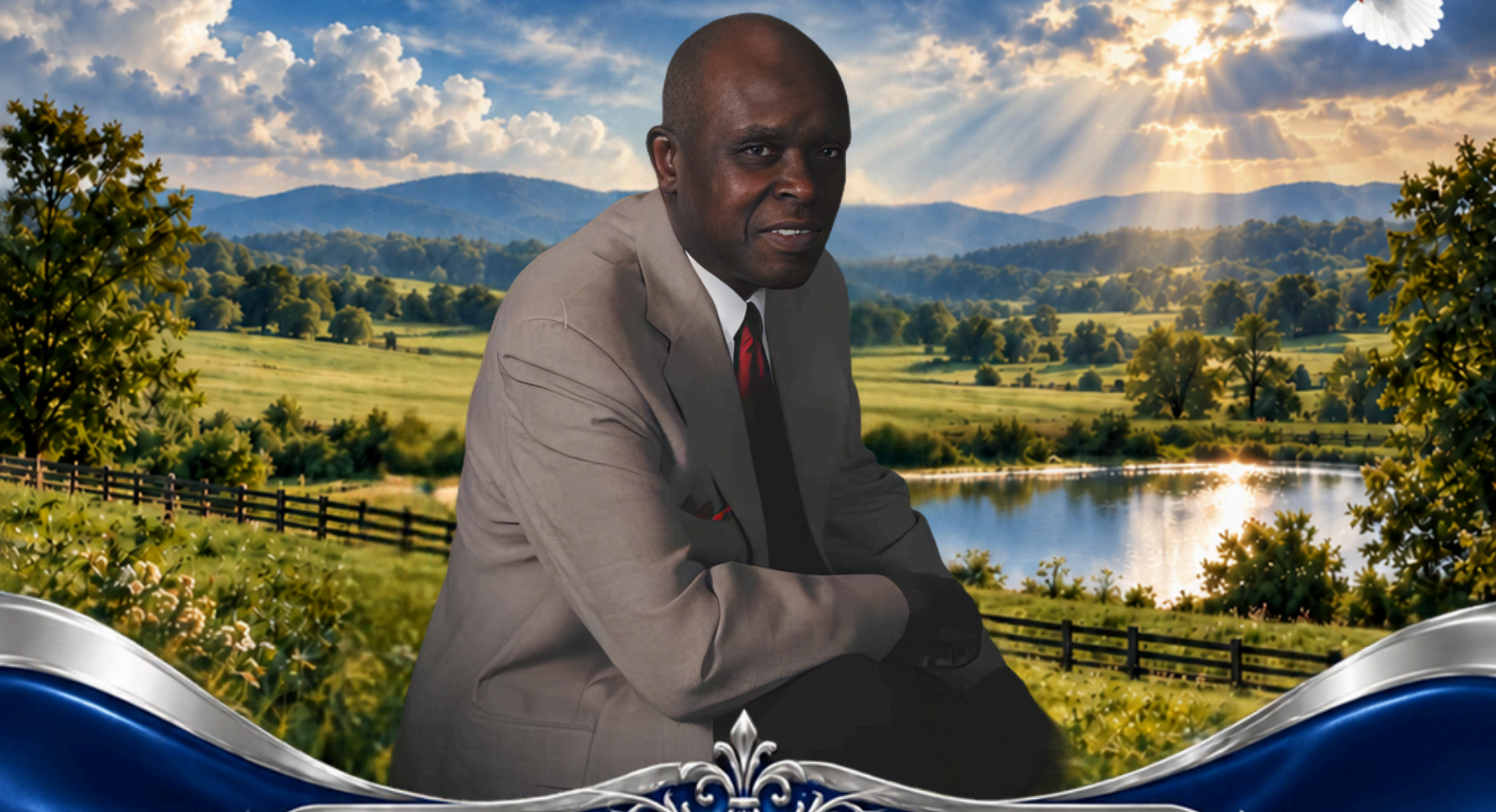
Celebration of Life

For

Moses Taylor



Saturday, November 7, 2026

Viewing 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM
Service 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
632 St. Luke Road (Highway N)
Covington, Tennessee 38019

Obituary

Moses Taylor

February 23, 1941 – October 21, 2026

Moses Taylor, 85, of Storrs, Connecticut, passed away on October 21, 2026, at Vanderman Place in Willimantic, Connecticut. Born on February 23, 1941, in Covington, Tennessee, he was the son of Tom Taylor and Udora (Wright) Taylor.

Moses graduated from Frazier High School in 1960 and earned his degree from Tennessee State University in 1964. Following graduation, he taught in the Tipton County School System from 1964 to 1965. In July 1965, he married Clara E. Taylor, and together they welcomed their son, Kenneth Darrell Taylor. Later that year, Moses began his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, serving as a Soil Conservationist in Charleston and Moundsville, West Virginia, from 1965 to 1969. In 1970, he relocated to Franklin, West Virginia, where he continued a distinguished career marked by his dedication to conservation, public service, and the communities he served. Throughout his life, Moses remained devoted to his family, friendships, and service to others.

Moses accepted Christ at an early age at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Covington, Tennessee. After settling in Connecticut, he joined Baptist Fellowship Church in Columbia, Connecticut, where he became a devoted and active member. Among his many acts of service, he was especially committed to volunteering with the church food bank, generously giving his time to support families in the community. His faith remained a steadfast and guiding force throughout his life.

