



Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.

January 28, 1937 - August 14, 2018

Bro. Tommy Taylor, Jr., was born January 28, 1937 to Ms. Rosie Lee Hicks and Tommy Taylor, Sr., in Jackson, TN. He attended Jackson Public Schools, both at North Jackson Elementary and Merry High School, where he played baseball and sang in the school choir.

He was baptized at an early age at Home Baptist Church and maintained his membership there for many years. Later, he joined New Hope and remained until his death. He attended church events as his body would allow and thoroughly enjoyed singing. Two of his favorite songs were "Shine on Me" and "How I Got Over". He and Rev. Meabon formed a unique bond of which he was most proud.

He was a professional baseball player and signed with the Cincinnati Reds and Kansas City Monarchs. He also played baseball in Saskatchewan, Canada.

In 1961, he was united in holy matrimony with Bazine McDonald, where they were blessed with two lovely children. During these early years, the family resided in Cocoa, Florida until his return to Jackson, TN in 1973. He remained a loving, caring father and grandfather and never forgot a birthday or special occasion.

Following years of Tommy's return allowed his working at Lane College as a residential monitor of Cleaves Hall. He also was the coach to Lane's baseball team from 1981 to 1986. Up to his retirement, he taught at Lincoln Elementary School in Jackson, TN.

When Tommy played with Kansas City Monarchs, he and Satchel Paige were teammates and Paige named him "Flame Thrower". After years of expiration, Tommy was inducted in the Negro League Hall of Fame.

Tommy was extremely elated upon his completion of the Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education with high distinction of Magna Cum Laude in May of 1979.

Retiring in 2011 from Jackson Public Schools afforded him quiet time and visiting family.

His health began to decline in 2013 and on August 14, 2018, he gave up the ghost.

Surviving to continue his legacy is, Toni Cheree Taylor, daughter and Terry Derrell Taylor, son, both of Crestview FL; Bazine Taylor McDonald, mother of Toni and Terry of Crestview, FL; Tatum Hope-Rubyn Taylor, grandson of Crestview, FL; eldest cousin, Minnie Isabell Johnson of Alamo, TN; special cousin, Bobbi "D" Jones of Jackson, TN; close family friend, Jimmy Charles Baker of Turks and Caicos; Terry King and Gine Brewer-Nelson, two special colleagues of Jackson, TN; special friend, Anita Hodges of Jackson, TN and a number of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Tinker Hill Rd
Jackson, TN

Previous Events

Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
150 Davis Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

DW

“ *Deacon Obery And Evelyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.*



Deacon Obery and Evelyn Washington - August 22, 2018 at 04:46 PM

DW

“ *Deacon Obery And Evelyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.*



Deacon Obery and Evelyn Washington - August 22, 2018 at 04:42 PM

BC

“ *Barry L. Jenkins Cocoa,Florida purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..*



Barry L. Jenkins Cocoa,Florida - August 21, 2018 at 08:39 PM

WB

“ *Mr T, love, prayers and deepest sympathy to you, your Mom, and family. God bless you all today and always.*

Momma Rose & Mr. B.

William Billotte - August 21, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..*



August 21, 2018 at 06:58 PM

WF

“ *Sis Bea, Toni, and Terry, heaven has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. Allow the Spirit of comfort to manifest Himself during your time of lose. You are always in my prayers!*

Warren C. Feaster - August 21, 2018 at 08:51 AM

SC

“ *Ms. Bay, Terry, Toni, and Tatum, Deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. I only met Mr. Tommy once and I remember him being a very nice person who was very proud of his family. Hugs to you all and may God comfort and strengthen you all during this difficult time.*

Love Shelia Cameron & Family



Shelia Cameron - August 20, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..*



August 20, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..*



August 20, 2018 at 02:26 PM

YP

“ Your Southwest family in PNS purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..



Your Southwest family in PNS - August 20, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..



August 20, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..



August 20, 2018 at 09:00 AM

AF

“ The Grant family is saddened by the loss of Mr. Taylor who is father to our precious friend Terry Taylor. We know that his legacy lives on in the life of Terry Taylor who loves the Lord and serves Him daily. Our continued prayers and much love for this entire family who is a dear family to us. Gods presence and peace surround you all.

Annette Grant. the Grant family - August 20, 2018 at 08:48 AM

RA

Rev.Fay Allen
Reaching out to
Bay, Tony & Terry
to let you know I
am praying for
God to give you
strength today &
tomorrow.Knowing this too shall
pass,and one day
God shall wipe all
tears away.Be strong in the Lord!❤️

Rev.Faye Allen - August 20, 2018 at 11:47 PM

VA

Terry, Toni, Tatum & Ms. Bay - our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time of sorrow. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit" - Palms 34:18. Valerie McLaughlin & Family

Valerie - August 21, 2018 at 12:39 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr..



August 20, 2018 at 08:21 AM

GW

“ Thinking of Toni, Terry, Tatum and Bay during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much love.Pat Westbrook



Gwendolyn wesWestbr - August 19, 2018 at 05:42 PM

OC

“ Olive Ann Curl lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.



Olive Ann Curl - August 19, 2018 at 05:03 PM

VB

“ Victoria Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.



Victoria Brown - August 19, 2018 at 02:48 PM

VB

“ *Victoria Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Taylor Jr.*



Victoria Brown - August 19, 2018 at 02:48 PM

MH

“ *Tommy always treated me with the utmost respect. I was a young coach with a lot of insecurities and meeting him helped me know I was on the right path.*

He was so proud of his young and special ballplayer, Terry. He was also very proud of Toni and made sure I knew all about her as well!

The Taylor family has remained dear to our family over ALL these years. Thank you ALL for sharing your life with us. We cherish it.

We pray that Tommy is receiving God's love and rest that the Bible promises. We also pray for healing and calm for this wonderful family during the coming days.

*Sincerely,
Mark and Becky Hogan Family*

Mark Hogan - August 19, 2018 at 10:11 AM

DH

“ *We certainly could have called him his given name Tommy as families do, but out of the highest respect from his Lincoln family, he was always Mr. Taylor. He was such a stellar example of calmness, patience, grace that he showed to students, faculty, staff, and guests. Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family, friends, and all that love him. RIP Mr. Taylor. May you hit grand slams in heaven every day.*



Donna Hollin - August 19, 2018 at 07:41 AM

MJ

Mr Taylor was such a credit to the faculty at Lincoln Magnet School and an inspiring role model for the students. His athletic ability and personality encouraged the youngsters, gently and calmly pointing them toward more successful results. He was, no doubt, a father figure to hundreds of children and wistful young athletes as well as their teacher. I am sure he has already been welcomed with open arms and heard the words of the Savior he knows "Well done good and faithful servant!" (Somehow I think all the young cherubs are already around him, ready to play!)

*Sincerely,
Mavis Johnson*

Mavis Johnson - August 20, 2018 at 10:09 AM