

*Our Tribute*

*When we needed a friend to hold our hand or to listen to our problems,  
You were there.*

*When times got tough and the going got rough,  
You were there.*

*When our days were happy and gladness filled our hearts,  
You were there.*

*When we stood before a crowd no matter how large or small,  
You were there.*

*You encouraged us all and cushioned our fall,  
Thank you for always being there.*

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mrs. Onalee Davis Taylor, wish to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, presence here, florals, calls, cards, and visits. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered and cherished. May God continue to richly bless you with kindness, love, and spiritual peace.

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IN  
LOVING  
*Memory*

*of*

*Mrs. Onalee Davis Taylor*



*Monday, October 11, 2021*  
*12:00 Noon*

*Greenlawn Memorial Park*

*7100 Garners Ferry Road*  
*Columbia, South Carolina*

## *Reflections of a Life Well Lived.....*

Mrs. Onalee Davis Taylor, the only child of George Washington Davis and Bessie Lemon Davis, was born August 9, 1925. She grew up in Columbia, SC, on the corner of Green and Queen Streets in the house that was owned by her parents. On Thursday, October 7, 2021, God sent special angels to lead the tired and weary, but brave soul of Onalee Davis Taylor, to ascend into eternal life.

On December 12, 1946, she was joined in holy matrimony, to Samuel *Sam* Lee Taylor. Their union was blessed with one son and three daughters.

Onalee and Sam grew up in St. Mark Baptist Church, where her mother sang on the Jubilee Choir. She participated in Bible School and the Missionary Society. She often opened her home to the missionary groups from Columbia Bible College, so they could teach Christianity to the children in the neighborhood.

Onalee has been a vital part of St. Mark Baptist Church, for over eighty years. Their children were reared in St. Mark Baptist Church as well, and participated in various auxiliaries and programs.

Onalee was educated in the Public Schools of Columbia, and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1940. She attended Benedict College, majored in Elementary Education and graduated in 1943. After teaching for two years, she became the manager for Taylor Brothers, the business owned by her husband and his brother, Robert. The business was located in her house so she could be home with her children.

Taylor Brothers Construction was the only landscaping and trucking company (black or white) in the southeast for approximately fifteen years. The company dug most of the basements and foundations for the University of South Carolina and major businesses throughout Columbia, SC. They were responsible for the landscaping of the first shopping center in Columbia. Taylor Brothers eventually expanded to house moving for a short period.

Her hobbies included: caring for her garden, shopping, traveling and touring, watching stage plays, and reading. She was also active with the Benedict College Alumni Club #1.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Samuel L. Taylor; and son, Samuel George Taylor.

Left to cherish her memory are: her loving daughters, Barbara Taylor (Jack) Martin, of Columbia, SC, Donzetta Taylor (Christopher) Lindsay, of Hopkins, SC, and Christy Taylor (Melvin) Henry, of Columbia, SC; six grandchildren, Leigh Taylor-Martin, Shawn Lindsay, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Taylor, Brittany Henry, and Taylor Henry; five great-grandchildren, Levi Leonard, Christon Lindsay, Christianna Lindsay, Kristinia Taylor, and Cameron Taylor; along with a host of other special relatives and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

## *Order of Service*

*Reverend Samuel Wade, Presiding  
Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Hopkins, SC*

Call to Worship

Prayer.....Reverend Damein Boyles

Opening Hymn

Old Testament – Psalm 23.....Minister

New Testament – Romans 14:7-8 and 2 Timothy 4:7-8 .....Minister

Selection.....Mr. Michael Robinson

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Samuel Wade



## *Committal, Benediction and Interment*

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