

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Apostle William Calvin Taylor

1944 - 2026

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026

CALLING HOURS: 10:00AM

SERVICES: 11:00AM

JAYLEX EVENT CENTER

2110 GLENWOOD AVENUE, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44511

J.E. WASHINGTON
FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

Order of Celebration

*Pastor Kenneth Johnson, Officiant
New Hope Renewing of the Holy Ghost Church, Youngstown, OH*

PARTING VIEW

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Len Carter

Reading of Sacred Text:

Psalm 23

Evangelist Eleanor Johnson

Revelation 7:9-17

Deaconess Shelley Langston

Music Ministry

Minister Reggie Smith

Acknowledgments and Resolutions

Anika Jacobs

TRIBUTES & REFLECTIONS - PLEASE RESPECT THREE (3) MINUTES EACH
AS AN HONORABLE FATHER -

Rochelle Taylor and TaMikiea Butler (*Representing the Children*)

AS A CHERISHED UNCLE -

Shellie Rodgers and April Slater (*Representing all the Nieces*)

Benard Moore, Jr. (*Representing all the Nephews*)

AS AN APOSTLE AND PASTOR -

Pastor Kenneth Johnson

(*Representing of New Hope Renewing of the Holy Ghost Church Leaders*)

AS AN BELOVED SPIRITUAL FATHER -

Cherly Cobbs Findley & Martha Stewart

(*Representing New Hope Renewing of the Holy Ghost Church Members*)

The Life & Legacy of Apostle William C. Taylor

Stephanie (Stevie) Agee

Music Ministry

"I'll Fly Away"

Minster Reggie Smith

Eulogy

Bishop Alice Parkman

Christ Dwelling Place Ministry, Youngstown

Committal Ceremony

Recessional and Cortege to Tod Homestead Cemetery for Interment

*The Family will return to the Jaylex Event Center's
Barbara Ford Banquet Hall for Repast*

The Life & Legacy of Apostle William Calvin Taylor

Apostle William Calvin Taylor, upon hearing the words, “Well done thou good and faithful servant”, entered the Church Triumphant on May 19, 2026, at the Fairview Campus of the Cleveland Clinic. He was born on April 12, 1944, in Youngstown, Ohio, to the union of Olive and Joseph Taylor.

Apostle Taylor was a cherished member of the community, a dedicated servant of the Lord, and a loving patriarch to his family. He was known for his unwavering faith, compassionate spirit, and commitment to serving others. He was several weeks from retiring from the hospitality services at Youngstown State University. Despite his educational journey being curtailed, he enriched the lives of those around him through the wisdom he shared and the love he exuded.

Apostle Taylor was a minister of God who dedicated his life to the ministry upon his calling in 1982. His journey began at Holiness Baptist Church, where he was licensed to preach under Pastor Harvey Minics. In 1987, he was appointed Assistant Pastor at The Burning Bush Missionary Church. Following divine guidance, Apostle Taylor established New Hope Renewing of the Holy Ghost Church in 1989, opening the doors of the church in humble beginnings at their home, before securing a location on Hillman Street in 1991. In 1994, the church experienced another move and, in 2002, solidified its future with the purchase of a permanent home at 336 Breaden Street. Apostle Taylor was elevated to the esteemed office of Apostle in January 2024, a testament to his decades of faithful service and spiritual leadership.

Apostle William Taylor was not just a strong leader in his family; he was also a devoted teacher of the word of God. He dedicated his life to being a living example of faith, love, and compassion. His love for his church community was palpable, and he treated every member like family. An avid Cleveland Browns fan, Apostle William spent countless Sundays as a passionate commentator, dissecting games and coaching strategies with his son Dwayne and fellow church members on the phone. He was die-hard fan, reveling in both the highs and lows of each season.

Fishing was more than a hobby for Apostle William; it was a time of therapy and laughter shared with family on trips that are now cherished memories. In addition, his culinary skills were legendary, making him the king of the kitchen and rightfully earning him bragging rights for his mastery of the grill. He took great joy in planning holiday meals and delighting his family with his savory dishes.

Apostle Taylor William was a devoted husband to Pastor Betty Taylor, his partner in marriage and ministry. Together they diligently reached out to uplift countless lives for nearly five decades of pastoral service, always remaining faithful to the vision the Lord bestowed upon them. It is Pastor Betty's passion and desire to continue the vision and to fulfill the mandate of the calling.

His legacy is also entrusted to his family. Affectionately known as “Dad” to his children, Apostle Taylor cherished every moment with his children; Valerie Michele (Dessie) Howell, Elder Dwayne (Pastor Shirrell) Joe, Natosha Taylor, Rochelle (Chris) Taylor-Williams, Dion Taylor, Christopher Taylor, and TaMikiea Butler. He also leaves precious memories and moments with the brothers he loved dearly Joseph Tattaylor and Samuel Taylor. The bond of brotherhood remains solid even in his passing. As a child, Apostle Taylor was called “Porky” and his nieces and nephews who lovingly refer to him as Uncle Porky will miss him profoundly.

As his faith became sight, Apostle Taylor became part of the “Great Cloud of Witnesses” which includes his parents, and sisters Julia Kitchen, Naomi Moore, each who preceded him into eternity. May his spirit find eternal peace, and may his legacy continue to inspire all who strive to follow the light he so generously provided. - Loving Shared By The Family

Floral Bearers

Daughters, Nieces, Members of NHRHG Church and Friends



Basket Bearers

Sons, Family and Friends

With Gratitude from The Taylor Family

The family of Apostle William Calvin Taylor wishes to thank everyone for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which have been extended during this time. Special appreciation to Bishop Alice Parkman for the pastoral care rendered. Our heartfelt gratitude is to New Hope Renewing of the Holy Ghost Church and the entire faith community as we celebrate our beloved Apostle Taylor. It has been written, "God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love." -Hebrews 6:10



Transitional Care Arrangements Entrusted

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