

*In Loving Memory of*

*Richard  
Taylor*

**SUNRISE: June 20, 1950**  
**SUNSET: September 28, 2021**

**Friday, October 15, 2021 - 10AM**

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# Obituary

It is with deep sorrow that we thank God for the life and memories of our devoted and beloved brother **Richard Taylor** who was born to the late Ada and Archibald Taylor on June 20, 1950 in New York City. Richard departed from this life on September 28, 2021 at 5:02 am at Albert Einstein/Montefiore Hospital.

Richard received his early education at Alexander Humbolt Public School 115 and High School of Fashion and Design. He later furthered his education by attending Hunter College where he majored in Psychology and Fiorello H. LaGuardia Community College where he received his Associates Degree in Arts on September 10, 1978.

Richard gained employment at Mary Manning Walsh Nursing Home in 1968 as a food service worker. He was employed as a Veterans Peer Counselor at LaGuardia Community College in 1977 and worked as a Mental Health Therapist at Washington Community Service.

He served honorably in the United States Air Force as Airman First Class during the Vietnam War from June 1970 to April 1972.

Richard began his career at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1979 in NYC. His career expanded to 40 years concluding as an Immigration Services Officer at the Eastern Telephone Center in 2017.

He met Brenda Mahone in 1983 and they were married on July 15, 2000. He attended meetings at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with his wife and developed a love for Jehovah. He would tell others about Bible truths wherever he went; at his favorite local restaurant; in the laundromat; on the public bus, and in later years with drivers taking him back and forth for chemotherapy. He loved his wife dearly and took great care of her. Richard was a very likable person with a wonderful sense of humor.

Richard engaged in many sports. As a youth, he played football in the position of cornerback and received the nickname "Flako" because he was lightweight like the Flako cornbread. He loved baseball and basketball. He enjoyed bowling and developed long lasting bonds with his teammates. He was a great swimmer.

His oldest brother, Howard Evans preceded Richard in death. Those left to cherish fond memories of Richard are: his wife, Brenda Mahone-Taylor of the Bronx, NY; one sister, Yvonne Taylor Foulks of the Bronx, NY; brothers, Alfred Taylor of the Bronx, NY and Sam Taylor of Forrestville, MD; niece, Gloria Taylor-Alevanbre and nephew-in-law, Peter Alevanbre of PA; nephews, Daryl Foulks and Al Taylor; great nephew, Terrance Harris; sister-in-law, Hye Cha Wilburn of MD; and brother-in-law, Phillip Dunn of the Bronx, NY.

# *Order of Service*

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**ENTOMBMENT:**  
Woodlawn Mausoleum  
Bronx, New York

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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