

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of

James Elbert "J.T." Taylor



Sunrise April 19, 1938 – Sunset June 14, 2022

Visitation 11a ~ Celebration Friday, June 24, 2022 at 12 Noon

~ 3301 Sanctuary | Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Committal and Benediction

Sunset Memory Gardens

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....Family and Friends.....11:00 am

Invocation.....Reverend J.R. Covington, Jr.

Musical Selection.....The Solid Rock

Scriptural Readings.....Reverend Harry L. Tyson

Old Testament:Job 19: 25 - 27

New Testament.....John 14: 1 - 6

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Kevin R. Wright
Charlotte, NC

Selection.....Bro. Cliff Harrington

Reading of the Obituary (silently)

Reflections (3 minutes)

Mr Edwin Sanders, friend

Mr. Calvin Eason, cousin

Mr. James Michael Taylor, son

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Tiffany Jeanette Taylor
Granddaughter

Musical Selection.....Bro. Marcus White

Eulogy.....Pastor Jones

Recessional Hymn.....Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

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Benediction.....Reverend J.R. Covington, Jr.

OBITUARY

JAMES ELBERT TAYLOR was born on April 19, 1938 in Nashville, North Carolina to the late Anderson Taylor, Sr. and Almyria P. Battle Taylor.

He was called to his eternal home at the age of 84 on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in Charlotte, North Carolina surrounded by his beloved family. The second of seven children, James was preceded in death by brothers, George, Johnnie, Walter and sister Beulah.

James graduated in 1959 from Central High School in Gates, North Carolina. His quote from high school was, "Before you start, see your way clear." He played basketball and sang in the choir. James loved to sing and faithfully went from singing in a gospel choir when young to singing in the Church Choir, Mass Choir and the Male Chorus.

On May 28, 1960, James married the love of his life, Ola Mae Bond and they moved to Brooklyn, New York. He took on different jobs, eventually becoming an Electrician and working for Con Edison for 34 years, retiring in 1996. Since James had given his life to Christ at an early age, he continued on his Christian journey in Brooklyn, New York at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Later that year, James and Ola left New York and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where they became faithful members of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. James could be found singing in the Friendship Church Choir, Mass Choir and especially the Male Chorus. He labored diligently in ministry at the Men's Shelter and Women's Shelter. A loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, he enjoyed spending time with his family partying, eating, attending various church related events, New York Mets games, grilling, and loved fishing.

James was a member of Sons of Job Lodge #39 and King David Lodge #9, both in New York.

He was past Master in both lodges, a member of New York Grand Consistory and was a 33rd Degree Mason.

James leaves to cherish loving memories: a devoted wife, Ola Mae of 62 years; two brothers, Anderson, Jr. and Gradis (Mignon); sisters-in-law, Linda Rogers (Edward) and Delores Brown, Lillie Taylor; brothers-in-law, Floyd Bond, Herbert Bond (Dora); three children, Sheila Wright (Kevin), Deborah Taylor, James Michael; three grandchildren, Tiffany Jeanette Taylor, Liana Gabrielle Rankin (John) and Andre Lamar Taylor; three great-grandchildren, Peyton Jeanine Davis, Jaida Nicole Rankin, Jaxson Terrell Rankin and a host of relatives and friends.

A Life Well Lived



A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace,

from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.



It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears,

with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.



Carnival Destiny

Galaxy Dining Room

A life well lived is a legacy,

of joy and pride and pleasure,



a living, lasting memory our grateful heart's will treasure.

Family Tree

A limb has fallen from the family tree
I hear a voice that whispers, 'Grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter the songs
The good I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you,
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest
Remembering all... how I was truly blessed,
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall;
I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin
Until that fine day we're together again.

~ ~ ~ Acknowledgements ~ ~ ~

We thank God that He has used each of you, to help make this journey less difficult. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits and expressions of love and sympathy have strengthened us and served as poignant reminders of God's love. Our sincere gratitude knows no bounds; we thank you so much!

We are so grateful to God for the time He gave us with our loved one and the precious memories we have to share. Our adjustment to his absence is made less painful due to the loving comfort of our God through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Special thanks to...

The staff at Atrium Dickson Heart Cardiac Care ICU unit; Dr. Robyn Brewer, Sanger Heart and Vascular Institute; Mrs. Coleman and the Staff of Alexander Funeral Home and the staff at Sunset Memory Gardens.

Heartfelt thanks is extended to our own Pastor Jones, Friendship Staff and Family.

The Family of the Late Bro. James Elbert "JT" Taylor

Pall Bearers
FMBC Mass Choir Members

Flower Bearers
FMBC Mass Choir Members