



Franklin Fields Taylor

August 11, 1958 - July 9, 2020

Rev. Franklin Fields Taylor was the third child of Jewel (Sneed) & Vernon Taylor. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received Christ as his personal savior in 1973 and was baptized by Dr. McKinley Gaither, Bible Way Baptist Church. He graduated from Overbook High School and he left Pennsylvania to attend Arizona State University to play baseball. After an injury, he returned to Pennsylvania and graduated from Philadelphia University (formerly Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science). Later he furthered his education at Philadelphia College of the Bible, Langhorne Manor, PA and Manna Bible Institute, Philadelphia, PA.

He received from The Holy Spirit the gifts of Evangelism and Teaching and was licensed to preach the Gospel at the St. Peter's Community Church of Philadelphia, PA on Father's Day, June 17, 1979 under the Pastorate of Rev. Thaddeus Taylor, Sr.

Rev. Taylor has held numerous positions throughout his career in Philadelphia which included: Minister of Education, St. Peter's Community Church, Chapel Minister, New Life Bible Institute, Director of Home & Foreign Mission, A Regional Representative of the Billy Graham Christian Film Ministry, Sr. Bible Study Instructor & High School Pastor at Bible Way Baptist Church.

He relocated to Austin, TX in July 1980 where he continued his work for the Lord as Co-founder and Pastor of the Open Door Baptist Church 1982-1984. He was ordained February 10, 1984 at the Open Door Bible Fellowship. Frank united with St. James Missionary Baptist Church under the late Rev. E.M.

Franklin and became the Minister of Education where he served for 30 years; Team Captain of the Men's Jail/Prison Ministry, Junior Mission & Brotherhood Advisor, Baptist Training Union Director, Instructor for The National Baptist Congress of Christian Workers, Director of Vacation Bible School, Instructor for the Community Institute of Biblical Studies, Church School Director as well as conducted numerous seminars, workshops, conferences and Bible Studies.

Rev. Taylor firmly believed that the Gospel has the power to save, free, change and heal anyone, regardless of race, creed, color or denomination, which he demonstrated throughout his over 40 years of teaching the Good News. Frank, as most so fondly called him, retired from Austin Community College District after 28 years of employment. During his tenure at ACCD he served as the first President of the Austin Area Chapter of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education for seven years, President of the Black Student Success Committee, as well as received many certificates, awards and accolades.

Frank met (at St. James) and married the love of his life, Marilyn Lee Taylor on July 3, 1999 and they were inseparable, they both worked at ACCD. Throughout their 21 years of marriage they travel extensively to Alaska, Poland, Rome & Sweden just to name a few.

Frank was preceded in death by his Mother, Father, brother Vernon, Jr. & sister Verlata "V" McClain; he happily joined them at the gates of heaven. Frank's surviving relatives include his Wife, Marilyn, Son Zregory Norsworthy (Kinga) of Brooklyn, NY, Daughter Zerika Smith (David) of Katy, TX, Sister Vernona Wesson (Raymond), Brother Rev. Thaddeus Taylor, Sr. (Monique) of Philadelphia, PA, Sister Kathy Miracle & Brother In-law Walter McClain of Phoenix, AZ. Grandchildren: Balthazar, Frida & Harper. Nephews & Nieces: JaVern, Thaddeus Jr., Juelz, Amanda, Jazzmine, Allyson & Trinity. Godchildren: Cametria Alexander, Jasmine Castleberry, Rev. Rayshod Caldwell, Nicole Cummings Lewis, Khirah Madison & Danyelle Caldwell; as well as numerous other relatives and dear friends.

The Live Celebration Service can be viewed Saturday July 25th on this link:<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/franklintaylor>

Cemetery Details

Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 IH 35
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Previous Events

PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

JUL **24.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

Celebration Service

JUL **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A Life Celebration by Franklin created a View The Celebration Service in memory of Franklin Fields Taylor*



A Life Celebration by Franklin - July 20, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ *Franklin Fields Taylor*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Kent Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin Fields Taylor*



Kent Franklin - August 11, 2020 at 01:39 AM



“ I was privileged to work at ACC with Frank and Marilyn and I was the photographer at their wedding. It was one of the most pleasant events I've worked and I knew from then on that we would be great friends. Frank was a jovial, friendly and gentle man. Although we did get into some -ahem- discussions about his Eagles and the Cowboys. Usually good natured poking at each other's teams. I looked forward to seeing Frank and Marilyn at any ACC events because they were both uplifting and positive people who made others feel good!
 Frank, you will be missed! Heaven has gained a wonderful soul!

John Breed - July 26, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - July 26, 2020 at 01:02 AM



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A Life Celebration by Franklin - July 26, 2020 at 01:01 AM

MM

“ Marie-Line McGhee lit a candle in memory of Franklin Fields Taylor



Marie-Line McGhee - July 25, 2020 at 01:07 PM

CC

“ He is a wonderful man. I will miss him. When I first met him at ACC, he made me feel right at home. The first thing he asked me was if I liked the Eagles. I then told him yes because I was born outside of Philly. He then said. "Oh! We will get along just fine." Thinking about it makes me smile even today. He is one of the best people I have ever met. He made working at the Riverside campus a joy. He was always positive and smiling. My heart goes out to his entire family. The world lost a great man.



