



Pastor Olivia A. Foreman

October 14, 1941 - September 2, 2024

The Living Epistle of
Dr. Olivia Anderson Foreman

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 NKJV

2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Chapter 1 — In the Beginning

Beatrice Olivia Anderson Foreman was born in Richmond, Virginia, on October 14, 1941. Olivia (as many called her), was the knee baby, seventh-born of eight children to the late Creade and Mabel Anderson. She was promoted to Glory on Labor Day, September 2, 2024, at age 82, just a month and a half shy of 83. She took the holiday literally when she officially ceased from her labor here on earth according to Hebrews 4:10 – New Living Translation – “For all who have entered into God’s rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.”

Chapter 2 — Childhood

Olivia grew up in a large and loving family surrounded by many friends in the Carver area of Richmond. She was educated in the Richmond Public School system where she loved to play sports such as basketball. Olivia graduated from Maggie Walker High School in 1959. Libby (as her family fondly called her), spent many summers in the country in King William County, Virginia with her grandparents, aunts, and uncles. She would help with crops, feeding the chickens and doing other chores. She was an active, feisty child and teen as evident by her brothers who taught her how to fight! Libby gave her life to the Lord at an early age and was instrumental in bringing many of her family members to Christ.

Chapter 3 — Domestic Life

When the car she was riding in broke down on the way to church one day, Olivia met the love of her life. On June 25, 1960, Olivia married the man who came to her rescue, Dr. Steve Isaiah Foreman, of Petersburg, Virginia. They have been married for sixty-four blessed years. She bore five children and raised them in Church Hill and Glen Allen areas. She was in a Spirit-filled church most of her life. She also reared her children and grandchildren up in the Lord. She and her husband were called into ministry and pastored the Church of God and True Holiness. They later founded the Abundant Life Church of Christ in the early 1980s. Lady "O" (as she was affectionately called) was a Pastor's wife for over fifty-three (53) years and Co-Pastor over thirty (30) years. She balanced her work life very well, working in ministry and taking care of her family and home. Most all of her five adult children, along with their spouses, her ten grandchildren and her great granddaughter love the Lord, and most are active in ministry.

Olivia was very proud of her family.

Chapter 4 — Hobbies & Skills

Pastor Olivia loved to cook, bake, garden, sew, swim, fellowship, and travel. She was skilled in sewing and made curtains, pillows, outfits for her children, for herself, as well as tailoring her clothing. Her baking was highly desirable. She was well known for her rich fruit cakes with a growing list of recipients each year. Her cooking was creative and fun for all who gathered around her table. She was a wonderful host of family dinners, large parties, cookouts, and major events. Lady 'O' often opened her home to overnight guests for extended periods of time. Her home was the center of laughter, love, warmth, and joy.

Chapter 5 — Education

Lady 'O' received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Virginia Commonwealth University. She also earned several Associate Degrees in Business Administration and Biblical Studies. With her education, she began the Abundant Life Christian Academy and served as the Executive Administrator of the Abundant Life Day Care. In December 2008, an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was bestowed upon Pastor Olivia from Teamwork Bible College for her lifetime achievements, impactful ministry and being a lifelong student of the Bible. She shared what she learned and the good news of Jesus with her students, churches and everyone she met.

Chapter 6 — Ministry

God blessed Dr. Foreman with a vision in December 1995, to form a peer group consisting of Lady Pastors and Senior Pastor's Wives. These women of God came together weaving a common thread of "caring and sharing" their experiences with the Lord and each other. Lady Olivia was the overseer of the

Abundant Life Women's Fellowship and Founder of the Power-Filled Women's (PFW) Conference that was successfully in operation for over twenty-five years. Her ministry touched so many lives by helping women know their worth and finding where they fit in ministry. Her wise counsel encouraged and guided multitudes to fulfill their God-given destiny. She travelled abroad on mission trips to Africa and South America provoking change for the better everywhere she went. She made numerous life-long international friends. Her heart and love for people is genuine, which is evident by her big smile and church mother 'rocking hugs'!

Chapter 7 — Achievements

Lady 'O' received numerous awards around the city for her work with women. She has been highlighted in the book entitled, "Radiance: Powerful Women of Virtue, Yesterday, Today and Forever" which told of her contributions in ministry worldwide and in the Metro-Richmond community. She was also nominated in 2008 for the Pine-Sol Powerful Difference Award. In 2015, she received the "Shero" award from CollabHERation of the Virginia Women's Business Center.

