



Jean Taylor

June 15, 1932 - August 14, 2012

Jean Frances Taylor made her peaceful transition into eternal life on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at the age of 80 years. She was born on June 15, 1932, in Alexandria, Virginia where she lived all of her life. Jean was one of nine children born to the late Charles “Charlie Buck” and Virginia Jackson. She was preceded in death by two brothers Charles Jr. and Earl Jackson.

Jean attended St. Joseph’s Catholic School during elementary years. For grades 8-12, she attended Parker-Gray High School, graduating in 1950. After graduation, she began her career with the Federal Government serving 32 years in various agencies including the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service.

Jean was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church from childhood to adult years. She was one of the original members of the St. Joseph’s Gospel Choir. Jean began her affiliation with the Oakland Baptist Church in 2008. During this time she enjoyed attending choir rehearsals with her sister Charlene and Sunday services with her brother Raymond. She accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized at Oakland Baptist Church. Jean loved to sing, and at the nursing facility she led the church hymns during Sunday service and the karaoke sing-a-longs. She also loved to laugh, play bingo, and dance. She had a flair for fashion and was always quick to comment on one’s hairstyle or clothing.

On December 28, 1996, Jean suffered cardiac arrest which placed her in a coma and on life-support for 12 days. The family was told that she would not

likely walk, talk or breathe independently. On the day the family gathered to make a decision, God opened her eyes and allowed her to breathe without the support of the oxygen machine! As a result, many individuals, as well as her doctors, referred to her as the "Miracle Lady." After much therapy, Jean was able to walk, talk, and return to her hobby of bingo, where she could easily play 15 boards at a time. Though hospitalized for several years with serious health issues, she continued to rally back.

Jean's life partner (husband) of 60 years was Donald L. Taylor. Their union produced two children: Yvette Taylor (Lewis) and Darnell Taylor. Jean was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved her children, especially her grandchildren and great-granddaughter. She always perked up when they came to visit.

Memories of Jean's precious life shall be forever etched in the thoughts and minds of her devoted husband Donald Taylor; daughters Yvette (Herbert) Lewis, and Darnell Taylor; four grandchildren: Brian Lewis, Ericka Lewis, Curtis Boxley, Donye Taylor; and great-granddaughter Kari Shields. Also surviving are four sisters: Doris Adkins, Helen Brown, Charlene Dendy, Virginia Becks-Johnson; two brothers: Raymond Jackson, Jake Jackson and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends whom she dearly loved.

The viewing and visitation will be held at Oakland Baptist Church, 3408 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 on Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m., Interment is scheduled for a later date.

Please send all floral tributes to Oakland Baptist Church the morning of the service.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ I was truly sadden to hear of Jean's passing, enlighten to know she is now present with the Lord. I pray for comfort of the family in the days ahead. Jean was a beautiful and loving person. I will always miss her.

Martha Norwood - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To Darnell/Taylor Family! I will continue to keep you all in prayer. Your mom was such a beautiful person inside and out. God got another flower to add to his garden. Hold on to all those fond memories. Through all the testimonies/trials, it will make you stronger, wiser and better. Love you!

Deidre Winters Bryant - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Taylor family you have my deepest sympathy and I am sorry to hear of Jean's passing she was truly a wonderfull person and will be sorely missed. I am terribly sorry that I was unable to attend the services but when I heard it was too late for me to make arrangements inorder to attend. With deepest sympathy Bernie Harris (former IRS employee_

August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ To the Taylor family, so many of those from my mom's generation have gone on to the world of the ancestors. Sorry I couldn't make it to the services. Strength and peace to the family.

Verona Iriarte - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My aunt was a wonderful woman and she will be deeply missed. I won't ever forget her witty comments and keeping it real. I have been blessed in many ways. Especially when she and the Taylors welcomed me to their home and heart over 20 years ago. We send our love to the Taylor/Jackson/Dendy household. God Bless.

Angie Dendy - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Jean at IRS for many years. Her wisdom and cheerful demeanor is forever etched in my heart. God Bless.

Thomas Bell - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To The Taylor Family, Jean was truly a good woman to all who came in contact with her. She will be miss by all. I can hear her talking in a kind voice telling me her jokes. I will always love her for her wisdom. My prayers are with you all. Love,

Dorothy White - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ My sincere condolences go out to Mr. Taylor, Yvette, Darnell and the rest of the family. Mrs. Taylor will be missed but never forgotten. She was an amazing spirit that will always live in each one of us. RIP

Kwesi Jawara - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jean Taylor

Barbara Smith - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ To the family of Jean Jackson Taylor - I am sorry to hear of her passing. I remember Jean when she lived next door to us in the projects. The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Herman and Margaret Lewis

Linda Lewis - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Sorry to hear of Jean's passing.

Amos Townsend - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I didn't know Jean very well but when we saw each other we spoke as if had been knowing each other forever. That is the type of person she was. My condolences go out to all of her family in which I know the grieving will never end but please just remember that she is with GOD. She will always be with each and every one of you in spirit.

Mary Davis - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM