

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Gertrude Taylor

Sunrise
August 28, 1932

Sunset
April 5, 2021

Sunday, April 18, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. James E. Salmon, Officiant

Richard Fulcher, Organist

Reflections Of Life

Gertrude Taylor was born in Cochran, Georgia on August 28, 1932. She was the daughter of Harry and Mary (Fed) Holmes, Sr.

Gertrude was one of fifteen children. She received most of her early education in Cochran, Georgia.

She was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life; Ellis Nelson Taylor on December 17, 1945, also of Cochran, Georgia.

They relocated to Passaic, New Jersey, afterwards moving to Paterson, New Jersey. She became a member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Passaic New Jersey under the leadership of The Reverend Frank Napier along with her children.

She often attended the Beulah Grove Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey where her brother-in-law and nephew were Pastors, The Reverends Aquilla Johnson, Sr. and Jr..

She later joined the New Christian Missionary Baptist Church, Paterson, New Jersey under the leadership of the Reverend James E. Salmon, Sr., there she served on the Missionary Board, attended Bible Study and Sunday School faithfully.

She was employed at the North Jersey Development Center, Totowa, New Jersey until her retirement.

Gertrude loved her doctor, Dr. Jodie Welt. She was loved by all. Mom's character was Moms Mabley and a little of Madea, she would have you on the floor.

She had phrases for whatever you brought to her, she had a heart of gold.

She loved cooking her biscuits and collard greens that we would all be waiting for. She enjoyed feeding anybody. She loved watching Jimmy Swaggett anytime of the day and reading her Bible. She loved sewing and making clothing for herself and others in her earlier years. But, nothing stood in the way of her sister, she loved her sister Katherine who was the quite one, those two! But, Gertie and Louise was a piece of work.

She used to love going to Church conventions some years ago and her subs ride rub offs, like she would say if she was here " my name is Jimmy I will take whatever you give me."

After the passing of our Aunt Louise, mothers' life started changing, she became distant to everything, problems with her heart, being in the hospital and mainly missing her sister until she gained her wings.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Ellis Nelson Taylor, parents; Harry Holmes, Sr. and Mary Fed Holmes, two daughters; Shirley Lou Taylor and Lula Theresa Murphy, one granddaughter; Lisa Labray Davidson, seven brothers; Marshal, Harry, Jr., Johnny, RC, Fed, Jimbo and Lard Holmes, six sisters; Lottie Durham, Alice Johnson, Geneva Jenkins, Mattie Thorpe, Doris Washington and Louise Manuel.

Gertrude gained her wings on Monday, April 5, 2021.

Gertrude leaves to cherish precious memories her beautiful and loving children; Mary Davidson, Charlotte, NC, Steve Taylor, Eileen Taylor, Lori Taylor-Sessom and Chimene Taylor all of Paterson, NJ, one sister; Kathrine King (George) of Willingboro, NJ, son-in-law; Burvette Murphy, Arlington, VA , fourteen grandchildren; Deon and Steven Murphy, Salt Lake City, Utah, Marquise Randolph, Charltte, NC, Jamal Davidson, David LeGrier, Shandel Taylor, Shana Taylor, Jabril Taylor-Stevenson, Shamira Champagne, Sha'Quiesha Champagne and Tahkera Champagne, all of Paterson, NJ, Rashon Jackson, Dover, DE and Sherese Taylor, Newark, NJ, twenty-four great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, four godchildren; Julie Williams, Montclair, NJ, Tatiwana Sutton, PA, Tosha Williams-Cave, East Orange, NJ and Corretta Buggs, Pittsburgh, PA, special friends; Priscilla Boulware, Pauline Robinson, Verlene Addison, Mamie Canty, all of Paterson, NJ and Vivian Dudley and Jackie Dickey, NC and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mother was loved by so many, especially her children and grands.
Her love rains like water.

Order of Service

Musician.....Richard Fulcher

Scripture Recital and Invocation..... Pastor Salmon

Solo.....Nephew..... Jeffery Holmes

Scripture..... Old Testament: Psalm 23.... Rev. James Bethea

Scripture..... New Testament: John 14:1-6.... Rev. James Bethea

Prayer of Comfort Min. Wanda Pye

Words From Church OfficersDeacon Jesse Harrell
Trustee Theresa McDermott

Condolences and Remarks Family and Friends
(2Min.each)

Letter of Condolence From NCMB Church
..... Deaconess Pauline Robinson

Solo.....Grandson..... Steven Murphy

Obituary Shalef Manuel

Selection.....Daughter..... Eileen Taylor

Eulogy Rev. James E. Salmon, Sr.
New Christian Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor

Pallbearers

*Steven Murphy, David LeGrier, Rashon
Jackson, Shandel Taylor, Jihlil Davidson,
Marquise Randolph.*

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Park
Fairlawn, New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know

you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave

behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Gertrude Taylor** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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