



Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor

August 22, 1945 - May 8, 2021

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Taylor, 75, of Peoria, IL transitioned to be with the Lord at 2:12 pm on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital. Mary was born in Peoria, IL on August 22, 1945 to Bertram and Madeline (Simpson) Hicks.

Mary retired from Caterpillar and also retired from Methodist Medical Center as a secretary in the Triage department after working 15 years of service. Mother Mary, as she was called, was a life member of Zion Baptist Church. She also worked at General Hospital in California in the Neuro Surgery Department.

Mary was a die-hard Chicago Cubs Chicago Bulls, Chicago Bears, Golden State Warriors and Chicago Black Hawks fan. She always commented, "If you are talking Spiritually, walk the same way". She loved the Lord and stood on His word and was truly concerned about all. Her favorite quotes: 1. Ladies still have pep in their step, no shame in their game. 2. We come from a nation of kings and queens, but some aren't able!!!

Mary leaves to cherish her most precious memories three daughters, Gina Howard, Phyllis Ford and Crystal Ford all of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Phillip (Alyssa) Hicks of Atlanta, GA and Kirk May of Georgetown, SC; her sister-in-laws, Gloria Hicks of Las Vegas, NV and Sherrill Ford; five grandchildren, Monique Westmoreland, Adrian Howard, Camille Howard, Roy Farmer, III and Jamal Goodman all of Peoria, IL; six great grandchildren, Eden Westmoreland, Micah Hunt, Am'ya Howard, Autumn Howard, A'Mari Howard

and Roy Farmer, IV; special children, Amiah Flowers, Samyah Duren, Jada Thomas, Mikaila Thomas, Madeline McGregor, Angelina Danzeisen, Isabella Danzeisen, Lamyiah, Duren, J.J. Duren, Alexa Hightower, Kemry Hightower, Mykai Parks and Jarvis Mathews; special friends, JoAnn Tillman, Liz Slaughter, Brenda Glover, Atasa Summerville, Ann Marie Foley, Kristen & Lauren Dazeisen, Keven "Triple X" Zanders, Robin Burns, Renea Reece, Alesia Thomas; Mark Gibson and Curtis (great workers of Sterling Towers); Chad (wonderful security officer who saved me); Zion Baptist Church, Mission, Mother Ministry, numerous, wonderful Zion Family and pastors and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and those who called her Grandma. She is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Stephen Hicks; and special friends, Pearlie Robinson Williams and adopted mother Ardell Green.

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Friday, May 14, 2021 at Zion Baptist Church. There will not be a visitation. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, make a donation to the Crittenton Center in her name. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the capacity of the church or less.

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the decedent's immediate family members.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking

hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat 50% of the capacity of the church. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *This will be the first birthday in over 15 years, that Grandma Mary is not here to celebrate with me as hers was August 22nd & mine the 23rd. I know she is with me spiritually. She taught me so many life lessons that I use daily. Mother Mary truly loved her daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, as well as many friends. She called them family. I will cherish my time and memories. Grandma, I miss you! Happy Heavenly Birthday!! Love always, Annmarie "Mimi" Foley*

Annmarie foley - August 19, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *My condolences goes out to the family...I always remember the precious memories of her singing going up yonder may you find strength and care in the Lord...Donald E. Trammell*

Donald E. Trammell - June 14, 2021 at 03:37 PM

DG

“ *Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor*



Denise Burns Green - May 26, 2021 at 08:08 PM

GH

Thank you Denise for your love

Gina Howard - May 30, 2021 at 07:29 AM

RF

“ *Rena Webster-Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor*



Rena Webster-Horton & Family - May 19, 2021 at 10:57 PM

FP

“ *My condolences goes out to the family my prayers are with you*

Faye Peters - May 14, 2021 at 11:57 PM

GH

Thank you Faye

Gina Howard - May 30, 2021 at 07:30 AM

SA

“ Gina, Phyllis and Crystal

Precious Memories, how they linger, how they flood my soul. Your Mother as well as each of you have always held a special place in my heart. Your Mother was a beautiful, strong, intelligent woman, always wise beyond her years. Her Faith in God empowered her to stand strong on what she believed. I just want you to know, you all are on my heart and in my prayers. I pray memories of your Precious Mother will bring you comfort, peace and JOY. May Our Father meet your every need during this time of grief and always.

