

Acknowledgements

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To honor the life and legacy of our beloved Bishop & Lady Taylor there has been a memorial scholarship established in their name to keep their legacy alive. Donations can be made to the Bishop & Lady Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund at 1092 St. George Ave Suite 152, Rahway, NJ 07065.

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THE STORY OF Lady ROBERTA Taylor

Lady Roberta Taylor was born on October 11, 1944, in Elizabeth, NJ to the late Charles and Roberta Cooper of Cranford, NJ. From this union, she was the fifth child of six children. Roberta affectionately known as “Sissy” by her big sister Lillian Allen was the baby girl in the Cooper family. She received her early education in the public school system of Cranford, NJ, and after high school she went on to study Cosmetology in Elizabeth, NJ.

Married by the late Rev Shell at 1st Baptist Church in Linden to Hersey L. Taylor, it is evident that their marriage steps were then ordered by the LORD. After her husband receive the LORD in his life, Lady Taylor accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savoir during a revival by Evangelist Leo Stallworth. Shortly thereafter, they began to serve the LORD faithfully at Holy Mountain COGIC of Rahway under the late Dr. Robert L. Bragg. She served there as a Sunday School teacher, Pastor’s Aid President and worked within the Women’s Department until 1980. When the LORD called them to pastorship, the Born Again Mission COGIC was established in the living room of her Linden, NJ home. Along with Bishop Taylor, there ministry extended beyond the four walls by feeding the hungry, street witnessing, house to house prayer, picking up people for church, and sponsoring bus trips to Florida with children from the church and community.

Lady Taylor was truly a loving wife, care giver and supporter to her husband Bishop Hersey L. Taylor for over 50 years in marriage. Also, in an explementary manner she served as a pastor’s wife alongside her husband at the Born Again COGIC for over 15 years and the Wells Cathedral COGIC of Newark, NJ for 24 years, until their ministry retirement. During her years of service, she was busy as the Women’s Department chair, along with serving as a jurisdictional Marshall and whatever her hands could find to do.

In her earlier years Lady Taylor worked for RCA in Woodbridge and later began working for General Motors in Linden and then onto AC Delco before retirement. Daily after workforce retirement could see her working diligently at the Born Again Daycare founded in 1987 by her husband serving approximately 100 children weekly. This same building is still in operation today and is being made available to serve the community with childcare services by another provider.

A true First Lady of grace and class. Her gracious stoic heart would not allow you to ever see her lose heart and complain when times were tough. Lady Taylor always kept her eyes focused on the mission of God over her life. Her favorite song, “Just ordinary people” by Dani bell Hall was her motto and she lived by it daily. Although she kept a small circle of friends, and she had a heart of gold that was willing to help anyone in need. She was the silent worker and desired no fanfare. Whether it was to buy coats for someone’s children, purchasing groceries, or talking a word of encouragement to those in need.

Lady Taylor had a dry sense of humor and subtle sarcasm that must be noted, you would have missed it if you weren’t paying attention. She would love to see the kids perform during church recitals and always encouraged them to do their best. She would love to shop and would shop for hours, Bishop, would stay in the car hoping to make the visit to the mall faster, but he quickly learned it didn’t help.

A truly concerned mother and great caregiver to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, godchildren and spiritual adopted sons and daughters alike. Lady Taylor has left her children to cherish her memories, by birth Brian (Andrea) Taylor of NJ, Craig Taylor of NJ, and Hershell (Carlton) Nash of DE, by marriage Gail Hoggard of GA. Seven grandchildren, Brian Hoggard (Brittany), Catrice Taylor-Richardson (Lacy), Ashley Ferrell, Travis Taylor, Carlton Nash, Cameron Nash, Kyren Nash and 4 great grandchildren, Brandon and Brianna Hoggard, Parker and Chase Richardson. Her beloved sister Lillian “Dutchie” Allen of DE, two brothers Robert (Lillian) Cooper of NJ, Wayne Cooper of NJ, along with three sisters in law, Vivian Malbon of VA, Ruby Lamb of NY, Denise Taylor of NJ. She is predeceased by 2 brothers Warner and Gerry Cooper and sister Rose Charles who she loved and adored. A host of nieces and nephews from near and far. Extended families’ godchildren, many spiritual sons, and daughters whom she loved of both Born Again COGIC and Wells Cathedral COGIC, collectively.





Order of Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 AT 10:00 AM
AGAPE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER | 501 EAST HAZELWOOD AVE., RAHWAY, NJ 07065
DR. LAWRENCE POWELL, HOST PASTOR
OFFICIATING BISHOP CHARLES W. HARRIS, PRELATE CKMI
PASTOR BRIAN TAYLOR, EULOGIST

MUSICAL PRELUDE
THE PROCESSIONAL

THE HYMN OF COMFORT
INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
PROVERBS 31:10, 20, 25-31
THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
ST JOHN 14:1-6
THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

THE TRIBUTES AND REFLECTIONS
ELDER BRAD BLOCKER
PASTOR JANET HARRIS
EVANG. S. GRAHAM & REV. DR DAVID GRAHAM

THE SELECTION

FAMILY REMARKS
ELDER VIVIAN MALBON
GAIL HOGGARD
THE GRANDCHILDREN
CRAIG TAYLOR
MISSIONARY HERSHELL & CARLTON NASH
LADY ANDREA TAYLOR

THE SELECTION

PASTORAL TRIBUTES
PASTOR WALTER DUKES
PASTOR OJ HARRISON
PASTOR DR. LAWRENCE R. POWELL

ACKNOWLEDGE OF CONDOLENCES AND OBITUARY
THE SELECTION
LOCAL ECCLESIASTICAL BISHOPS

THE SELECTION
EULOGY

THE FINAL VIEWING
THE RECESSIONAL

ENTOMBMENT
WOODBRIDGE MEMORIAL GARDEN
1098 WOODBRIDGE CENTER DRIVE
WOODBRIDGE, NJ

THE CLERGY
THE TAYLOR FAMILY

THE CHOIR AND CONGREGATION
PASTOR MICHAEL MILLER

PASTOR TANYA JOHNSON

PASTOR NATHAN GAINER

THE CHOIR

THE CHOIR

THE CHOIR

EVANG. EDNA MURPHY
THE CHOIR
BISHOP WALLACE K. THOMAS
BISHOP WAYNE L. JOHNSON
BISHOP NORMAN L. PRESCOTT
THE CHOIR
PASTOR BRIAN TAYLOR
DESTINY LIVING MINISTRIES COGIC

LEGACY OF LOVE

I LOVE MY Mom



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