

Mary Hempstone Oliver

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Mary Oliver, Published Poetry Book

Mary Hempstone Oliver, 88, a poet and author of religious articles that appeared in newspapers and other publications died Tuesday at the Embassy Rest Home.

A fourth generation Washingtonian, Mrs. Oliver was a graduate of Mt. Vernon Seminary. She was the widow of retired Navy Capt. Frederick L. Oliver, who died in 1963.

Her poetry had appeared in The New York Times, The New York Herald Tribune, The Washington Star and The Christian Science Monitor. More than 50 of the poems were published in a collection, "In Moorland Lane and Other Poems," in 1953.

Mrs. Oliver also wrote religious articles for The Christian Science Monitor and at one time wrote more than 100 radio scripts produced by the Christian Science Church in Boston.

A member of Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, she formerly lived at 2727 29th St. NW.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Frederick Oliver, of Arlington, and Smith Hempstone Oliver, of Washington, a granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.