

## Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me. I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.

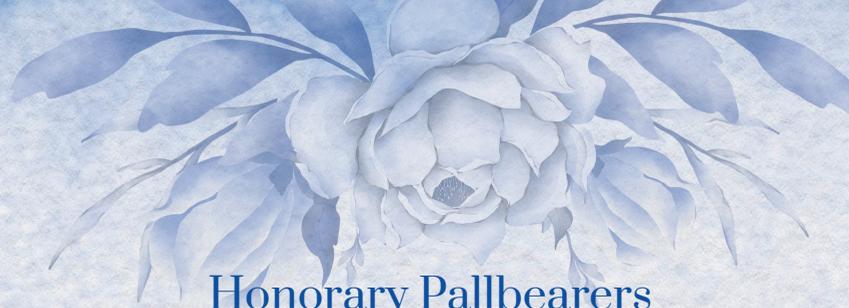
Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me. It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday on the other side.

Don't cry for me. I am not alone.  
The angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry form me. This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.



### Honorary Pallbearers

Christopher Gray-Oliver  
Paris Johnson  
Kivon Brown, Jr.  
Aldrek Allen, III  
Steven Harris  
Rashawne Gray

### Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

### Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.

# Forever in Our Hearts *Margo Celeste Oliver*

Sunrise: July 3, 1952 - Sunset: May 23, 2025



Service: Saturday, May 31, 2025 - 12:00 P.M.

Paradise Funeral Chapel & Arrangement Services  
1107 East Miller Road  
Lansing, Michigan 48911

Elder Thaddeus Wills, Officiating



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# Obituary

## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional  
Family

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament  
Elder Thaddeus Wills

Prayer of Comfort  
Elder Thaddeus Wills

Acknowledgements of Cards,  
Condolences & Reading of Obituary  
Brandy Alexander

Poems  
“A Letter from Heaven”  
Monica Blackwell

“Don’t Cry for Me”  
Londa Blackwell

Solo  
“My Soul Has Been Achored in the Lord”  
Sharon Taylor

Eulogy  
Elder Thaddeus Wills

Committal | Benediction | Recessional



## A Letter From Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I’m not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
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 you think of me,  
I know you’ll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don’t think we are far apart.  
For every time you think of me,  
I’m right here  
In your heart.

Margo Celeste (Gray) Oliver peacefully departed this life on Friday, May 23, 2025, in Lansing, Michigan, at the age of 72. Born in Lansing on July 3, 1952, she was the cherished daughter of the late Richard Lee and Millicent Madeline Gray.

After graduating from high school, Margo held several jobs before finding her professional home at the United States Postal Service in 1984. She worked there faithfully until her retirement in 2018. During those many years, she formed enduring friendships with colleagues who became like family—individuals she loved deeply and who loved her just the same.

Margo raised her three daughters on the west side of Lansing in the Hillsdale home she lived in for most of her life. Fiercely independent and spirited, she always went her own way. It was her fiery determination, sense of humor, and generous heart that endeared her to so many. Her kindness knew no bounds—she never turned away anyone in need. She was blessed, and she devoted herself to being a blessing to others, especially those she loved.

In her later years, Margo was more quiet and reflective, yet always keenly observant and perceptive. She had a unique way of tending to the needs of her children, grandchildren, and loved ones, offering care and affection in the smallest, most thoughtful gestures. Her handmade sticker cards and quirky little gifts became a trademark—simple, creative expressions of love that left lasting impressions.

She found joy in life’s simple pleasures—gardening, movies, puzzles, and the warmth of family gatherings. Long phone conversations with her closest friends brought her joy and connection. Never one to judge, Margo embraced others just as they were and gracefully expected the same in return.

Margo leaves to cherish her memory her three devoted daughters: Tia L. Johnson, Zakiya K. Harris (Steven T. Harris), and Tabia S. Oliver; her sisters, Carol J. Alexander and Cherie R. Watson; her brother, Richard T. Gray; granddaughters, LaTia Roland, Satetra Johnson, Constance Johnson, Christina Oliver, Anastasia Oliver, and Oaklynn Harris; grandsons, Paris Johnson and Christopher Gray-Oliver; and great-grandchildren, Kivon Brown Jr., Nileya Johnson, Aldrek Allen III, Aniya Allen, and Samirah Ashford. She also leaves behind her dearest friends, Kathy Duncan and Connie McCall, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Margo was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Millicent Gray; her sister, Annette Taylor; and brothers, Robert, James, Billy, Ronnie, Coy, and Jack Gray.