



## Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.

September 18, 1924 - August 22, 2021

Mr. Roosevelt Taylor was born on September 18, 1924 in the New Light Community of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. Mr. Taylor was the fourth of six children born to the late John and Gertrude Taylor.

He started his life journey by entering the Army at the tender age of seventeen. Soon, he found himself in France and Northern Africa working as a transporter with the 27th Quartermaster Company of the U.S Army during World War II. After his tour of duty, he returned to Starkville and traveled north to Gary, Indiana to work at the Steel Mill. After working one year in the steel industry, Mr. Taylor returned home to Starkville and found employment at Mississippi State University cafeteria.

In 1948, once Mr. Taylor realized that Starkville did not have a transit system that serviced Black people, he started his taxi service called "Ever-Ready Cab Company." He transported countless people of color, including the Grammy Award Winner, Ray Charles, around the Starkville area. In addition to his taxi service, Mr. Taylor also owned a shoe shine business named "Pat's Shoe Parlor" which also housed Rogers Beauty Shop.

Mr. Taylor made great contributions to the community of Starkville. He has been recognized as a Trustee of Griffin Chapel United Methodist Church, a World War II Veteran, entrepreneur and philanthropist. The Main Street Community Association initiated the process to rename the street where he lived in his honor.

Mr. Taylor enjoyed 72 years of married with Magnolia Boyd after they were

joined in holy matrimony on August 9, 1944. Mr. Taylor has ten children. He took great pride in providing for his family. He ensured they all received a formal education.

Following his Christian upbringing, he accepted Christ at an early age. He was groomed in the church and practiced holy beliefs throughout his life. A life member of Griffin Chapel United Methodist Church, Mr. Taylor departed this life on August 22, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, Magnolia B. Taylor; son, Roosevelt Taylor Jr.; parents, and all of his siblings.

Those who will be profoundly deprived of his presence are his children:

Dorothy Vaughn, Julia Phine Wilson, Alma Jean Taylor, Lawrence Taylor, Diane Taylor-Singleton, Deborah (Michael) Shannon, Ronnie (Gina) Taylor, Vanessa Larry and Andre Taylor; grandchildren: Bruce (Twanda) Wilson, Clifton Vaughn, Darin Vaughn, Jennifer Taylor-Johnson, Victoria Taylor, Ronnell (Deena) Taylor, Ryann Taylor, Micaela Taylor, Michael, Rashonda (Ben), and Corey Shannon; 12 Great-grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Homegoing Celebration (Private-Family Only)

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Griffin Chapel United Methodist Church  
212 West Main Street  
Starkville, MS 39759

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ God blessed cousin with a wonderful life. A life of love and service.  
RIP.

Peggy Rogers - September 18, 2021 at 09:40 AM

LC

“ Lois Childs-O'Neal lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.



Lois Childs-O'Neal - August 31, 2021 at 09:58 PM

CC

“ Carlene Crawford Chandler lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.



Carlene Crawford Chandler - August 29, 2021 at 06:59 PM

CC

*Praying for the Taylor Family*

Carlene Crawford Chandler - August 29, 2021 at 07:00 PM

JA

“ *Jenette Ashford-Peters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.*



**Jenette Ashford-Peters** - August 29, 2021 at 06:44 PM

AO

“ *Praying for the family Sam an Ann(Taylor) Outlaw Lawrenceburg, Tn*



**Ann Taylor Outlaw** - August 29, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr..*



August 29, 2021 at 02:54 PM

MA

“ *Mary Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.*



**Mary adams** - August 28, 2021 at 10:50 AM

MA

*Rip*

Mary adams - August 28, 2021 at 10:51 AM

MA

*Rip*

Mary adams - August 28, 2021 at 10:51 AM

AN

“ Annie Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.



Annie Norman - August 27, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr..



August 27, 2021 at 07:45 PM

GB

“ May the memories you hold in your heart bring peace and comfort at this time.  
Gloria Blunt and Family



Gloria M Blunt - August 27, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr..



August 27, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ It was with great sadness I read of “Mr. Monkey’s” passing. I have known him and “Mrs.Mag” since We lived just behind them over 60 years ago. They were always kind to my family and we certainly appreciated the taxi rides gratis that Mr. Monkey provided us as we walked in the Summer heat. 😊 Diane, my heart goes out to you and your family. Your father was a wonderful part of our community and speaking for my mother and brothers, we were indeed proud to know him. Linda Robinson Milton

Linda Robinson Milton - August 27, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ ROSEMARY COOPER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.



ROSEMARY COOPER - August 27, 2021 at 08:23 AM

MM

“ *Marguerite Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.*



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**Marguerite Moore** - August 27, 2021 at 08:00 AM

RR

“ *Rosa Rice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.*



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**Rosa Rice** - August 27, 2021 at 01:56 AM

DM

“ *My condolences, love, and prayers are with the Taylor Family. I pray that God’s grace grants you strength and comfort as you remember the awesome memories of your father, Mr. Roosevelt “Monkey” Taylor. He was truly a voice of wisdom and kindness to many in our community. As a young girl, I can remember my family riding in his taxi, before we were blessed to purchase a vehicle of our own. He was always a gentleman who beamed of respect to and for others. And, my fore parents respected him. So thankful for a his life well-lived and his children are beautiful examples of the loving disciplined upbringing that he and Mrs. “Mag” provided. Peace, blessings, and love to each of you, especially my classmate, Pastor Ronnie Taylor. Always, Dr. Helen Patton Moore*

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**Dr. Helen R. Patton Moore** - August 26, 2021 at 11:30 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Willie Thomas & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.*



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**Rev. Willie Thomas & family** - August 26, 2021 at 10:58 PM

AF

“ *Allen Robinson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Taylor Sr.*



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**Allen Robinson & Family** - August 26, 2021 at 10:47 PM

RG

“ *My Condolences and prayers for you Taylor Family.* 🕊️🏠🕊️💜



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**rosiesmith817@gmail.com** - August 26, 2021 at 07:49 PM