



Mr. James Taylor

June 22, 1939 - January 18, 2018

James Calvin Taylor was born on June 22, 1939 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina to the late Wille Joseph Taylor and the late Mary Lee Congleton Taylor. After his graduation from Conetoe High School in 1958 he moved to New York. It was there, while waiting on a Brooklyn subway platform that he had an unexpected encounter with a former classmate, the lovely Irma Dean Coppage. This chance encounter resulted in a fifty-seven-year marriage and four wonderful children.

James was a loving and patient husband to the love of his life, Mrs. Irma. He was a true father to his children and a father figure to many others. A hard worker, he was an excellent provider ensuring his family never suffered, or lack of anything. James was selfless and was known for his hospitality. Many are the family members who were welcomed into his modest home – and not just for brief visits but for extended stays.

James retired in 2001 after a long career in the textile industry and in 2003 moved his bride back to North Carolina. Not one to sit and be idle, he joined the gym as well as a local seniors group. He also dedicated his life to Christ and joined Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Parmele and was baptized by his pastor, Moderator Samuel E. Chance. He was a faithful member of the choir and even sang a solo lead. He was also active in the

men's ministry and was very rarely absent when his pastor would travel to preach. His face was a welcomed and familiar one at Middle Ground Union services.

James Taylor was a fine example of strength in humility. He left most of the talking to Mrs. Irma but when he spoke those fortunate enough to hear paid attention and took heed to his words knowing they came from his heart. After a five-year battle with cancer this gentle giant of a man breathed his last and entered his eternal rest fully assured it was well with his soul.

James was preceded in death by one brother, Wardell Taylor; three sisters; Marjorie Taylor, Annice Taylor-Andrews, and Geraldine Taylor-Patterson.

James leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Irma; two devoted sons, James, Jr. (Pearl) of Queens, NY, Karlos (Kim) of Knightdale, NC; two loving daughters, Irmina Bazemore (Wendell) of Stafford, VA, Kashoni Williams (Rodney) of Greenville, NC; three granddaughters, Jasmine, Angelia, Kandace; eight grandsons, Michael, Darius, Nicholas, Curtis, James, Davaughn, Aaron and Travis; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Taylor of Brooklyn, NY, Gwendolyn Braswell (Ernest) of New Bern, NC; four brothers, Herman Taylor of Tarboro, NC; Henry Taylor (Lucy) of Wilson, NC, Willie Ray Taylor (Helen) of Rocky Mount, NC; Garland Taylor of Greenville, NC; step sisters, Ethel Ruffin-Collier, Shirley Charles (Lindberg) and Annie Charles all of Tarboro NC; step brothers, Robert Vines (Joyce), Curtis Vines (Linda) of Greenville NC, Morris Vines of Washington, DC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

328 Cemetery Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
191 Package-Craft Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Service

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Taylor*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Taylor.*



January 27, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ *Min Dora Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Taylor*



min dora cox - January 27, 2018 at 12:24 AM



“ *Rhonda Grant Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Taylor*



Rhonda Grant Jordan - January 26, 2018 at 09:02 PM

BF

“ Betty Foster purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. James Taylor.



Betty Foster - January 26, 2018 at 09:08 AM

FL

“ From the Braswell Family with Love. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. James Taylor.



From the Braswell Family with Love. - January 26, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ 133 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - January 25, 2018 at 05:28 PM

PD

“ *Phylis Hampson, Fred and KC Feiler, Nancy DiAngelo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James Taylor.*



Phylis Hampson, Fred and KC Feiler, Nancy DiAngelo - January 25, 2018 at 11:25 AM

GB

“ *Gwendolyn Taylor Braswell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Taylor*



Gwendolyn Taylor Braswell - January 23, 2018 at 04:40 PM

IB

“ *Iness Williams, Charmese Payton, Teresa Guions, Janet Hall, Marianda Williams, & Pamela Brunston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Taylor.*



Iness Williams, Charmese Payton, Teresa Guions, Janet Hall, Marianda Williams, & Pamela Brunston - January 23, 2018 at 09:41 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Taylor*



Congleton Funeral Home and staff - January 22, 2018 at 01:43 PM

DB

“ Deacon Kenneth L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Taylor



Deacon Kenneth L. Brown - January 22, 2018 at 01:33 PM

AC

“ Annie Charles



Annie Charles - January 20, 2018 at 11:11 AM

 Gweniqua Taylor

“ Gweniqua Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Taylor



Gweniqua Taylor - January 19, 2018 at 06:28 PM

BR

“ Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Taylor



Bridges - January 19, 2018 at 04:48 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Taylor*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - January 19, 2018 at 03:36 PM