



Katie Taylor

September 21, 1937 - October 21, 2024

Mrs. Katie M. Taylor (nee Burford) was born September 21, 1937 as the first of three children to the late William Henry Burford and the late Mrs. Mary Bell Burford in Desoto County, Mississippi. Katie was preceded in death by her loving husband James H.K. Taylor, her younger brother, William Henry Burford Jr. ("Sonny"), son, Mr. Kenneth H. Taylor and daughter, Sharon K. Taylor.

After Katie and her siblings tragically lost their mother when she was only six years old, they were taken to live with their maternal grandfather, William Taylor. Granddaddy William, as he was affectionately known to her, instilled in her the foundation of faith in Christ. For a brief period, Katie went to live with her aunt and uncle in Memphis and attended Hamilton Elementary School, where she discovered her passion for learning and became an "A" student. Her time in "the big city" solidified her desire to live beyond the country. Upon her return to Mississippi, she attended Bob White Elementary School. Katie graduated from Geeter High School in 1955, where she was a proud member of the Geeter "Dancing Dolls" team.

Through the foundation laid by her grandfather, she accepted Jesus Christ at an early age on the mourning bench at the family church, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Southaven, Mississippi. She journeyed into a more meaningful and deeper relationship with Christ while attending St. Joseph Spiritual Temple. For over forty-five years, Katie was a faithful member of Mt.

Zion Baptist Church, serving in several leadership roles including Sunday School Teacher, member of the Women's Ministry, and a prayer warrior.

Shortly after graduating high school, Katie's beauty, personality, petite frame, and long flowing hair attracted the attention of a handsome, debonair gentleman named James Taylor. After a week of dating, the two married on May 3, 1956, a union that lasted over 65 years until her husband's death in 2021. Through their union, Katie gave birth to nine children, maintaining a boy-girl order for all births, but she was the mother of eleven. Katie took pride in being a homemaker and taking care of her family. She was a skilled cook, cleaner, and seamstress, often making her children's clothes.

As her children grew older, Katie sought part-time work to contribute to the family finances. She worked as a gift wrapper at Lowenstein Department Store and Sears in Southland Mall. She also worked as a housekeeper for wealthy families. Ultimately, Katie found joy working as a cashier for Kroger Store on South Third Street, where she retired in 1999 after over 18 years of service.

Katie was a loving sister, wife, mother, faithful neighbor, good friend, and maternal figure in the neighborhood. She would often take her children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children to the library as well as to church on Sundays so they could feed their minds as well as their souls. Whether through a warm cooked meal, confidence to excel, encouraging words, or just a loving hug, Katie was passionate about investing in the youth. Katie opened her home frequently to those in need and served as a caregiver to many friends and family members throughout her life. Katie was the heartbeat of the "Taylor Compound," instilling the importance of her family being together, showing love and forgiveness, congregating to pray, and having faith in God. Her meals, laughter, and love were the center point of a host of gatherings for family, friends, and neighbors.

Katie's sweet spirit and smile touched the lives of all that she encountered. She spent countless hours caring and giving to not only her family members, but to all she came in contact with. To know her is to know her concern, compassion, and love for people. She exemplifies a Proverbs 31 Woman. Katie leaves to cherish her memory her sister, Ernestine ("Tina") Lavergne (Roland), six (6) sons - Robert Chalmers, Bishop Allen Chalmers, Sr. (Sharon), Antonio H. Taylor, Richard S. Taylor, Sr. (Valerie), Apostle David E. Taylor, and Chris "Rico" Taylor, three (3) daughters- Angela J. Taylor, Marilyn M. Robinson (James), and Zondra V. Taylor; 25 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1663 Elvis Presley Blvd
Memphis, TN 38106

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Snow Funeral Home
1650 E Shelby Dr
Memphis, TN 38116
(901) 946-9726
<http://snowfuneral.com>

Service

NOV **1**. 11:00 AM (cst)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
60 S. Parkway E.
Memphis, TN 38106

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Tony&Queenie Watts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Taylor.

Tony&Queenie Watts - October 31, 2024 at 11:42 AM

TW

“ Tony&Queenie Watts purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Katie Taylor.



Tony&Queenie Watts - October 31, 2024 at 11:42 AM

TF

“ Tony&Queenie Watts The Watts Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Taylor.

Tony&Queenie Watts The Watts Family - October 31, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TF

“ Tony&Queenie Watts The Watts Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katie Taylor.



Tony&Queenie Watts The Watts Family - October 31, 2024 at 11:23 AM

LK

“ Leo & Karime purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Katie Taylor.



Leo & Karime - October 30, 2024 at 05:20 PM

CI

“ From: Chel Le Ireland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Taylor.

Chel Le Ireland - October 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CI

“ Chel Le Ireland purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Katie Taylor.



Chel Le Ireland - October 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katie Taylor.



October 30, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katie Taylor.



October 29, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ Lizbeth Galvan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Taylor.

Lizbeth Galvan - October 29, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Lizbeth Galvan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Katie Taylor.



Lizbeth Galvan - October 29, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Taylor.

October 28, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katie Taylor.



October 28, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Katie Taylor.*



October 27, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Taylor.

October 27, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ *Michelle Brannon sent a virtual gift in memory of Katie Taylor*



Michelle Brannon - October 27, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ *Apostle Harry C. Wigmore III lit a candle in memory of Katie Taylor*



Apostle Harry C. Wigmore III - October 27, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katie Taylor.



October 26, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ From Shun & Renada Jenkins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Katie Taylor.



From Shun & Renada Jenkins - October 26, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ From Shun & Renada Jenkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Taylor.

From Shun & Renada Jenkins - October 26, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Wilbert & Lily Berry purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Katie Taylor.



Wilbert & Lily Berry - October 25, 2024 at 05:05 PM

WB

“ *For over 30 years, our relationship grew from business to personal, then spiritual. Mrs. Taylor's infectious smile, soft voice and loving spirit, permeated the room. Her unwavering love will be forever etched in our memories.*



Wilbert & Lily Berry - October 25, 2024 at 04:45 PM