

~ A MOTHER'S MESSAGE TO HER CHILDREN ~

*I'm home in Heaven dear ones, O so happy and so bright:  
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.  
All pain and grief is over every restless tossing passed.  
I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last.  
Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow, I am a diamond on the snow.  
When you awaken in the mornings hush; I am the swift uplifting rush.  
Of quiet birds and circle flights; I am the soft star that shines at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there: I did not die.*

~ ENDLESS LOVE ~

*Thank you for your endless love that will help me through each day.  
And thank you for the memories that will never fade away.  
I know that I am fortunate, that some will never know.  
A love like ours, the joy we shared, before you had to go.  
I miss your touch, your gentleness, your laughter, and your care.  
And now the pain at what I've lost is more than I can bear.  
You're now in Heaven, I'm here on earth and it's hard to hide my tears.  
But no matter what the distance I know you are still near.*

*You are the Love of My Life  
Pete*

~ PALLBEARERS ~

*Nephews*

~ FLORAL BEARERS ~

*Nieces*

~ IN APPRECIATION ~

*The family of the late MINISTER ANNIE RUTH HOLLAND TAYLOR wish to express their sincere gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness, food, monetary gifts, and prayers extended to them in their hour of bereavement. We would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Good Samaritan Hospice Team of Rocky Mount, Virginia.*

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
MINISTER  
ANNIE RUTH HOLLAND TAYLOR

SUNRISE  
September 13, 1952



SUNSET  
May 8, 2026

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

Visitation: 12:00 PM

Service: 1:00 PM

PIGG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER  
2410 South Main Street • Rocky Mount, Virginia

REVEREND DR. CORY J. TAYLOR, OFFICIANT  
REVEREND REGINALD ELDRIDGE, EULOGIST

## Obituary

God saw that you were getting tired and sent His angel to bring you to his Heavenly home. Minister ANNIE RUTH HOLLAND TAYLOR, 73, departed this earth at her home in Rocky Mount, Virginia on Friday, May 8, 2026. Born on September 13, 1952 in Rocky Mount, she was the youngest of three children born to the late Fred Holland, Sr. and Dora C. Holland. In addition to her parents, Minister Ruth was preceded in death by her only beloved brother, Willie Fred, and her big sister, Dora Frances.

Minister Ruth was among the students of the last graduating class from Lee M. Waid High School in Rocky Mount in 1970. She continued her education at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, Virginia and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1988 with an Associate Degree in Industrial Management. She furthered her studies and made the Dean's List at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, Virginia, majoring in Administrative Support Technology.

Although Minister Ruth retired from Stanley Town Furniture Company in Bassett, Virginia, she was employed by Lane Furniture Company in Rocky Mount for over 30 years.

On June 23, 1973, Minister Ruth married Gregory "Pete" Taylor and to this union they had two sons, Stacy L. and Andre' L. Taylor, and two stepsons, Gregory Wade and Elijah Law, whom she loved and treated like her own sons.

Minister Ruth joined Snow Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Mount at the age of 12 and loved serving the Lord as Youth Advisor and Financial Secretary. She was called to ministry on August 25, 2002 and served faithfully at the Church until her health began to fail.

Minister Ruth never met a stranger and those who knew her knew what a great and powerful voice she had when she sang. She was a member of the S.G. Moore Gospel Chorus, Heaven Sent Gospel Group and the Youth Ensemble. In addition, she, along with her sister, Frances, her brother, Willie Fred, and her sister-in-law, Judith, formed a singing group called The Holland Family, where they sang all over Franklin County and surrounding areas.

Minister Ruth leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Gregory "Pete" Taylor; two sons, Stacy L (Tiffany) and Andre' L. (Jesse) Taylor; two stepsons, Gregory (Vanessa) Wade and Elijah Law; one niece, Alisha McEnhimer; one great-nephew, Turner Jones; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; two aunts, Elizabeth Green of Bear, Delaware and Mabel Pullen of Snow Creek; nine sisters-in-law, Priscilla Mitchell, Norma Sweetenberg, Della Staples, Betty Roseboro, Lisa Banks, Eassie Taylor, Judy Taylor, Leola Taylor and Cora Taylor; five brothers-in-law, Earnest Sweetenberg, Bufus Taylor, Lonnie Taylor, Ronnie Staples, and Ruben Roseboro. She also leaves to cherish her memory her devoted friends, Minister Kathy Wade, Frances Smith and Marshall Leo Spencer.

## Order of Service

Officiating ..... Reverend Dr. Cory J. Taylor  
*Pastor, Mount Calvary Baptist Church • Richmond, Virginia*

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Solo ..... *Anchor in the Lord* ..... Minister Kathy Wade

Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament..... Reverend Joseph C. Witcher  
*Pastor, Oakmulgee Baptist Church • Bedford, Virginia*

New Testament ..... Reverend Taiwan Harper  
*Ebenezer Baptist Church • Roanoke, Virginia*

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Antonio Redd  
*Lovely Valley Baptist Church • Wirtz, Virginia*

Solo ..... *Cast the First Stone* ..... Minister Kathy Wade

Acknowledgements and Obituary (Read Silently)..... Sister Shirlene Witcher

Reflections (Two minutes, please)

Solo ..... *The Goodness of God* ..... Sister Cynthia Reynolds

Remarks..... Reverend Coleman Wright  
*Pastor, First Mount Airy Baptist Church • Hardy, Virginia*

Eulogy..... Reverend Reginald Eldridge  
*Pastor, Snow Creek Missionary Baptist Church • Rocky Mount, Virginia*

Recessional ..... Clergy and Family

FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts*

*Your Life was a Blessing; Your Memory a Treasure; and a Life Well-Lived*

~ THERE WILL BE NO REPAST ~