



John Henry Oliver, Jr.

May 17, 1945 - October 13, 2025

REVEREND DOCTOR JOHN H. OLIVER Jr.

Pastor Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church White Plains, AL

Reverend John Oliver Jr. was born in Birmingham, Al on May 17, 1945, to the late parents of John H. Oliver Sr. and Ada Oliver Williams. He confessed Christ at an early age and joined Green Liberty Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Herbert Gilvin.

Rev. Oliver attended Birmingham Public Schools. He earned an Associate of Science degree from the University of Hawaii. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts Christian Education and Doctor of Divinity from Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College in Birmingham, AL.

He was licensed and ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in 1978 by Rev. Emette Aniton Jr., at First Baptist Church East Vain St., Jacksonville, Al. Rev. Oliver pastor his first church while stationed in Seol Korea. Upon returning to the United States, he joined the New Hope Baptist Church under Rev. Andrew Jackson in Jacksonville, Al. In 1983 Rev. Oliver was stationed in Camp Zama Japan where he pastored the Sagamihara Community Church. In 1988 he became the pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Leesburg, AL. In 2006 he became the pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in White Plains, Al and pastored there until his final days.

Rev. Oliver retired from the U.S. Army after serving 25 years in July 1987. He was a highly decorated combat veteran. Rev. Oliver had two combat tours in Vietnam. He was stationed in several military bases around the world to include; Okinawa and Tokyo Japan, Seoul Korea, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center CO, Fort McClellan AL and Fort Benning GA (where retired).

Rev. Oliver married the love of his life Barbara (Red) Oliver was united for more than 57 years. He is the proud father of two sons, Anthony (Jacqueline) Oxford, Al., and Michael (Brienne) Louisville, Ky. He is also a proud father of one daughter, Jonnecia (Carl Jr.) Dotson Oxford, AL. He has 7 grandchildren; LaVonda, Anthony Jordan, Simone, Vivianne, Abigail, J'ohn, and Carl III. He has 2 great-grandchildren: LaMeshia and E'Myia. Oliver's remaining Siblings of 8 - Janice Oliver, Anthony Oliver (Amanda), Wanda Reynolds and LaVette Jones.

Rev. Oliver wore the distinct honor of being President Emeritus of Snow Creek District Association Congress of Christian Education. He was the spiritual advisor to the Snow Creek District Deaconess, and he was an instructor for the Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College.

He was a beacon of light, inspiring, and encouraging everyone who came in contact with him. He dedicated his life for the ause of Christ and has earned his crown as a good and faithful servant. Well done Pastor Oliver. Rest now. Well done.

Rev. Oliver also had two special young ladies in his life: Ms Racienda Hill and Mrs. LaToya Kendrick

Cemetery Details

Anniston Memorial Gardens

4000 US-431
Anniston, AL 36206

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
1130 W 14th St
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Henry Oliver, Jr..*



October 20, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *I sat under the leadership of Pastor Oliver for almost 10 years, when he pastored Providence Baptist Church. Pastor Oliver was and active member in the community. He was loved by all the members of PBC. Pastor Oliver was a true man of God that loved the people of God. I am thankful for his leadership and guidance. Continued prayers for Sis Oliver and the family!*

BJ Major - October 19, 2025 at 11:06 AM



To the Oliver family, I send my condolences to you. Pastor Oliver truly was a blessing in my life. A true brother and friend throughout the years. My prayers are with you during this difficult this time of bereavement. I am more blessed because I met pastor Oliver on this side of glory! PBC loved and will miss him. Astor Michael B. Watters and the Providence Church family

Michael Watters - October 19, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ I first met Rev. Oliver while I was a Veterans Service Officer with the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in Anniston. Over the years, I got to know Rev. Oliver and was touched by his kindness, love of God, and mankind. He was always so respectful and grateful towards myself and my co-workers. Rest in eternal peace, Reverend. To Mrs. Oliver and family, may the Grace, and Mercy of our Almighty God bring you comfort and peace during the difficult days ahead.

Kitty Moore - October 18, 2025 at 12:09 PM



My condolences to you Barbara and family. Praying that you know that God is good and beside you always. Hugs to you 🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️

Virginia Worthy - October 22, 2025 at 07:59 AM



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October 17, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ Elder Jerrell C. Hicks lit a candle in memory of John Henry Oliver, Jr.



Elder Jerrell C. Hicks - October 17, 2025 at 07:46 PM

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“ Sending love and prayers to Sister Oliver and family. We respect and admire the labor of love you performed for the Lord and in His kingdom-building work. Your presence will be missed, but we are confident of where you will spend eternity...

Rev. Doctor Timothy Madden - October 17, 2025 at 01:06 PM

VW

My deepest condolences to Barbara and family. God is with you always he will give you the strength to get you through your grief 🙏❤️

Virginia Worthy - October 23, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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“ Pastor Oliver, I met him in the snow Creek District, I was in several of his classes what an awesome teacher. Kept you laughing, was serious about the word of God, he made sure you knew what he was teaching coming out of his class, always had something funny to say. He had a heart of gold. And most of all he loved his God. Take your rest Pastor Oliver, A Job well done 🙏🙏🙏 Praying for your strength Sister Barbara Oliver and Family ❤️



Evangelist Phyllis Hawkins - October 17, 2025 at 03:14 AM

GS

“ Gregory S. Williams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Henry Oliver, Jr..



Gregory S. Williams - October 16, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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“Gregory S. Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Henry Oliver, Jr..

Gregory S. Williams - October 16, 2025 at 03:03 PM