

## Mr. Otis Junior Taylor

July 12, 1933 - December 30, 2019

TAYLOR, Mr. Otis Junior - Age 86, passed away Monday, December 30, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, January 6, 2020 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw Street, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller Jr. officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Mr. Taylor will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday, with the family present from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Mr. Otis Junior Taylor, 86 of Flint, Michigan entered eternal rest on Monday, December 30th at his home. Mr. Taylor was born on July 12, 1933 in El Dorado, Arkansas the only son of Odie and Carrie Taylor.

Mr. Taylor retired from General Motors AC Spark Plugs in 1987. At General Motors he started his career as a Stock Boy, then was promoted to Foreman, General Foreman and then Plant Superintendent. He also served on the Genesee County Department of Mental Health Board of Directors for many years.

Mr. Taylor was a devoted member of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where he served faithfully as a Trustee and in the Music Ministry. He enjoyed playing golf and was supportive of his children's and grandchildren's activities and special events. Mr. Taylor enjoyed traveling with his wife Vertie

and they were both part of the travel club.

When Mr. Taylor would walk into the room, he had an innate ability to connect with all generations (young and old). He would have special saying that he would impart on individuals, such as "Take God with You".

Mr. Otis Junior Taylor leaves to cherish his memory,: his loving and devoted wife of 66 years, Vertie Lee (Jackson) Taylor; daughter, Pamela (Henry) Holden of Girard ,OH; 5 sons, Ricky (Joyce) Taylor of Southfield, MI, Michael (Juanda) Taylor of Solon, OH, Gregory Taylor of Ann Arbor, MI, Darryl (Kimberly) Taylor of Rockhill, SC, Anthony Watkins of Chicago, IL; grandchildren, Nickole Taylor, Ricky Taylor Jr., Henry Holden III, Lydia Holden, Tyler Taylor, Jaron Taylor, Aaron Taylor, Alexandria Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Robert Matthew Taylor; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Queen Esther French of Mt. Morris, MI and Anna Faye Robinson of Flint, MI; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Odie and Carrie Taylor, he was preceded in death by son, Ray Jackson; granddaughter, Rachael Taylor; and 2 brothers-in-law, Bonnie French and Albert Jackson.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**JAN 5.** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

**JAN 6.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
4805 N. Saginaw Street  
Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
4805 N. Saginaw Street  
Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *God is here to guide us through all things in life including this difficult time in yours. Know that His comfort , love and support is shared by us all. You are in our prayers. Cousin, Earlene Elliott, Camden, Arkansas*

**Earlene Elliott** - January 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Otis. Will continue to pray for you. A beautiful couples that I enjoyed talking and working with. They were very much in loved with each other. God Bless.*

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence*

*Marietta Ga.*



**Mae Vern Spence** - January 11, 2020 at 04:57 AM



“ *Sharon Webb-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



**Sharon Webb-Williams** - January 08, 2020 at 11:25 AM

CD

“ *Chanda And Dora lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Chanda and Dora** - January 08, 2020 at 11:10 AM

DW

“ *Derrek & Regina Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Derrek & Regina Williams** - January 08, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Kimberly Hall-Miller** - January 07, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MT

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with the entire Taylor family during this time of bereavement.*

*Marcia Hedrick-Teer & Family*

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**Marcia Teer** - January 07, 2020 at 01:53 AM

LA

“ *Lewis&Renee Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Lewis&Renee Allen** - January 06, 2020 at 11:56 PM

BG

“ *To the Taylor Family,  
I was fortunate to have worked with Otis at AC Spark Plug for many years. I knew him as a general supervisor in the steel shearing room and material handling group, as well as general supervisor in the Customer Service department. Otis was a well liked person, a very good supervisor, and a dedicated, hard worker. He was a pleasure to be around, laughed easily, and maintained an even disposition even when confronted with the typical issues of factory life. Although we lost contact after he retired, I will remember him fondly. My prayers and thoughts go out to his entire family.  
In memory, Bill Gross*

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**Bill Gross** - January 06, 2020 at 05:36 PM

CF

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Taylor family, and my deepest sympathies.*

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**Craig Fields** - January 06, 2020 at 03:49 PM

MH

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family during this difficult time.  
Myra Hughes*

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**myra Hughes** - January 06, 2020 at 03:16 PM

BD

“ *Brenda DILWORTH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Brenda DILWORTH** - January 06, 2020 at 02:50 PM

RF

“ *RENEE (HILL) SYKES AND FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**RENEE (HILL) SYKES AND FAMILY** - January 06, 2020 at 02:01 PM

JR

“ *Rest in peace. Love and sympathy to the family. Cousin Jerelene Roberson and family Kansas City, Missouri.*

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**Jerelene Roberson** - January 06, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Julia Gamble** - January 06, 2020 at 11:08 AM

CM

“ Charles Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



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**Charles Miller** - January 06, 2020 at 10:44 AM

TI

“ The Isaac and Koger Families extend our love and prayers to the Taylor family. Mr. Taylor was tall in stature and tall in his faith. He loved God, his family, and others. He and Mrs. Vertie will hold a very dear part in our hearts. May God continue to be with you today and in the days ahead.