Carolyn Cox - July 25, 2020 at 01:05 PM

LB

“ Laurie Bertolett lit a candle in memory of Franklin Fields Taylor



Laurie Bertolett - July 24, 2020 at 11:51 PM

LB

“ Frank was my friend at ACC. I usually taught classes at RVS campus where he was the campus manager. I stopped by his office weekly to catch up and discuss education, family and jazz. He shared some names of jazz artists that I listen to regularly, and I think of him. He always encouraged me if I was having a challenging semester. He understood, and always complimented me for my dedication. Bless his family as they grieve. Thank you Frank for your dedication and service. A great human being. 🙏

Laurie Bertolett - July 24, 2020 at 11:44 PM

KF

“ Gone but NEVER forgotten ; I LOVE You Cousin !

Kent Franklin - July 24, 2020 at 07:27 PM

KF

“ Kent Franklin lit a candle in memory of Franklin Fields Taylor



Kent Franklin - July 24, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DF

“ Duke & Stella Kinley, Emma Richerson & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Franklin Fields Taylor.



Duke & Stella Kinley, Emma Richerson & Family - July 24, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Franklin Fields Taylor.*



July 23, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *I enjoyed our friendly (rivalry) conversations about my Dallas Cowboys and his Philadelphia Eagles. It gave great joy to see him so passionate about his team. I especially cherish our friendly football wagers (of which many I would win - I know he would not agree). May you rest in peace my friend. I will miss you.*

Vidal

Vidal Almanza - July 22, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Franklin Fields Taylor.*



July 18, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *Rev. Larry D. Gray, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Franklin Fields Taylor*



Rev. Larry D. Gray, Sr. - July 18, 2020 at 07:07 AM

RS

It is with great honor and gratitude that I say see you later my Brother. As a recently called to the ministry Preacher you were always there for me when I had a question about my call to God's ministry. I will miss our deep and meaningful conversations.

My prayers and condolences go out to your wife Sister Marilyn and Family. So this is not to say goodbye but to say see you later on the other side my Brother. (RIP) my Brother!

Rev. Larry D. Gray, Sr. - July 18, 2020 at 07:16 AM

EN

“ *I'm going to miss Uncle Frank. Every time I saw him he had a smile on his face and always had kind words to say. I will always remember him as a cool and laid back guy who loved God. Aunt Marilyn and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Evelyn*

Evelyn Norsworthy - July 15, 2020 at 07:59 PM

AA

“ *Our condolences go out to Marilyn and family. We appreciate knowing the Taylors and seeing them in their many roles at church, work, and organizations that supported students. Thank you, Frank, for the many years of dedication while working with TABPHE and the kindness you displayed.*

Arthur and Joyce Anderson - July 15, 2020 at 04:56 PM

BA

“ *Franklin Taylor, a man who truly loved the Lord our God and his family.*
Beverly Adjei

Beverly Adjei - July 15, 2020 at 07:11 AM

MW

Sending my prayers to the family and friends of Franklin Taylor. My special prayers and love to my husband Thaddeus and sister Kathy for the loss of their dear brother. I pray that his wife Marilyn be comforted in the days to come.

*Love & blessings,
Monique Williams-Taylor*

Monique Williams-Taylor - July 15, 2020 at 01:40 PM

CT

“ *There are no words to express our feelings about Uncle Frank. To us, he will never be gone. We will ever sing "God Specializes", as he sang on many a Sunday in West Philadelphia , St. Peter's Church. When correcting us, he would say, "You've gone too far, and stayed too long!" What a saint. Cresta, Amanda and Thaddeus S. Taylor Jr.*

Thanks Frank!

Cresta R. Taylor - July 14, 2020 at 08:01 PM

LR

“ *Reverend Taylor, The excellent man of God was he in his teachings in Sunday school, his words of blessings that you spoke over us before class ended and just opening up your life and heart to speak the words of knowledge and wisdom into the people of God. The powerful prayer warrior that you were and walking in your calling even laying hands upon people in obedience unto God. You are forever in paradise. Behold You have a new Body and God gave you alot to give to people you never withheld it. You were. Not caught u in titles.but the anointing.i am grateful that God placed you in my life Ann's led me to your class. Will always remember what you would tell your classes.Always believe in yourself . And God will do great things in your life. Love you too life . See you in Heaven. Praying for your Queen sister Taylor and your family. Love you too life. Great prayer warrior!! Well done Love Sister Tolonda 🙏😊❤️*

Lavon Reed - July 10, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JB

My condolences to my lovely cousin Marilyn and the Taylor Family. I know God will give you the strength to get through this very difficult time. Put all of your trust in him and he will see you though.

Joni Alice Bean-Giron - July 15, 2020 at 10:47 AM