, Vickie (Mike) Griggs and Christy (Bob) Dunnivant, sister, Marie (Alva Gene) Lineburger, grandchildren: Courtney and Corey Pierce, Trea and Zack Dunnivant, Billy Brazier, and Sherry Curry; great-grandchildren: Tori Brazier, Joe Curry, and Trip Pierce, sister-in-law: Linda Oliver, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 24, 2012, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with Bro. Richard Garland, Bro. Alan Shedd, and Bro. Bob Dunnivant officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski, TN. Pallbearers will be Gary Daly, John Dickey, Kyle Helton, David Whitt Mike Blakely, Wayne Harper, Wayne Usery, Paul Van Manen. Honorary pallbearers are police officers. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, and from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS TO PLEASANT HILL UMC BUILDING FUND. Online

condolences

Tribute Wall

ET

“ To Doc Olivers Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Doc from The Massey Building in the 6th grade. He was always nice. I was so proud of him on hearing he was Chief of Police in Ardmore. I talked to him a couple of times over the years. Once when my mom wanted to know about a Fogg relative who lived in his area. He remembered me and was so helpful to her questions. Another time i heard he was sick and called the hospital just to get a report and got Doris and then Doc. He was glad to hear from me and assured me he was fine. well now his carea are over on this earth and now he is with his people who went on before and of course God. Bless you
""Doc and also his family.

Emily Barlar Tribino - August 30, 2012 at 11:37 AM

CM

“ My heart is sadden for the lost of Chief Doc Oliver. I started in law enforcement as a reserve officer for Doc, in 1979. Today I'm a Chief of Police for the city of New Hope, which I contribute to Doc. We can honor Doc by continuing to be professional in our profession. Thanks for your friendship; Doc. Chief Richard M. Foster.

Chief Richard M.Foster - August 25, 2012 at 12:42 PM

KH

“ So sorry for this great loss. Your family has my deepest sympathy and prayers.

Kelly

Kelly Hill - August 24, 2012 at 11:56 AM

SW

“ *we will miss you*

Sally Woodard - August 23, 2012 at 10:52 PM

JH

“ *doris, i sure was sorry to hear about doc since i have been retired i did not get to see him as much but i think giles county and limestone county lost one of its finest*

jimmy hargrove - August 23, 2012 at 10:39 PM

PT

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, The Family is in my prayers.*

Polly Jeter 911 Lincoln co. Fayetteville Tn - August 23, 2012 at 03:17 PM

BH

“ *Doc was truly one of a kind. People identified Ardmore with him, and he set a great example. Thank you for your service to your community and you will be greatly missed.*

B Hobbs - August 23, 2012 at 01:31 PM

JD

“ *Doris, So sorry for your loss. Doc was very special to me and most of Ardmore. I still remember him officiating my basketball games when I was at Elkton. He was a great friend to me and I will always miss him.*

Jeanette Dunnivant - August 23, 2012 at 10:55 AM

CD

“ Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Demopolis Police Department, executives and staff, I wish to express our great sadness of hearing of Chief William “Doc” Oliver’s passing. Although I did not have the opportunity to engage with Chief Oliver directly on an extensive basis, during the short time I spent with him, I was most impressed with his commitment and enthusiasm to delivering the best possible service. I know from my colleagues who did work with Chief Oliver closely, that they held him in high regard and very much enjoyed working with him.

We send our sincere condolences to Chief Oliver’s family and all of his colleagues at the Ardmore Police Department.

Kind regards,

*Tommie Reese,
Chief of Police
Demopolis Police Department*

Chief Tommie Reese-Demopolis Police Department - August 23, 2012 at 08:36 AM

FD

“ *My heart and prayers go out to the family. I always enjoyed the times I saw Doc when I was back home visiting. He once invited me to sing a couple of songs with him and his quartet during homecoming at Pettsville Methodist Church. That was very special for me and I have always cherished that and all the times I talked with him. He was a great person.*

Frank Davis - August 22, 2012 at 10:12 PM

MF

“ R.i.p my friend u will be missed by many

Malone family - August 22, 2012 at 10:04 PM

KF

“ They broke the mold with Doc. I never will forget working in dispatch one day when it seemed like everything that could possibly go wrong in Ardmores went wrong. Phone lines were ringing off the hook, the radios were wide open, we had two fires to page out and if I remember correctly we had an officer with a car that was attempting to elude. Doc came in and coached me through a very intense hour, after which he called me back in his office and said "Kenny, I want to talk to you." I was thinking to myself "Oh no, I'm fixing to get fired". As I stood there almost shaking, he looked up at me and said "Son, I know that was a rough time in there, but you did good. I believe you're going to be just fine". Wow! That was the type of person Doc always was to me and I'm sure everyone he came in contact with. Doc, buddy, I'm going to miss you. I look forward to seeing you on the far side banks of Jordan.

Kenneth Fox - August 22, 2012 at 07:08 PM

RB

“ If you said the word Ardmores, everyone said "that is Doc Oliver's town".

He will be missed around "his town".