Pastor Olivia was a Christian educator, expressive speaker, writer, and woman of vision. God revealed His Word to her in dreams and visions. She was gifted in the area of dream interpretation. Dr. Lady 'O' utilized her many gifting, talents, and comedic styling in ministry as she dreamed prophetically, heard, and delivered fresh Word from the Lord at her home church, workshops, and conferences across the country and abroad.

Chapter 8 — Author

Being an avid student of the Word of God, Dr. Olivia put her revelation knowledge down on paper. She authored and published numerous books to

include, The Genesis Series: Stop Blaming Eve, What Your Dreams Reveal About You, Gifts of the Spirit, Christian Living in the 21st Century and Spiritual Temperament and Personalities”. Her books were in high demand. Many of her books are still in use today by ministry leaders and churches across the world. She has also written and produced successful plays such as The Traveler, the Troll and Judgment.

Chapter 9 — Legacy

Lady ‘O’ was preceded in death by her parents: Creade & Mabel Anderson; In-Laws: Steve, Sr. & Roulette Foreman; all her siblings: Percy Lee Brown, Harold Anderson, Sr. (Maxine), Arthur Anderson, Sr., Bernice Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Clara Braye & Marjorie Johnson; her oldest daughter: Tonya F. Edgerton; her grandson: Ayden Foreman; her good friends: Rebecca Randolph (George) & Dorothy Brooks; many aunts, uncles, cousins and church family.

Olivia leaves to cherish her memory and to act upon her impartation:

Her Loving & Devoted Husband – Dr. Steve I. Foreman

Her Children – Steve Foreman, III (Bonnie), Adrian Gary Foreman (LaTanya), Kimberly F. Smith (Otis) & Monique Folston (Ira)

Son-in-Law – Isaac Edgerton

Grandchildren – Joshua Edgerton (Alicia), Aaron Edgerton (Olivia), Matthew Edgerton, Timothy Edgerton, DeJon Moore, Kyler Smith, Olivia L. Foreman, Nyah Folston & Zoe Folston

Great Granddaughter – Yara Camille Edgerton

Brothers & Sister-in-Law – Levi Braye, Everette Johnson, Sr.,
Paul Foreman (Annette) & George Foreman (Brenda), Fern Anderson

A host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins & extended Family

Devoted Adopted Daughters – Cornelia “Andie” Miles,
Josephine Campbell, Ellen Tarver, & others

Along with dedicated church family and friends

Chapter 10 — The Conclusion of the Matter

Lady O was a true Proverbs 31 woman! She was a true gem and a unique and treasured gift to her family, friends and to the body of Christ. She is the Designer’s Original POWER-FILLED WOMAN! Well done Dr. Olivia. Go get your crown.

“A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.”
~ Proverbs 17:22

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things.

I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ~ Matthew 25:21

Cemetery Details

Signal Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum

12360 Hanover Courthouse Road
Hanover, VA 23069

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Walnut Grove Baptist Church
7046 Cold Harbor Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Tribute Wall



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“ *Josh's mom was so kind. She made Thanksgiving dinner for the whole family and always took such good care of Josh, his brothers and his dad. She will be truly missed and I'm sure she is an angel in heaven now. We love you Edgerton family from the Evans's.*

Joy Evans - May 06, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Olivia A. Foreman.*



September 07, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ *Such a warm, down to earth person, and she gave the best hugs. Heaven is truly getting a star.*

Tegra Estelle Branch - September 06, 2024 at 09:36 PM

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“ I met Olivia after graduating High School in 1966. We both worked at Defense General Supply Center (Bellwood).. She became a “Mentor” to me. She helped me in many ways. She also directed my first wedding in June, 1968. I loved Olivia like a sister. I participated in several of her church’s Women’s Retreats. I extend my deepest condolences to her family! Rosalyn White Moore

Rosalyn White Moore - September 06, 2024 at 08:26 AM

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“ To our family
Libby will be greatly missed. She always had a kind word and a loving hug for you. I pray the days ahead you can share the great joyous memories of her to help ease the heart
Love You
Sherwood & Linda Moore & Family

Sherwood & Linda Moore - September 06, 2024 at 08:02 AM



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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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CJ

Cousin Oliver my prayers, condolences goes out to your family. Yshweh say he want put no more on us that we can bear life goes on just remember the good time, laughing , praying for your family the birthday wishes,. Yahweh Bless much love

Coral Johnson - September 06, 2024 at 05:04 AM