From 1970 to 1979, Moses served as a District Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in Pendleton County, West Virginia. His work reflected a lifelong commitment to stewardship, helping farmers, landowners, and communities improve and protect their natural resources.

That same spirit of service extended beyond his profession. Moses was an active and valued member of the Franklin community, lending his leadership and support to numerous civic and youth organizations, including the PTA, Franklin Band Boosters, Committee on Aging, Treasure Mountain Festival Association, Franklin Youth Club, and Potomac Highlands Travel Council.

In 1979, Moses relocated to Storrs, Connecticut, where he continued to make a lasting difference through his work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture until his retirement in 2002. His efforts supported conservation, community development, tourism, environmental stewardship, and economic growth throughout Eastern Connecticut. He also dedicated 15 years as a USDA Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor for Connecticut and Rhode Island, reflecting his commitment to fairness, service, and helping others succeed.

Moses and Clara treasured their travels throughout the United States and abroad with family and friends, including trips to France, Italy, and China. He also found great enjoyment in gardening and photography. Moses had a wonderful sense of humor and cherished time spent with family and friends, often sharing laughter over the events of the day. Moses especially cherished the special relationship he shared with his son. Together, they enjoyed following the University of Connecticut men's and women's basketball teams and the Boston Celtics, and they shared a mutual passion for politics and current events that inspired many meaningful conversations over the years.

He will be remembered for his positive outlook, his thoughtful words of encouragement during times of need, his lifelong service to others, and his deep devotion to family and friends. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Moses was preceded in death by his wife, Clara E. Taylor, and his brothers, James Lee Taylor, John Dee Taylor, and Isaiah Taylor Sr. He is survived by his son, Kenneth Taylor of Norwalk, Connecticut, and his sister, Mattie B. Smith, who resides in Tennessee, and a host of nephews, nieces and close friends.



Your journey on earth has ended, but your light continues to shine through the love you shared, the lives you touched, and the memories we cherish.

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Order of Service

Processional

Old Testament — Psalm 23

New Testament — I Corinthians 15:41-58

Prayer

Musical Selection — Precious Lord
St. Luke Choir

Expressions (Two Minutes Please)

Obituary (Read Silently)

Musical Selection — What a Friend We Have in Jesus
St. Luke Choir

Message of Hope — Pastor Dexter Moragne

Recessional

Family Tribute

Tribute to My Baby Brother

Today, we gather to honor and celebrate the life of my beloved brother, Moses. While our hearts are heavy with grief, they are also filled with gratitude for having known and loved such an extraordinary person.

My brother was a constant source of support, guidance, and encouragement. No matter the challenge, he was always there with a helping hand, a listening ear, or words of wisdom. Whenever life became difficult, I knew I could count on him. His presence brought comfort, and his strength gave confidence to those around him.

One of the greatest gifts my brother gave was his ability to make others feel valued and loved. He never sought recognition for the many ways he helped others. He simply gave from his heart. His actions taught us the true meaning of compassion, selflessness, and family.

Today, we say goodbye not only with tears but also with gratitude. We are grateful for the time we had with him, for the lessons he taught us, and for the love he freely gave. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and, in the values, he passed on to us.

Rest in peace, dear brother. Thank you for your love, your support, and your unwavering presence in our lives. You will always be remembered, always missed, and always loved.
Thank you for always being there for me.

Love you forever, Mattie B



Tribute to My Dad

Today my heart is both grateful and broken. Grateful because I was blessed to have you as my father and broken because saying goodbye is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do.

You taught me lessons that no classroom ever could. Through your example, I learned the value of hard work, integrity, faith, and treating people with kindness and respect. You showed me that true strength is not measured by what a person achieves, but by how they care for others.

Some of my favorite memories are the simple moments we shared together. Whether we were watching our favorite sports teams, discussing current events, or just spending time talking about life, those moments meant more to me than words can express. They were reminders of the special bond between a father and his son.

Dad, you were more than a parent. You were my teacher, my advisor, my supporter, and my friend. You celebrated my successes, encouraged me through my struggles, and always believed in me, even when I doubted myself.

While I will miss your voice, your laughter, and your presence, I know that the values you instilled in me will remain forever. Your legacy lives on in the lives you touched, the family you loved, and the example you set for all of us.

Thank you for every sacrifice you made, every lesson you taught, and every moment we shared. I am proud to be your son, and I will carry your memory in my heart for the rest of my life.

Rest peacefully, Dad. Your work here is done, but your love and influence will never fade.
I love you, and I will miss you always.

Kenneth

Cherished MEMORIES

















Acknowledgements

The family of Moses Taylor sincerely appreciates the many expressions of love, support, kind words, cards, flowers, prayers, calls and other acts of kindness shown during their time of loss. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Thank you for being part of his life and legacy

Pallbearers

Charlie Taylor
James Taylor
Tony Taylor
Emanuel Smith
Emanuel Smith II
JR Tyus

Burial Service

Magnolia Gardens Cemetery
3499 U.S. 51 South
Covington, Tennessee 38019

Repast

November 7, 2026 @ 1:00 PM
Life Center St. Luke Church
632 St. Luke Road, Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-9746