Ruth Ann Burke - August 22, 2012 at 11:43 AM

JP

“ Doc is one person this town will shurly miss.

john pajak - August 21, 2012 at 09:56 PM

DM

“ TO THE FAMILY OF DOC OLIVER I AM SO SO SORRY TO HEAR THE DEATH OF DOC OLIVER. I LOVE YALL AND BEING THINKING ABOUT YALL AND PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY. IF YALL NEED ANYTHING JUST LET ME KNOW. I KNOW YALL WILL MISS DOC AND ATHENS AND LIMESTONE AND ME WILL MISS DOC ALOT HE WAS A LEGEND GREAT CHIEF OF POLICE IN ARDMORE AND GREAT CHRISTIAN WHO BELIEVE OF DOING WHAT RIGHT OR WRONG. AGAIN I AM DEEPLY SAD TO HEAR ABOUT DOC OLIVER.MAY GOD BLESS THE FAMILY OF DOC OLIVER.

DEBBIE MOORE - August 21, 2012 at 08:24 PM

SM

“ *Rest in peace brother*

Steve Mitchell - August 21, 2012 at 08:18 PM

RH

“ *We will miss Doc, especially his beautiful singing at church, but we know we'll see him again someday, and he will probably be leading the choir in Heaven. Our prayers are with all of you, we know he will be greatly missed. There will never be another like him. God bless all of you.*

Rogerand Susan Holley - August 21, 2012 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ *With deepest regrets! May the peace of God be with each of you.
Chief Alex Taylor and Officers of the North Courtland Police Dept.*

Chief Alex M. Taylor, Town of North Courtland - August 21, 2012 at 06:52 PM

LS

“ *god Bless*

Laurene Schrimsher - August 21, 2012 at 06:52 PM

DP

“ *Doc will always be remembered*

Donald & Sheila Pylant - August 21, 2012 at 06:43 PM

RS

“ *Our prayers are with the friends and family. He will truly be missed. Did not get to work for Him, But knew Him for years. Worked with the APD under Dewey Dorsey, and Rodger Hornbuckel.*

Rev.Wesley & Shelia Smith - August 21, 2012 at 06:14 PM

JF

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from the Bridge. Here I dwell with God above. Here there's no more tears of sadness. Here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, They'll be here later on." God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, > was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight, God and I are closest to you... in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain; Then you can say to God at night... "My day was not in vain." And now I am contented... that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along> I made somebody smile. God says: "If you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street with me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind." "And when it's time for you to go... from that body to be free. Remember you're not going... you're coming here to me."

Janice Tomerlin Finley - August 21, 2012 at 05:58 PM

RA

“ *I would like to prayerfully offer my deepest sympathy to the family for you loss.* ”

Reverend Charles George & wife Ella, Hazel Green AI. - August 21, 2012 at 05:57 PM

JF

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I’m not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn’t cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn’t get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you’ll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I’d have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I’d always thought, I didn’t want to die. I had so much to live for, So much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for awhile, I’d say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven’s gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said “This is eternity, And all I’ve promised you.” Today for life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day’s the same way There’s no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things, You knew you shouldn’t do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you’re free. So won’t you take my hand And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don’t think we’re far apart, For every time you think of me, I’m right here, in your heart.

Janice Tomerlin Finley - August 21, 2012 at 05:56 PM

C(

“ Barbara and I will miss Doc very much. He always made us laugh and kept us upbeat and positive. We are so sorry for your loss. The Community of Ardmore will just not be the same without Docs smiling face

Chief Ron Merkh (Retired) - August 21, 2012 at 05:33 PM

TM

“ Doc was truly a great man that I have fond memories of. He unlocked my car 3 days running 20 years ago when I was working for Shannon Bros. , he was laughing the last time and letting me know he would be available for the next day too. He will be greatly missed.

Tina McNeal

Tina McNeal - August 21, 2012 at 04:47 PM

LH

“ Our love and prayers go out to Doris and all the family. Doc was one of the nicest men we ever met. He was a true and loving community servant and worthy of all honor. He will truly be missed by many many people.

Larry & Cecilia Hasting - August 21, 2012 at 04:15 PM

GS

“ My condolences to the family of Bro Oliver wonderful GOD Fearing Man He will be missed.

glenis sanders - August 21, 2012 at 04:10 PM

PA

“ so sorry for your loss. we love you

porshia & pete ayers - August 21, 2012 at 04:06 PM

MM

“ *a great man who will be missed*

matt mcdonald - August 21, 2012 at 03:56 PM

BF

“ *We are praying for all to get through this time with peace that comes from the knowledge that God loves you and will take care of you. May the memories of love shared give you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. We will miss Mr. Doc. He was always a great inspiration and a great friend.*

Beth Rolin Pugh & family - August 21, 2012 at 03:23 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Doris and family. Doc will be missed and was loved by so many.*

Jackie and JD Campbell - August 21, 2012 at 02:43 PM

BH

“ *MR. OLIVER YOU ARE A FINE MAN WHO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU AND DORIS FOR HELPING MY FAMILY.REST IN PEACE, WITH LOVE THE HAMM FAMILY*

brenda hamm - August 21, 2012 at 02:09 PM

LE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Doris and family. Doc will be greatly missed. He was one of my favorite people.*

Loretta M. Ekis - August 21, 2012 at 01:55 PM



“ *William 'Doc' Oliver*

Funeral Home Owner - June 30, 2012 at 01:21 PM