### Pallbearers

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# <u> Acknowledgement</u>

We, the family of Reverend James *Skeet* Taylor, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness expressed to us, during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His mercy.

# Last Mile of the Way.....

If I walk in the pathway of duty
If I work 'til the close of the day, Lord
I shall see the great king in all his beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way,
Lord, yes sir

When I've gone the last mile of the way, oh yeah

I shall rest at the close of day
For I know there are joy awaiting
When I've gone the last mile of the way
If I were, for Christ to proclaim the glad
story, oh Lord

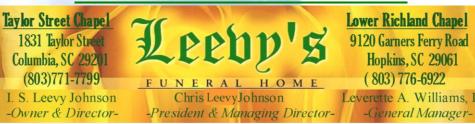
If I see for his sheep who gone astray, oh Lord

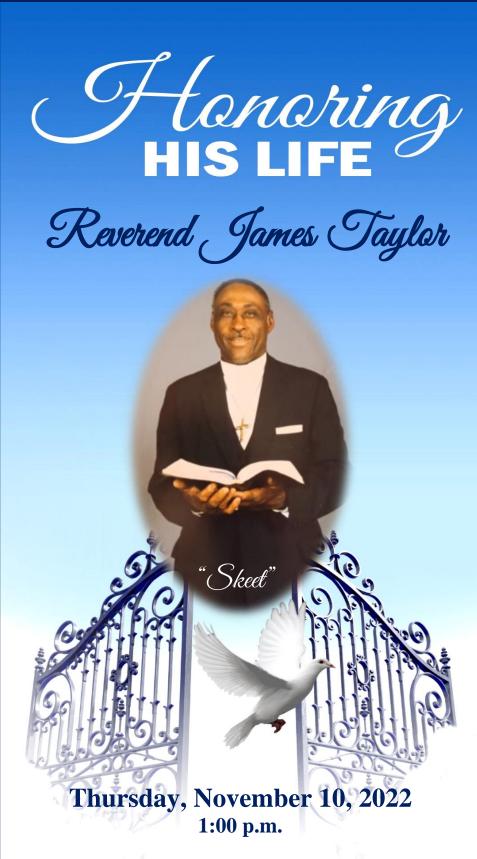
I am sure he will show me in his glory When I've gone the last mile of the way, Lord, yes sir

When I've gone the last mile of the way, oh yes

I shall rest at the close of day, oh yeah
For I know, there are joy awaiting
When I've gone the last mile of the way

# Services Entrusted To:





Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church 5326 Ridgeway Street Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Fred W. Coit, Pastor

# Obituary

Reverend James *Skeet* Taylor was born on November 4, 1933, in the Ridgewood neighborhood of Columbia, South Carolina, to area native Marie Taylor and John Allene Stewart, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On Friday, November 4, 2022, he ascended to be with the Lord at 3:30 a.m.

Reverend Taylor attended the public schools of Richland County. He followed his studies in Theology, at Benedict College's evening program. After serving his country as a Naval officer from 1955 to 1959, he earned further certifications through the Morris College Theological Program, in Sumter, SC. He was a skilled Master Brick Mason, whose work is showcased all across the Midlands.

James grew up in the Baptist church, starting at Zion Chapel #1, but found his home at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist, early in his youth. As an adult, he served as an active member until he was ordained as a Deacon on February 15, 1970. Shortly thereafter, in August of the same year, he submitted to the calling on his life. He was ordained into the ministry on April 28, 1971. His purpose led him to Shepard many flocks throughout the state of South Carolina and Georgia to include: Chapel Hill Bapist, North, SC, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Swansea SC, St. Vaughnville Baptist, Chappells, SC, Seekwell Baptist, Whitmire, SC, Mount Zion Baptist, Cayce, SC, and Lockhart Baptist, Saluda, SC. His tenure as a pastor came to an end at the time of his departure, leaving his loving and loyal church family at First Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, of Augusta, Georgia, heartbroken. While his passionate delivery of the word often lit fires inside church buildings across the country, his most notable gift was his voice. He was requested to sing for every occasion, and affectionately earned the name, Mr. Last Mile of The Way.

Reverend Taylor spent his life being an activist for his community, a hard worker, a loving husband, and a supportive father and grandfather. He leaves to celebrate him receiving his wings: his devoted love, Roberta H. Taylor; his adoring children, Delores Culcleasure-Shelton, Marion Faye Cook, James Thompson, Sr., Gloria Gates-Broom, Maurice Hill, Marcy Taylor, Crystal Taylor, and Rory Pralow; sixteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

### Memories











# H Service of Remembrance

#### Reverend Shawn Dreher, Presiding

Prelude

Fielude	
Processional	
Musical Selection	"I Shall Wear A Crown"
Viewing	
Musical Selection	Ms. LaShawn Goode
Old Testament	Reverend Eugene Johnson, First Mt. Moriah
New Testament	
Prayer	Reverend Theseus Starks, First Mt. Moriah
Musical Selection	The Identical Spirits
Reading of Obituary	Sister Betty Griffin, First Mt. Moriah
Remarks	Brother Norman Hollis, <i>Ridgewood</i> Sister Estell Young, <i>Ridgewood/City of Columbia</i> Mr. Abe Marshall, <i>Family</i> Deacon Gary Ogburn, <i>First Mt. Moriah</i>
Video Presentation	
Musical Selection	
Resolution	Reverend Robert White, Taylor Family
Musical Selection	
Words of Comfort	
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

#### **Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens**

2603 Two Notch Road Columbia, South Carolina