



Dr. Brenda E. Richey-Taylor

June 24, 1941 - June 22, 2018

Dr. Brenda Elaine Richey Taylor quietly departed this life on June 22, 2018, after a brief but critical illness. Dr. Taylor was born on June 24, 1941, in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Edward William Richey and Sarah Virginia Richey. She was an only child and the apple of her parents' eye. In 1958, Dr. Taylor graduated from East High School in Columbus, Ohio. Right after high school, she attended Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina where she participated in the 1960 sit in civil rights demonstrations. She subsequently earned a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Throughout her childhood and as an adult, Dr. Taylor was a devoted and active member of Union Grove Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Reverend Phale D. Hale was her beloved pastor.

Dr. Taylor married Dr. Larry C. Taylor in December of 1964, and to this union two daughters were born. While the marriage ended, she went on to become a phenomenal, skilled, and loving single mother. Her primary goal was to raise two productive young ladies who could make positive contributions to the world in which we live. Dr. Taylor not only committed her life to her daughters, but she dedicated her professional life to serving all children from all neighborhoods. As a result, she experienced a very successful career educating children and adults.

In order to support and advance her work with learners of all ages, Dr. Taylor

earned a Master's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Both degrees were in the field of Early Childhood Education. Dr. Taylor always used her sincere love of children and top-notch knowledge about childhood development to teach elementary school children in three states: Ohio, Michigan, and Georgia. In addition, her advanced degrees enabled her to effectively teach and guide college and university students in Michigan and Georgia. Because of her passion and commitment to excellence when improving the educational opportunities and outcomes of underserved young children, Dr. Taylor served as the Director of Head Start and Early Head Start in DeKalb County, Georgia. Although she retired in 2005, she continued to do educational consultant work nationwide for Head Start and volunteered in her community up until 2017.

As a result of her generous spirit, friendly smile, and super pleasant personality, Dr. Taylor was adored and respected by many. She opened her heart and home to people she cared about, and she truly never met a stranger. Her overall love of life and for all people was as beautiful as the flowers and plants she loved to grow and the colorful birds she liked to watch from her back porch. Her encouraging influence and optimistic impact will forever remain in the lives, minds, and hearts of all who knew her.

Dr. Taylor will forever be cherished and tremendously missed by her two daughters, Sonya (Raymond, Sr.) Taylor-Clunie of Conyers, Georgia, and Tawni (Sidney, Sr.) Taylor-Anderson of Stone Mountain, Georgia; grandchildren Raymond Clunie, Jr. of Johns Creek, Georgia, Tasia Anderson of Mooresville, North Carolina, and Sidney Anderson, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina; close "sibling friends" since childhood Dr. John R. Browne of San Diego, California, Mrs. Joanne Foster (her Plunkie) of Columbus, Ohio, K. Banks of Fort Hood, New Jersey, Yvonne Holland of Columbus, Ohio, Mignonne Whitlow of Columbus, Ohio, and Carol Wilkerson of Columbus,

Ohio; cousins and close friends Yvonne Method-Walker of Rex, Georgia and Van Dyke Walker III of Riverdale, Georgia; her BFF Dollye "Faye" Eakins of Detroit, Michigan; her "third daughter" Brigitte Bowser of Decatur, Georgia; sisters-in-law Jackie Brown of Atlanta, Georgia and Sandra (Paul) Lofley of Decatur, Georgia; nieces Cicely Brown of Atlanta, Georgia, Christye (Marlon) Lannaman of Fayetteville, Georgia, Cangela (Delwyn) McAlister of Atlanta, Georgia, and Shari Lofley of Atlanta, Georgia; a nephew Taylor Lofley of Nashville, Tennessee; and a host of great nieces and nephews, special cousins, dear friends, and caring colleagues.

Celebration of Life will be held on Monday July 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the South DeKalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home.

She will be laid to rest at Kennedy Memorial Gardens, 2500 River Rd Ellenwood GA 30294.

Visitation hours are set from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday June 30, 2018 at the South DeKalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home.

Please express your condolence here on our website.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur GA 30034. 404-241-5656.

Cemetery Details

Kennedy Memorial Gardens

2500 River Road
ELLENWOOD, Ga

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Taylor Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. “There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous “ May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.



Faye Ethridge - October 15, 2018 at 04:53 AM



“ To my Brenda, Love Tren-nee,I will miss the time we shared together as neighbors, friends. Calling on me to take you places, introducing me to different places to eat, laughing at crazy things I say and do. The songs you sang out loud, didn't no what you was singing, but it made me laugh. When I first moved next to you, You welcome me with open arms, and I vowed from that point to make sure I would watch over you when your daughter was out of town. When I moved, You often said you miss me being next to u. God made it that I didn't go far, u still had to pass me coming out the condo. But now I can move away from this side of town, noing you are in good hands with GOD. LOVE U LADY!!! YOUR BUDDY TREN-NEE

Trena Tripp - July 01, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Brenda E. Richey-Taylor.*



June 30, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Moses and Claretha (Cookie) Ector purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Brenda E. Richey-Taylor.*



Moses and Claretha (Cookie) Ector - June 29, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. Our hearts go out to you during this trying time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones.*

Much love,

Ms. Chris Brown & LaChrista

Chris Brown - June 29, 2018 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ *Brenda and I were lifelong close friends. There are so many wonderful memories. As an only child, we were like the sister or brother we didn't have. Most important to celebrate is how much love Brenda gave to so many, which took many forms; she had high standards for herself and others, which she sensitively communicated, but she could 'go there' when necessary, and was a visionary courageous leader. She didn't play when it came to what's best for our community. We also treasure the many playful moments and laughter shared with her. My dear Brenda made a difference in ALL aspects of her life, and was a fighter to the end. We are all so blessed to have had her in our lives.* ”

John Robert Browne - June 29, 2018 at 01:37 PM

AE

“ *My condolences to Dr. Taylor's family. My heart is broken and I wish I had more time with my friend. I enjoyed being around her, she was so loving and caring. She had a bright smile and was funny. I will miss sitting and watching Family Feud with her. Rest Easy Dr. Taylor. .. gone but not forgotten! "Yes indeedy Miss MaCreedy"* ”



Angela Ellies - June 29, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Brenda E. Richey-Taylor.* ”



June 29, 2018 at 12:07 AM

BW

“ *Brenda , a friend who was not a stranger when we first meet over 20 years ago. A sweet sweet spirit, A caring loving mother to her two beautiful daughters.*

Bonnie L Ward - June 28, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Brenda E. Richey-Taylor.*



June 28, 2018 at 10:45 PM