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**Trina Isaac** - January 06, 2020 at 10:13 AM

SL

“ We will miss Otis! He was such a nice person and loved to keep you smiling! Once he brought a photo to show me of my Uncle James Luckado as his BEST MAN in his wedding. He will truly to missed!

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**Shirley Luckado-McReynolds** - January 06, 2020 at 08:49 AM

VS

“ Valerie C Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



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**Valerie C Southall** - January 06, 2020 at 07:53 AM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Jean Durrett** - January 06, 2020 at 02:44 AM

MD

“ *Michele Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Michele Davis** - January 05, 2020 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ *The Driskell Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**The Driskell Family** - January 05, 2020 at 05:27 PM

CS

“ *Connie Spight-Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Connie Spight-Graham** - January 05, 2020 at 03:48 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Carolyn Spight - January 05, 2020 at 01:23 PM

VP

“ To the Taylor Family,  
On behalf of the Perry and Tabor Family we extend our deepest deepest sympathy. Our families have known each other well over 70 years. Please know that Mr. Otis has always held a special place in our hearts.

Vera “Julie” Perry - January 05, 2020 at 12:23 PM

MF

“ Mackey-Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



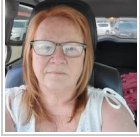
Mackey-Smith Family - January 05, 2020 at 02:13 AM

VF

“ May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.



Violet Warner-Eldridge and Family - January 05, 2020 at 12:28 AM



“ To Mr Taylor's Family,  
My prayers and love to you all. I will never  
forget Mr Taylor he was a very big blessing to  
all. I pray God give you the strength and love  
you need . My love always



Pamela Williams - January 04, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ Our Condolences to the Taylor family in the  
passing of your love one.  
Lawrence Townsel



Lawrence Townsel - January 04, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Taylor  
and the entire family.



Jimmie Maxwell - January 04, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Mr. Taylor will be missed.He always had a  
kind word or advise on life.O.T was the man a  
role model for all that knew him. I thank God I  
had a chance to know this Great man.



Clyde Bell - January 04, 2020 at 02:23 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Sandra Cabine** - January 04, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor.*



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January 04, 2020 at 05:57 AM

KS

“ SOMEONE THAT WE ALL LOVE DEARLY ONCE PENNED THESE BEAUTIFUL WORDS THAT WE WILL SHARE WITH YOU TODAY...

*LETTER OF CONDOLENCE*

*In Loving Memory of*

*Otis Junior Taylor*

*“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” St. John 11: 25-26*

*Special thoughts and sincere prayers are with the entire family of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor during these hours of sadness.*

*May it comfort you to know, though our words are few, and while no one can fully share the sorrow that death brings, we share with the family in your loss. We know that your faith and trust in Him who comforts all will give you the strength and courage to endure the passing of your loved one.*

*We the Board of Trustees of The Kym Sellers Foundation desire to express our prayers, support and respect to Mr. Michael Taylor and family, and;*

*We hope that you will find some small measure of comfort in knowing that others share with you. Our prayers are with you and yours as we extend our heartfelt sympathy.*

*Humbly submitted,*

*Kym Sellers, President*

*The Kym Sellers Foundation*

*13815 Kinsman Road, Cleveland OH 44120*

*[www.kymsellersfoundation.org](http://www.kymsellersfoundation.org)*

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**Kym Sellers** - January 03, 2020 at 07:29 PM

BB

*Sorry for your lost Rick, Derrick & Brenda offer special condolences. Remember all the good times as you & your Family heal Love ya*

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**Brenda Brown** - January 04, 2020 at 07:05 PM

AJ

“ To my family!!!! I am so very, very, very Saddened to hear of the passing of Pop Taylor!!! He was such a good man!!!! My heart and prayers go out to you!!!!

*Alfanzo C. Howard Jr ( Rays Brother)*

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**Alfanzo C. Howard Jr** - January 03, 2020 at 06:13 PM

TF

“ The LeFebvre Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor.



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**The LeFebvre Family** - January 03, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor.



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January 03, 2020 at 04:00 PM

YT

“ Your Market Managers & Teams purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor.



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**Your Market Managers & Teams** - January 03, 2020 at 11:53 AM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



**Vivian Kelley** - January 03, 2020 at 11:38 AM

SE

“ *Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



**Sandra Epps** - January 03, 2020 at 10:58 AM

RA

“ *RaynettaSpeed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



**RaynettaSpeed** - January 03, 2020 at 09:51 AM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to the Taylor Family.*



**Diane White-Broden** - January 02, 2020 at 10:34 PM

MT

“ Mitchell & Ella Teamer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Mitchell & Ella Teamer - January 02, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CR

“ Cynthia Roland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Cynthia Roland - January 02, 2020 at 06:29 PM

DW

“ Dr. Teressa Watts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Dr. Teressa Watts - January 02, 2020 at 04:11 PM

CM

“ Cynthia McKoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Cynthia McKoy - January 02, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ To the Taylor family may God sustain you and give you strength during this most difficult time. From the Relerford family.

