

"In Memory"

A thousand times we needed you.

A thousand times we cried.

*If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.*

*A heart of gold stopped beating;
two twinkling eyes closed to rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove he only took the
best;
never a day goes by that you're not in my heart
and my soul.*

By: Kimberly N. Chastain

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Charlie Taylor, would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness you have shown by your presence, phone calls, food, cards, beautiful flowers, and prayers. We are forever changed by the magnitude of the love shown during this time of bereavement. A special thanks to Midlands Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Home for the exceptional care and kindness they provided to our father during his tenure as a resident. May God continue to bless you all.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803)776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Home Going Services In Loving Memory of Mr. Charlie Taylor



Sunrise
July 10, 1931

Sunset
July 21, 2023

Thursday, July 27, 2023

11:00 a.m.

*St. Luke A.M.E. Church
4990 McCords Ferry Road
Eastover, South Carolina*

*Reverend Ruth E. Robinson
-Pastor-*

Obituary

Mr. Charlie Taylor was born in Wateree, South Carolina, on July 10, 1931. He was the son of the late Anthony and Rena Taylor. Charlie departed this earthly life and entered eternal rest on Friday, July 21, 2023, at the Midlands Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Home, in Columbia, SC.

Charlie was raised in the Wateree/Eastover community, until relocating to Horatio, SC at the age of 15, where he was educated in the Sumter County public school system. He was a lifetime member of Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, in Eastover, SC. Charlie received Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age, and served the Lord and his church family faithfully in several leadership capacities for over 70 years including: the Steward Board, Trustee Board, President of the Senior Choir, Contractor, Father of The Church (2002-2023), Class Leader, and retired Chairperson for the Sons of Allen. While residing in Horatio, he was befriended by a local general store owner, where he was employed and was taught the skills of running and managing a business. This opportunity enabled him to save enough money to attend Denmark Technical College, in Denmark, SC, where he received a Certificate of Training in Brick Masonry.

Charlie held several jobs as a brick mason with prominent companies in both South Carolina and North Carolina, later becoming an entrepreneur. This leap of faith enabled him to provide employment and mentorship to other young men in the community. He spent over 60 years perfecting his craft and was known as a "jack of all trades" which included: brick masonry, carpentry, plumber, and automotive technician. He was instrumental in the remodeling of the current Saint Luke AME Church and constructed the choir stalls, altar, and pulpit.

The experience he gained while working as a clerk in the general store at a young age furthered his entrepreneurship desire and enabled him to open his own general store in the Rafting Creek, SC Community. He also became an exceptional farmer and grew crops such as; soybeans, corn, and wheat. Charlie was a very humble man that always kept a glowing smile on his face and made sure he gave back to the community and looked after those that were less fortunate. His tenure of work and service to his church and community continued well into his late seventies.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by five brothers, Earnest Gridine, Sr., Fredrick Gridine, Johnny Gridine, Sr., Anthony Taylor, Jr., and Sammie Taylor, Sr.; one sister; Leah Hamilton; daughter-in-law, Elba Taylor; granddaughter, Jasmin Owens; great-grandson; Anthony Owens; and great-granddaughter, Leilani Taylor.

Those left to cherish precious memories are: his son, Charles (Charlie Jr) Taylor, Sr.; stepdaughter; Katie Nash; daughter-in-law, Claudia Taylor; grandchildren, Alexander (Samantha) Taylor, Charles Taylor, Jr., Katharine Nash, Kristina Nash, and Crystal Taylor; great-grandchildren, Alexander Edward Taylor, Sabian Taylor, Sanya Taylor, Amari Taylor, Melina Tucker, Elaine Taylor, Louis Taylor, and Charleigh Reavis; a host of nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Ruth E. Robison, Presiding
Pastor, St. Luke A.M.E. Church

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....St. Luke A.M.E. Choir
- Invocation.....Reverend Ruth E. Robison
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Reverend Carol Sander
- New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Reverend Sammie Taylor, Jr.
- Musical Selection.....The Taylor Family
- Reflections.....Two Minutes, Please.....Class Leader-James Faber
Steward-Gloria Deveaux-Cobb
WMS President-Barbara Sumter
- Poem.....Sister Thelma Reese
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Thelma Reese
- Musical Selection....."Victory Is Mine".....St. Luke A.M.E. Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Benjamin Gridine
Assistant Pastor, Little Zion Baptist Church, Blythewood, SC
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

St. Luke A.M.E. Church Cemetery
4990 McCords Ferry Road
Eastover, South Carolina