



## Carla Ann Oliver

May 7, 2020

Carla A. Oliver, 76, of Decatur, IL passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday May 7, 2020 at Decatur Memorial Hospital. She was born in Decatur, the daughter of Leo and Lorena Gregory.

Her passion was her family. She helped raised her first granddaughter, Samantha, and watched her grow up and become a mom. She loved watching her granddaughter, Lexy, play softball, perform theatre plays, and enjoyed attending her school award ceremonies. She watched over her great-granddaughters, Londyn and Paris, as they painted her pretty pictures and enjoyed “hair and nail salon” days.

Carla was in the National Honor Society and graduated from Lakeview High School in June, 1961. After high school, she attended Beauty School and graduated at the end of 1961.

Carla married Thomas Oliver on November 26, 1964. They shared 55 wonderful years together.

Carla was a stay-at-home mom and homemaker for many years. After her children were grown, she worked at a friend’s small family market for a few years. She then moved on and worked at Walmart for 24 years, until she retired 3 years ago.

She leaves behind her devoted husband Tom; children Steve, Todd, and Missy; granddaughters Samantha Oliver and Lexy Oliver; great-granddaughters Londyn and Paris, great-grandson “Junior”; brother Wade (Onda) Gregory and several nieces and nephews.

Carla was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Christina.

Mom was the sweetness, kindness, strongest, beautiful, smart, amazing and gentle soul that you would ever know. She always put her family above her own needs and I THANK HER from the bottom of my heart, for being my best friend, my mentor, and loving me and my family unconditionally. I am SO grateful God chose me to be her daughter.

Even though our hearts are broken by her passing, we have peace knowing she is no longer in pain and is with her heavenly father to watch over us.

A special THANKS to Dr. Wade at Cancer Center for taking such great care of our Mamo! Private family services and burial will be held at 2 pm Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, IL. Please respect the social distancing guidelines. Condolences and

memories may be shared at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.

# Cemetery

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**Graceland Cemetery**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue  
Decatur, IL, 62526

# Events

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**MAY 9** **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Carla was a wonderful woman. I met her at Wesley United Methodist. She was always very caring and loved all her church children. She was a devoted mother and wife. She would give anything for anyone. My blessings go out to her family. She will be missed dearly by the ones that truly knew how big a heart she had. RIP, you were/are a true angel.

I would see Carla at Wal-mart, and she would always treat me the same as she did when I was younger. We always shared a big hug.

Stephanie (Walton) Brownlee

Stephanie Brownlee - May 11, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Carla. Todd and I was friends for many years and she was always so nice to me. I always made sure when I went back to Decatur I stopped by Wal-Mart to tell her hello. I am sure she will be missed by a lot of people.

Mike Jones - May 10, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Wade and Onda, so sorry to learn of the loss of your sister. My Condolences to her family. May God be with all of you and bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Gloria Winholtz Stephens - May 09, 2020 at 11:18 PM

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“ Remember they day you met your granddaughter Samantha they day we brought her to Walmart where you worked and you was so happy and showing her to all your co workers. You were such a proud grandma we will miss you dearly Carla Oliver you belong to heaven now , your gods Angel and you will be looking down on your family R.I.P

With our Sincere Condolences  
From Jamie and Turley White Family

Jamie White - May 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ My most sincere condolences go out to the Oliver and Gregory families I remember when I was young and Carla babysat me and would take me to the movies. It saddened me when I read the news today. R I P Carla

**Bob Strong** - May 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ As you know, Carla was one of the sweetest people ever. Remembering her from WM North. Even after we left Decatur, when we came to visit, always went to the store hoping to visit with her. Had many happy visits to share memories. She is dearly remembered.

**Judy & Ron Stinson** - May 09, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Carla was a very loving and funny friend! I loved her baked goods! God blessed me the day I met her! Peace be with you Carla! Peace be with your family!!!!

**mellissa yutzy** - May 10, 2020 at 02:58 AM

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“ I worked with Carla for 17 years at Walmart. She was always one of the nicest people ever. She always had a nice word and a smile for everyone!! Carla will be truly missed!!!

**Angela Hilberling Johnson** - May 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM

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“ I'll never forget the thank you card and candy that she gave me for loaning her a wheelchair with a soft cushion when she was having trouble standing. She was a sweet lady with a big heart, just like her daughter Missy.

**Jenny Whitmer** - May 09, 2020 at 07:26 AM

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“ Carla always had a loving and sweet spirit. I was sad when she retired from Walmart but lived to see her come in shopping. She is and always will be truly missed. Rest in heaven my dear friend. Love you .

**Robin Lee** - May 08, 2020 at 03:18 PM

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“ I graduated with Carla and we were very close friends for many years. I have many good and fun memories of our times together. She will be greatly missed.

**Bonnie (Thompson) Donnan** - May 08, 2020 at 12:49 PM