



## James Dale Oliver

September 6, 1933 - February 24, 2021

James Dale Oliver went be with His Lord on February 24, 2021. He was born September 6, 1933 in Glade Spring, VA and was the son of the late Roy and Stella Oliver. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Mahlon Wyatt. He graduated from Liberty Hall High School in 1951 and earned a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Education from VA Tech in 1955. He graduated from the Cadet Corp and served 2 years as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery and was discharged as a Captain. After being discharged from the Army, he was appointed as an extension agent in Roanoke County, VA in 1957. In 1960 he accepted a faculty position in Ag Education at VA Tech and completed his M.S. Degree in 1963 and a Ph.D. Degree in 1970 in Agriculture Economics. He retired from VA Tech in 1992.

Dale was a good friend to all who knew him and was always faithful to whatever task he was appointed to do as evidenced by his being a member of the Blacksburg Planning Commission for 35 years, serving on the Board of Appalachian Bible College for 37 years, and being a member of Harvest Baptist Church where he faithfully served as deacon, Sunday School teacher and in many other positions. He was active in many roles in the community and enjoyed VA Tech Sports.

Dale is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Patricia Duncan Oliver; his daughters Debbie (Richard) Dustin of Springfield, OH and Brenda Oliver of Blacksburg, VA. He is also survived by 2 grandsons, Michael (Ashley) and Erik Dustin of Springfield, OH, two great grandchildren, Georgia and Lincoln,

brother Darius (Sue) Oliver of Abingdon, VA, several nephews, nieces, and great nephews and nieces.

Viewing is limited to groups of ten and is from 10:00 am -12:00 pm, Saturday, February 27 with a funeral service at Harvest Baptist Church in Blacksburg at 1:00 pm. A graveside service will be held following the funeral at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The service will also be livestreamed at [harvestofblacksburg.com](http://harvestofblacksburg.com).

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Harvest Baptist Church Building Fund, 201 Lucas Drive, Blacksburg, VA, Appalachian Bible College, 161 College Drive, Mount Hope, WV 25880, or the J. Dale and Patricia Oliver Scholarship for ALCE undergraduate students at VA Tech. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harvest Baptist Church  
201 Lucas Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

## Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Harvest Baptist Church  
201 Lucas Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

## Burial

FEB 27 (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens  
2880 N. Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA



# Tribute Wall

EW

“ Just today learned of Dale's passing. He and I were classmates from 1st grade through graduation at Liberty Hall High School. Dale was the class valedictorian. Then, as later, Dale was unassuming, but had a sense of humor. I had not seen him, until recent class reunions. My sincere condolences to the family.

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**Eddie Widener** - February 01, 2022 at 01:32 PM

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“ Tinker and I were welcomed at Harvest Baptist by the Olivers in 1984 and one of the sweetest friendships began. Dr. Oliver was our Sunday School teacher and Pat was our choir director. We grew in the Lord by watching their lives lived for Jesus. I can't thank you enough for opening your home to us many times! We are so saddened by Dr. Oliver's passing, but rejoice that he is Home. We love you. Tinker and Valerie McBrayer

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**Tinker and Valerie McBrayer** - February 27, 2021 at 09:51 AM

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“ Dale and Pat Oliver have been faithful followers of Jesus for as long as we have known them. Their heart for missions was obvious and proven. We have such gratitude for their life of service to their Master and to so many others.  
Les & Kathy Bruce

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**Les and Kathy Bruce** - February 26, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *Dr. Oliver was my first boss at Virginia Tech. He was so very kind to me and Gary while Gary was finishing his degree. He was one of my two favorite bosses. I was so taken when he and Mrs. Oliver came to my mother's visitation at St. Mary's. Shows the type of true gentleman he was. Sending sincere condolences to his family.*

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**Debi McCoy** - February 26, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of James Dale Oliver.*



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February 26, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Dale and Pat were such great family friends of ours. Dale was such a kind and gentle spirit. We love you all so much and are so thankful Dale is celebrating in heaven with his Lord and Savior. Kimmie (Vaughan) Linsley and family.*

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**Kim Linsley** - February 26, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Since Deb was one of my best childhood friends I was frequently at the Oliver's home. Dale Oliver was the same at home as he was outside the home, kind, gentle, interested, respectful yet willing to share his opinions. I was made to feel important by being included in conversations and being asked for my opinions. He was a humble servant both in the community and in the church, being faithful in his service over many years. I never heard him speak of these roles or his accomplishments. I will miss him.*

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**Rebecca Haydon** - February 26, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of James Dale Oliver.*



February 26, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dr and Mrs Oliver were the first to welcome and host me as a guest in their home when I visited Blacksburg and the Harvest Baptist Church in the spring of 1984. Their warmth and welcome has never been forgotten. God's blessings for Mrs. Oliver and daughters, Brenda and Debbie and all those who grieve his passing.*

**David Case** - February 26, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *Rodney and I are so very sorry to hear of Dale's passing. We always enjoyed his pleasant smile and ways when we sat with you all at VT Men's Basketball games. May he rest in peace! Rodney & Lynn Schnurr*

**Lynn Schnurr** - February 25, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *Charles DeBusk and Family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of James Dale Oliver.*



**Charles DeBusk and Family** - February 25, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James Dale Oliver.*



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February 25, 2021 at 06:37 PM