



## Mr John Oliver Sr.

December 19, 1937 - September 12, 2022

### In Loving Memory Of

John Lewis Oliver. Sr. was the only child of the late Charlie and Mamie (Burton) Oliver. He was born in Leeds, Alabama on December 19, 1937. John's father was a professional baseball player in the Negro League providing his family to live in New York City before eventually settling to Detroit, Michigan in his youth. In high school, John was an athlete, excelling in both track and football. In his early 20s, John married the late Shirley Ballard and out of this union bore 5 children.

John was employed at General Motors (GM) for over 30 years and was the first African American Foreman at the Livonia, MI plant. He became a single parent in January 1985, rearing 4 children with ages ranging from 18 to 2 years old. John was adamant about keeping his family together and often enlisted assistance from his parents and his sister-in-law, Barbara Gunner of San Diego, California.

He retired as an Engineer with GM and dedicated his time to his family, fishing and playing cards with his friends. In 2019, due to health issues, John moved to North Carolina to live with his children.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Tuesday, Sep. **20**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour/Funeral

Wednesday, Sep. **21**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr John Oliver Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *There are no words to express the sorrow in our hearts. Please know that our deepest sympathies are with your family. May your memories console you and may God sustain you, with his precious promise to someday soon reunite us with our love ones. Thinking of you all.*

**Evans family** - September 20, 2022 at 05:45 AM



“ *Elbert, Reginald, Shell Buckley Brothers purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr John Oliver Sr..*



**Elbert, Reginald, Shell Buckley Brothers** - September 19, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr John Oliver Sr..*



September 19, 2022 at 02:47 PM