

*Miss Me But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*

*Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

*Floral Bearers*

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*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Hayward Taylor, Jr., would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support, during the passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

**Services Entrusted To:**

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*Home Going Service  
Celebrating the Life  
of*

SGT (RET.) HAYWARD TAYLOR, JR.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

11:00 A.M.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
1028 EASTMAN STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. ANTHONY MCCALLUM  
-PASTOR-

# Obituary of Sgt. (Ret.) Hayward Taylor, Jr.

Sgt. (Ret.) Hayward Taylor, Jr. was born on April 1, 1954, in Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He was the oldest child of Maggie T. Fullylove and the late Hayward Taylor, Sr.

Mr. Taylor was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from W.J. Keenan High School, Class of 1972. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and served one tour as a Seaman in San Diego, California. In 1978, he decided to enlist in the United States Army, and served as a Sergeant in Georgia, North Carolina, and Germany. During his military career, he garnered numerous awards and honors such as: expert rifleman, sharpshooter, Army Commendation, and Achievement medals. He was well known for his impeccable attention to detail, and superior performance. His fellow soldiers and superiors are quoted as saying "he far exceeded standards expected of a soldier," "he is a master of Army correspondence preparation," and "there are few peers of his quality." After honorably retiring from the Army, he went on to serve the federal and state governments, in the Department of Veteran Affairs, and later the S.C. Department of Corrections. He continued to display his best efforts and hard work, until reaching retirement in 2011. He proudly earned a degree in Systems Administration from Midlands Technical College.

Throughout life, he loved to have a good time. This included a good old fashion cook out with friends and family or sitting around laughing and talking. He especially loved snapchatting with all his grandchildren, and facetimeing Theory. Hayward loved sitting and listening to old school music. He loved the artists Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, and James Brown. His favorite football team was the Washington Commanders (formerly known as the Redskins). He would pop open a beer and watch them play every Sunday. If they lost, he wouldn't answer the phone. However, if they won, he was calling you to talk some noise. He loved being outside washing his truck and mowing the lawn. He also was a "heavy weight champion" spades player, and took great pride in defending his spades championship title defeating his opponents. He and his son enjoyed partaking in arm wrestling and playing checkers, of course Hayward III would always win.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hayward Taylor, Sr.; stepfather, Alfred Fullylove, and granddaughter, Aynisa Guardia.

Sgt. (Ret.) Hayward Taylor, Jr. leaves to mourn his passing: his wife of 43 years, Zedora Taylor; his daughters, Latoya (Marco) Guardia and Ronda Lasha Taylor Wilson; one son, Hayward **Trey** Taylor III; grandchildren, Marisa Guardia, Tiana Wilson, Jaelin Wilson, Camron Wilson, Marco **Antonio** Guardia, Jr.; one great-granddaughter, Theory Wilson; his mother, Maggie Fullylove; longtime friends, Reverend Arthee and Catherine Davis; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude  
 Processional  
 Opening Hymn....."Amazing Grace"  
 Old and New Testaments.....Dr. Patricia Pollin  
 Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum  
 Musical Selection....."Precious Lord"  
 Remarks.....Ms. Tammy Lee  
 Reverend Art Davis  
 Musical Selection.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir  
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Anthony McCallum  
 Viewing.....*In the Vestibule*.....Funeral Directors  
 Recessional....."I'll Fly Away".....Bishop Larry Jackson  
 Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

1:00 p.m.  
**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**  
 4170 Percival Road  
 Columbia, South Carolina