

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Lovingly Submitted,
Your husband, John



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. Amen



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"Where Comfort Is Found In Memories"

A Celebration of Life

Sunrise:
February 18, 1962

Sunset:
September 24, 2025

Judy "Darlene"
SMITH TAYLOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025 AT 1:00 PM

Community Funeral Home of Barnwell

361 JACKSON STREET
BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA 29812

REVEREND DR. BERNICE GRAVES, OFFICIATING



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Soft Music

Opening Selection

The Traveling Stars

Scripture Readings & Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Eugene Capers

Old & New Testaments

Musical Selection

The Traveling Stars

Words of Remembrance

Taneeka Ford, niece

Family Tribute

Robbie Smith

Special Selection

The Traveling Stars

Words of Comfort

Reverend Dr. Bernice Graves

Committal Service | Prayer | Benediction

Director's Remarks

Dr. Betty D. Strudwick

Recessional

Reflection of Life

Judy "Darlene" Smith Taylor was born on February 18, 1962 in Charleston, South Carolina at Roper Hospital to the late Robert Smith and Barbara Tracey Burroughs. She was the second of five children. She passed peacefully in her home on September 24, 2025.

Darlene enjoyed going to church at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church with family. A painter by trade, she loved her work life as she owned her own business and completed many home improvements with her husband. Darlene often recounted her proudest work that of painting the hulls of large ships along side her father at the Naval shipyard in Charleston, South Carolina.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to John Taylor for over 28 years, who still remembers the first time he saw the shy little red headed girl from his school days who would eventually capture his heart.

Darlene was a kind hearted person with a free spirit. She loved music, taking trips and spending time with her kitten. She was blessed to have been able to visit and connect with her family much more over the past two years as well as recently revisiting places and people from her childhood that she had not seen in 15-20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Smith and Barbara Tracey Boroughs; her brother, Stanley Smith; and nephew, Jeffrey Meade Price.

She leaves to cherish her precious life memories, her husband, John Robert Taylor of Aiken, SC; two daughters: Bella Bolen of Columbia, SC and Taylor Chasson of Mesa, AZ; one son, Michael Gatlin of Greer, SC; one stepson, Tauren J. Taylor of Greenville, NC; five grandchildren: Remi, Marci, Brooklyn, JT and Onyx; four siblings: Pam (Pedro) Figueiroa of North Charleston, SC, Angela (Albert) Latham of Orlando, FL, Robbie (Toni) Smith of Moncks Corner, SC and Wade (Cheryl) Lyons of Greer, SC; two brothers-in-law: Thomas (Linda) Taylor and Donnie (Evelyn) Ford both of Barnwell, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.