*Hugs and Love,
Sharon Anderson*

Sharon Anderson - May 13, 2021 at 07:55 PM

GH

Thank you Sharon for these kind ones.

Gina Howard - May 15, 2021 at 05:23 AM

PE

My prayers are going up, for the family, condolences from the Hickman family... Phil Hickman

Phillip E.Hickman - May 20, 2021 at 08:07 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor*



Mattie Risby - May 13, 2021 at 12:07 PM

GH

Blessings to you Ms. Risby

Gina Howard - May 14, 2021 at 07:19 AM

RS

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family; she is with our heavenly father resting. Look to da hills for ur comfort!*



Rhonda Stuckey Sargent - May 12, 2021 at 09:35 PM

TR

“ *May you rest in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ! On behalf of the Rogers family (Arlington, TX), our prayers and condolences are with the family.*



Tamesha A. Rogers - May 12, 2021 at 05:32 PM

DM

“ *To the entire family of Mary Taylor, Let there be memories of your Mom, a beautiful person in and out. We will always remember the good old days at Zion and singing with her. We will certainly pray for your strength. May this sorrowful time allow you to reflect upon all the joy that you once shared with your Mom.*

David & Cora Mackey, Lexington, TN

David & Cora Mackey - May 12, 2021 at 04:35 PM

GH

Blessings to both of you.

Gina Howard - May 14, 2021 at 07:23 AM

JB

“ TO MARY'S GIRLS. CRYSTAL, GINA & PHYLLIS. YOUR MOTHER WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WITH A LOVING PERSONALITY ❤️. TO KNOW HER WAS TO LOVE HER. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY. GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL. RIH Mary GBNF 💔



Joanie Brown - May 12, 2021 at 04:03 PM

HF

“ Such a loving caring compassionate Auntie. I remember going to her house as kids me and my twin Hankie and she always had a treat for us. Sorry to hear this. She was a beautiful woman inside and out always had a kind word to share. Family you are in my prayers today and always. Take comfort in knowing she is with the Lord now.

Helenia Ford - May 12, 2021 at 03:34 PM

GH

Love you Helenia and Hankie. Been a long time seeing you guys. Mom loved you all 😊

Gina Howard - May 14, 2021 at 07:22 AM

ES

“ Essie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mary E. (Ford) Taylor



Essie - May 11, 2021 at 10:36 PM

ES

“ Mary, will be missed very much from Zion family and the United Usher Board. She always went with the UUB to Rockford in the month of June. My granddaughter, set with her all the time and remember talking to her about when her mom sing in the youth choir. My phone call every Sunday, she called me just to talk. Will miss you. Love Earl, Essie Ellis and family.

Essie - May 11, 2021 at 10:36 PM

GH

Thank you...we love you too

Gina Howard - May 12, 2021 at 05:22 PM

MH

“ Will miss Mary talking to her at church - we go back - in the neighborhood - grew up together active in the choir - Mary had a beautiful voice she will sing to the angels - may God bless the family



Marcia Hinton - May 11, 2021 at 10:03 PM

JS

“ So,so sorry to hear of my girl Mary's passing. Mary and I were very dear singing buddies. Recorded together back in the 80's. I loved Mary so much, we didn't see each other much, but whenever we ran into each other it was just like old times, laughing and catching up, and reminiscing about the good old days. My love , deepest condolences and prayers go out to her girls Gina and Phyllis, she spoke so lovingly of you both. I'll see you on Friday at Zion for her memorial service. All My Best, Judy (Page) Stokes-Adkisson

Judy (Page) Stokes-Adkisson - May 11, 2021 at 05:25 PM

GH

Ms Judy..reading these words brought tears to my eyes. Mom loved singing with you too. Thank you so much for these heartfelt words of love. Mom loved you too!

Gina Howard - May 11, 2021 at 06:28 PM