

## Pallbearers

Capital City Lodge #47

## Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

# Home Going Service In Loving Memory of

**MR. WALTER GROVER TAYLOR, SR.**

## The Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.  
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win  
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best  
Just say I tried to do what's right,  
To give the most I could, not less  
Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.  
I want no more than I deserve, no extra, just my due.  
Please don't give flowers or talk in real hushed tones  
Don't be concerned about me now,  
I'm well with God, I've made it home.  
Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done.  
Just see to all my family's needs, especially the little ones  
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint  
I've done some good, I've done some wrong  
So use all of your paint, not just the bright and light tones  
Use some gray and dark; in fact, don't paint me down on canvas  
Paint me in your heart  
Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad  
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad  
But if you must do something, then I have one last request  
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done  
And with the love that's left  
Thank God for my soul's resting, Thank God for I've been blessed,  
Thank God for all who loved me,  
Praise God who loved me best!

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Walter Grover Taylor, Sr., would like to extend our sincere heartfelt thanks to each of you for all acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

## 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-

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
1831 TAYLOR STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND TERRY GILLYARD  
-OFFICIATING-



# Obituary

Surrounded by his loving family, Walter Grover Taylor, Sr. transitioned from labor to reward at MUSC Columbia, on Friday evening, September 27, 2024. Walter was the third son and fourth child born to the late Frank and Lethea Earline Hemmingway Taylor, on Monday, March 2, 1959.

Walter was reared in a loving Christian home and community with several generations of family. He attended the public schools of Marion County, South Carolina and played basketball at Britton's Neck High School, graduating in 1977. Walter went on to attend South Carolina State College and received a B.A. degree in accounting in 1981.

After graduating college, Walter relocated to Columbia and began his career as a State Bank Examiner for 15 years. He later when to work for Victory State Bank, now Optus Bank, as Vice President. Walter returned to the State Board of Financial Institutions in 2019 as a Senior Auditor, where he remained employed until his passing.

Walter was joined in holy matrimony to Christine R. Wood in 1996. Their union was blessed with two sons, Walter Christopher and Nicholas Jeremiah.

Walter loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman. He went fishing every opportunity he could. Walter was an Assistant Troop Leader with Boy Scout Troop 3, where his boys were active Scouts.

Walter was a dedicated member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, in Britton's Neck. After marriage, he became an associate member of James Chapel A.M.E. Church, in Lugoff, SC, where he served with distinction on the Trustee Board. He continued to support Bethel through worship and finance.

He was a Mason with the Capital City Lodge #47 and the C.C. Johnson Consistory #136. Walter was also a member of Kapal Alpha Phi Fraternity, Inc.

In addition to his parents, Walter was preceded in death by his only sister, Pamela Lindarian Davis.

Mr. Walter Grover Taylor, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Christine; sons, Walter Christopher and Nicholas Jeremiah; brothers, Preston, Sr., Thurmond Sr. (Miriam), Chris (Mary), and Reverend Ron Taylor; uncles, Carl and Floyd Hemmingway, and Robert Woodberry; aunts, Catherine, Ruth, Della, Esterline, Barbara, Elleen, Linda, and Juanita; great-aunt, Dolly Richardson; a host of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not only to me, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7-8*

# Order of Service

*Reverend John A. Lewis, Presiding*

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn.....“There’s Not A Friend”

Invocation.....Reverend Ron Taylor, Brother  
Bethel A.M.E., Britton’s Neck, SC

Scripture Readings.....Reverend Darryl Woodberry  
Mt. Zion A.M.E., Little River, SC

Old Testament – Psalm 46:1-11  
Epistle Reading – II Timothy 4:7-8  
Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:28-30

Remarks .....Mr. Ulysses Sweeney IV

Resolution.....James Chapel A.M.E. Church

Musical Selection.....Touched

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Terry Gillard  
James Chapel A.M.E. Church

Musical Selection.....Touched

Recessional

Postlude



# Committal, Benediction and Interment

James Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery  
2174 Springvale Road  
Lugoff, South Carolina