

PALLBEARERS

Grandchildren

Our Special Tribute of Thanks

We, the family of **Mary Frances Taylor**, acknowledge with deep appreciation your expressions of sympathy, through your prayers, cards, flowers, and gestures of kindness. We thank you. May God continue to bless you today and forever.

The Family



PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD for ever.

Arrangements entrusted to
THOMAS FUNERAL HOME
4520 Salem Avenue
Dayton, OH 45416
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HONORING HER LIFE



MARY FRANCES TAYLOR

"It is well with my Soul"

Sunrise
July 1, 1928

Sunset
December 13, 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 23, 2020
11:00 A.M.

THOMAS FUNERAL HOME

4520 Salem Avenue
Dayton, OH 45416

PASTOR ELMER S. MARTIN, Officiating

Obituary

MARY FRANCES TAYLOR, was born July 1, 1928, in Athens, Alabama, to the late Ollie White and Benny Malone. Mary attended the public schools in Alabama and then moved to Dayton, Ohio, in the early 1950s. After moving to Dayton, she met and married Frank Curtis Gilbert, Sr., and the couple had one son. She later married the late James Taylor.

She confessed her life to Jesus Christ at an early age. Moving to Dayton, she joined the United Baptist Church. In 1984, she joined Greater Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church and served faithfully while her health permitted. She served on Stewardess Board No. II and as a member of the Ladies Aid Society. When Greater Allen entertained the Annual conferences under Bishops Webster and Henning, Mary would personally provide the Bishops nightly meals. She loved working in the church until her health failed, and she could no longer serve.

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain; it is made of deep devotion and sacrifice; Mary Frances was a mother to many, but especially to her son, Frank Curtis, Jr. The bond that this mother and son had was one that could not be measured.

In her profession, Mary was a devoted Caregiver and Companion to many prominent Dayton Physicians and Corporate officers and their families. She loved people and loved helping others. If she made you or considered you as her friend, you were a friend for life. If you were sick, she would often prepare and deliver her **"healing chicken soup."** She used her caregiving skills to aid her friends, church members and others. Mary always had a positive spiritual outlook on life and the spiritual love of people. She never ended a call or conversation without telling you, **"and I love you."** Mary Frances had a great sense of fashion and loved to dress and wear hats. She would model each year in the Usher Board's annual Fashion Hat Show.

Mary Frances was preceded in death by both her parents, husband, and four brothers and sisters.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Frank Curtis (Layla) Gilbert, Jr., of Dayton, OH; three grandchildren, Curtis Gilbert, of Dayton, OH, DeShanda (Joseph) Gilbert Fisher, of Dallas, TX and Antonio Manning, of Dayton, OH; 15 great grandchildren; extended grandchildren, Azon, Cheyenne, Sharee, Darren, Geoffrey and Gregory; special nieces and nephews, Norma Jean, Dorothy, Steve and Earl, all of Cincinnati, OH, Michael of Milwaukee, WI, Lois and Patricia, of Huntsville, AL; special goddaughter, Jeanette Harris, of Dayton, OH; special friends, Minnie & Richard Smith, Lilly Cantrell, Angie Powell and Florence Brackett, all of Dayton, OH; a host of other relatives and friends.

"To God be the Glory"

Order of Service

Officiating – Reverend Elmer S. Martin, M.Div., Pastor

The Chiming of the hour: 11:00 AM

PRELUDE Soft Music

PROCESSIONAL Ministers and Family

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Elmer S. Martin

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES
II Timothy 4:6-8 and John 14: 1-6

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
and RESOLUTIONS

OBITUARY Read Silently

SELECTION Mr. Joseph Taylor

EULOGY Reverend Dr. Earl G. Harris
Presiding Elder, Ret.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family & Friends

THE EARTHLY RESTING PLACE

West Memory Garden Cemetery

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and surge in cases, there will be no repast. It is imperative that everyone wear a MASK when entering and stay distanced.

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