

# Celebration of Love

*Elder Fred Johnson, Presiding*

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"  
Psalm 133:1*

*Processional.....Soft Music*

*Final Farewell  
Sealing of Remains*

*Solo.....Ms. Taylor Heard*

*Holy Word  
Old Testament.....Minister  
New Testament.....Minister*

*Prayer of Comfort.....Minister*

*Resolutions & Remarks.....(2) minutes please....."With Love"*

*Solo.....Ms. Keshia Pender*

*Eulogy.....Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr.  
Mtn. Ridge Baptist Church*

*Recessional.....Soft Music*

## Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction, & Interment



*Military Rites  
West Hill Cemetery  
Dalton, GA 30720*



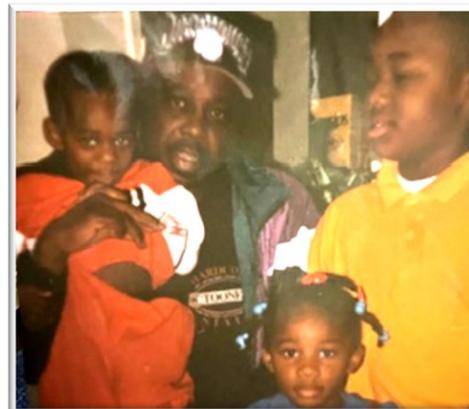
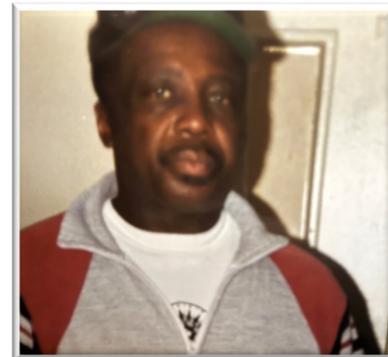
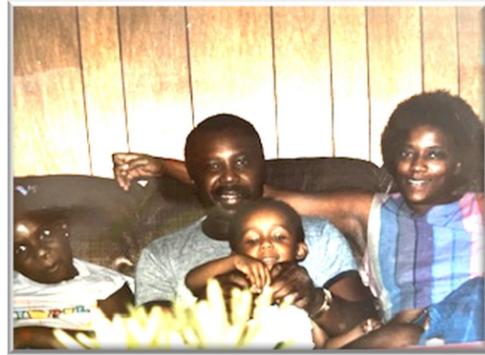
### Acknowledgement

*During this difficult time in our lives, you all have given our family strength. We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to us during this time. Your calls, cards, flowers, texts, food, and prayers have been truly a blessing to us.*

*The Family of*

*Mr. Kenneth Wayne Taylor*

## Treasured Memories...



*Alpha  
February 9, 1948*

## His Story

*Omega  
March 8, 2025*

### Mr. Kenneth Wayne Taylor

Today, we gather to celebrate the life of Mr. Kenneth Wayne Taylor. Affectionately known as "Ken" by his family and friends, he was born on February 9, 1948, to the late Clifford W. Taylor, Jr. and Flossie E. Starlings Taylor. Ken grew up in Dalton, Georgia, and was a member of Mountain Ridge Baptist Church. He graduated from Emery Street School and later enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served faithfully aboard the USS Tullare. In 1969, Ken was Honorably Discharged. Following his service, Ken relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked at the Greyhound Bus Station for 15 years. Eventually, he returned to Dalton, Georgia, and worked at Cheerhaven and later with the Dalton Housing Authority.

In 1996, Ken married Patricia Ann Ward Taylor, and together they were blessed with four children, forming a loving and supportive family. Ken's greatest joys in life were his family and his beloved grandchildren. He found immense happiness in attending their sporting events, school activities, and family gatherings, where he delighted in their smiles and laughter. As a proud grandfather, he cherished every moment spent with them. Ken had a passion for basketball and football, and he enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. His prized possession was his vinyl record collection, and he could often be found listening to his favorite "oldie goldies" songs with a contented smile. On Saturday, March 8, 2025, Mr. Kenneth Wayne Taylor, transitioned from his earthly life. He was preceded in death by his parents; his paternal grandparents, Clifford Taylor, Sr. and Elguin Suttle Taylor; his maternal grandparents, Prince Starling and Jessie Dillard Starling; his sister, Regina Barrett Taylor; his brothers, Ransome "Randy" Taylor and Brian Taylor; and his niece, Lauren Taylor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Patricia Ann Ward Taylor; children, Lillie Charlane Taylor Pender of Decatur, GA, Rosalyn Denise Taylor, Kenton (Summer) Taylor, Aubrey (Corderious) Taylor all of Dalton, GA, and Colton (Brittany) Taylor of Calhoun, GA; grandchildren, Kendra (Major) McCoy, Keshia Pender, Kedarian Pender, Malik Carter, Keylei Taylor, Kaidenandre Cox, Layla Taylor, Braylee Witherow, Kennleigh Stocks, Zayan Taylor, Castiel Taylor, Zaydn Taylor, and Adalaya Taylor; siblings, Ronald Sprowl of Knoxville, TN, Crystal Taylor of Dalton, GA, and Amy Taylor of Chattanooga, TN; aunt, Arvella Starling; special cousins, Cynthia (Michael) Thornton, Gayle Taylor, Vanessa Perry, P. C. Burse, Cheryl McFadden, Rodney (Carmen) Hagan; special nieces and nephews, Brittney Taylor, Mycal Wingfield, Lindsey Taylor, Taylor Heard, Madison Wilkey; best friends, James "Chipper" Byron, Thurmond "Catfish" Dozier; other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

*Don't cry because he's healed. Smile because he's a part of you...*



**Casket Bearers**  
*Relatives and Friends*

**Flower Bearers**  
*Relatives and Friends*

*"You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived."*



*"You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left."*



*Families are Forever*



*USS Tullare*



**Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:**



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# His Final Salute

## Mr. Kenneth Wayne Taylor



*Sunday, March 16, 2025*

*2:00 PM*

*Chapel of Willis Funeral Home*  
2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Dalton, GA 30721

*Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Jones, Sr., Eulogist*  
*Elder Fred Johnson, Presider*

*February 9, 1948 - March 8, 2025*