

Acknowledgements

The family of Geraldine Taylor acknowledges with grateful appreciation the love and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your many acts of kindness, sincere compassion and thoughtfulness have refreshed our spirits and lifted our hearts. Your expression of love will remain forever within us.

May the Almighty God reward your kindness with great measure and may the Lord bless our friends and family present today with traveling grace back to your respective homes.

We will respond more specifically at a later date. Please keep us in your prayers.

--- The Taylor Family ---

Active Pallbearers

Brian Taylor	Cedric Walsh
Detrick Taylor	Darryl Walsh
Patrick Taylor	Jamal Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Wendell Patterson	Robert Slater
David Slater	Jerry Taylor
Lamar Slater	Sammie Taylor

Interment

Brown Missionary Baptist Church

Repast

Brown Missionary Baptist Church

Arrangement Entrusted To

Christian Funeral Home
3626 New Getwell Road – Memphis, TN

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Celebration of the Life of Geraldine Taylor

Sunrise - July 27, 1951 ♦ Sunset - October 5, 2013



Saturday, **October 12, 2013** @ 10:00 a.m.

"For she said within herself, if I may touch his garment,
I shall be whole." (Matthew 9:21)

Host Pastor: Bartholomew Orr

Brown Missionary Baptist Church

98- Stateline Road – Southaven, Mississippi

Reverend Ollie Gardner, Officiating

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Obituary

A Celebration of Life

Geraldine Taylor was born on July 27, 1951 to Rosemary Greer and the late Madison Mull. She was the eldest of seven children reared in a loving, stable household by father and mother, Robert and Rosemary Slater. On October 5, 2013, Geraldine Taylor, the devoted wife of over 40 years to loving husband Lewis Taylor, caring mother to Mario Taylor, bravely and in deep prayer, quietly took her last breath and went to be with God at Methodist South Hospital, Memphis, TN.

Geraldine Taylor accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and her life epitomized courage, faith, strength and a love of God. Her character can well be summed up in Galatians 5:22, "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness." Mrs. Taylor became a member of Brown Missionary Baptist Church and brought a sense of peace and comfort to all those who knew her well.

An honors business graduate from the University of Memphis, Geraldine exemplified diligence as she excelled in the insurance, healthcare and banking industries during the course of her career. Over the last seven years until her homecoming, she was a valued employee of SRVS and held positions as a Quality Assurance Monitor/Coordinator and Protection from Harm Coordinator respectively. Mrs. Taylor involved herself in the community by working behind the scenes to elect accountable and responsive candidates to various public offices.

A passionate, loving person, earth has one less gentle soul and Heaven has gained one more angel. Those who knew her are blessed that Geraldine Taylor was on this earth. A doting wife, she and her beloved husband Lewis Taylor enjoyed a long blissful marriage. The couple has one son, Mario whom received their overflowing love and affection.

Mrs. Geraldine Taylor leaves to cherish her memory her loving parents Robert and Rosemary Slater; her devoted husband Lewis Taylor; her only child Mario Taylor (Yolanda); four grandchildren Kayne, Kaitlyn, Mario, Imari; three brothers Robert Slater, Jr.-Atlanta, GA, Lamar Slater, David Slater; three sisters Pamela Slater Gilmore (Keith)-San Francisco, CA, Donna Slater Madden (Melvin)-San Leandro, CA; Robbie Slater Simmons (Darrell); four sisters-in-law Claudia Carter, Sallie Williams (Alonzo) Barbara Ann Barr (Robert), Mildred Gardner; two brothers-in-law, Sammy Lee Taylor (Joan), Jerry Taylor; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends.

Geraldine Taylor will be remembered by family and friends for her tasteful cooking. The menu of family gatherings always included her savory chocolate cake or delectable lemon pound cake. She will also be remembered for her signature style of dressing. When Geraldine entered a room, heads turned in admiration of her stylish and classy outfits. Mrs. Taylor was a woman of style and grace. These traits along with her bubbly personality and radiant smile will truly be missed.

If Geraldine could speak to her family and friends today, she would say:
I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

*I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways
of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when Life is Done!*

Service Celebration

Processional

Selection

Brown Baptist Missionary Church

Scriptures

Old Testament

Elder Jessie Benson
First Thessalonian Baptist Church

New Testament

Reverend Craig Smith
Spirit of Life Christian Church

Prayer

Reverend Clayton Howard
Ebenezer Baptist Church

Solo

John Wayne Gardner

Words of Comfort

Dr. John Wallace
Shiloh Baptist Church

Reflections (three minutes)

Friend
Co-Worker
Neighbor

Clarence Smith
Christopher Lynn
Jean Davis

Solo

Sharon Carter Benson

Acknowledgments

Jessica Benson

Silent Reading of Obituary

Soft Music

Eulogy

Reverend Ollie Gardner
Pastor of St. Matthew MBC

Selection

Brown Baptist Missionary Church

Recessional



*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither
have entered into the heart of man, the
things which God hath prepared for them
that love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9*

My Dearest Geraldine

My beautiful wife and friend. I love you with all my heart.
as our time grew longer, our joy was greater, our lives fuller .
Our love deepened and fonder throughout the years
a lasting love that will never end.

Thank you for making our home a lovely home.
Thank you for the joyful moments with our family and friends.
We shared our lives these many years. You held my hand – you held my
heart. So many blessings and now we must part.

It so hard to realize that life has changed
and it will never be the same again.
As I face the future without you sweetheart,
my wife and friend, I will forever treasure the memories
you left behind. I love you dearly.

Your loving Husband Lewis

MOM

The values you've taught,
the care you've given,
and the wonderful love you've shown,
have enriched my life
in more ways than I can count.
Never selfish, always loving and kind,
Mom, these are memories you leave behind.
In God's care you rest above,
in my hearts you rest with love.
I will miss you.

Love,
Mario

In my Heart

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
I think of you in silence. I often speak your name.
Now all I have are memories, and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake, with which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping; I have you in my heart.
Rest in peace my dear sister.

**Love,
Donna**

My Dear Geraldine

My sister, my best friend whom I truly love and miss dearly.
I wish I could walk up to heaven and bring you home again
No farewell words were said. No time to say good-bye.
You were gone before I knew it and only God knows why.
My heart's still loaded with sadness and tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you no one can ever know.
I know you want us to mourn for you no more.
Just to remember all the happy times.
God blessed me with memories of you deep in my heart I shall store.
My Dear Sweet Sister you'll never be forgotten.
I pledge to you this day. A hallowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.
I say good-bye for now my beloved sister until we meet again.

**Love,
Your Baby Sister, Faye**

To My Loving Sister

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be,
resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys, different paths along the way.
We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place, far greater than we know.
For some the journey is quicker, for some the journey is slower.
And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.
As you rest peacefully, your countless precious memories
will remain in my heart.

Love Pamela

Auntie Gerald

Personally (Paula), I am so thankful to have had you in my life. You and
Uncle Lewis blessed me in such a way that words can't explain. You all
were there for me when my dad passed and helped my mom and I,
financially, spiritually, and mentally. I love you so much and I will miss
you dearly. I am truly thankful for all you have done for my mom and me.

As for Michelle and I we have to find that chocolate cake recipe because
no one can make that cake like you. You will be missed. Your flesh may
not be here with us, but you spirit will always be.

**We Love You
Paula and Nichelle
Your Nieces**

Memories