Ozell Burns - January 02, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Ozell Burns sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Ozell Burns - January 02, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Maxine Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Maxine Adams - January 02, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Maxine Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Maxine Adams - January 02, 2020 at 09:57 AM

CH

“ Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Cynthia Higgins - January 02, 2020 at 09:29 AM

RG

“ Rev Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Rev Gilbert - January 02, 2020 at 09:23 AM

LH

PRAYING for the Taylor family. Casting all your cares upon HIM; FOR HE CS

PRAYING for Otis Taylor Family. CASTING ALL YOUR CARES UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU.

Linda Hamilton - January 02, 2020 at 09:21 PM

FS

“ Faye Starling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Faye starling - January 02, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



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**Jean Durrett** - January 01, 2020 at 09:24 PM

JR

“ Otis Taylor - the Patriarch of the Taylor Family. A life well lived, a job well done. May his memory be for a blessing.

*From the Ridgway Family*

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**June Ridgway** - January 01, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Dora Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



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**Dora Daniels** - January 01, 2020 at 08:16 PM

“ There are so many memories I could share about Otis, but my favorite memories are of he and my father, Robert. There was tremendous love between them. Whenever they got together it was loud. It loud like "sitting in front of a speaker at a concert" loud. They really should have had their own decibel measurement. It was even louder when the two of them and my Uncle Roy (Bryant) were together. Roy couldn't hang as well as Otis and Daddy, but he tried.

*I think the noise drove my mother a little crazy, but I loved it! Their reunions were seismic, rumbling, boisterous, hellacious fun, starting early in the morning and going well into the night. Sometimes it was propelled by a good drink, but it was mainly two men who just loved each other to death. Whenever Otis left L. A. after a visit, the house was quiet and not nearly as much fun. If it was Daddy, who had come home after a visit, he seemed to get quiet and sentimental.*

*The first time I remember meeting "Brother" was during a road trip my parents, grandmother and I took. I think Brother's house was the first place we stopped when we got into town. He gave me my first sip of beer- I think I was about ten. I remember him giving me this look like "Lord have mercy! Girl, come and have a sip. It ain't gonna kill you." I've been in love with him ever since.*

*My mom's favorite memory of Brother was when she and my father flew Flint. Faye knew they were coming but Brother didn't. When they got to her house, they put away their luggage and hid in Faye's bedroom. Faye called Brother and told him she was having problems with a guy and would he please come over. When he got there, Faye was sitting with her head in her hands and told him the guy was in her bedroom. When he got there, and my father opened the door, they hugged each other, jumping up and down and laughing. Brother was so surprised, and they were so happy to see each other, that they fell over on Faye's bed and broke it. For my mom, there was something about that visit that just deepened the love Brother and Daddy had for each other.*

*To our Flint Family, we love you and hold you in our hearts. Thank you for sharing your husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and brother with us.*

*"The loss is immeasurable, but so is the love left behind."*

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**Rochelle Williams** - January 01, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DR

“ *I knew Otis as a board member at CMH ( now GHS) so he was technicality one of my bosses, but I also considered him a friend. His wisdom and compassion served the consumers of Genesee County for many years. Always positive, his calm demeanor and sense of humor defused many tense Board situations. He was a really good board member, but a really great guy. My thoughts are with the family.*

*Danis Russell  
GHS*

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**Dan Russell** - January 01, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Beautiful spirit!! Always taking time to talk giving you his full attention. Always concerned that the family was doing well. Mr Taylor will be missed. Keeping the Taylor family in my thoughts and prayers.*

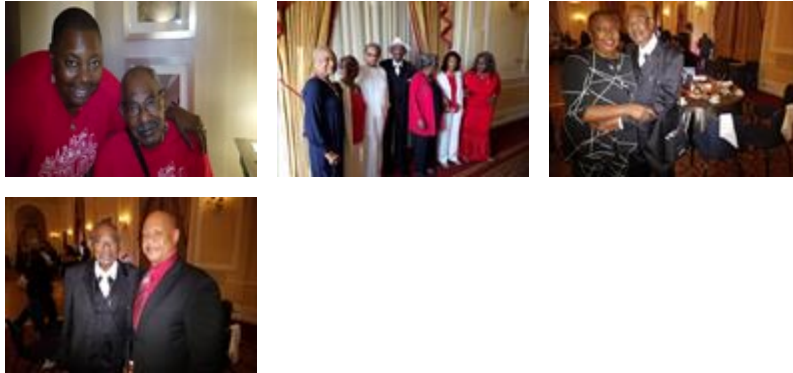


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**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - January 01, 2020 at 06:58 PM

RW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Rochelle Williams - January 01, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Taylor family. It was an honor to know Mr. Taylor... I met him when I worked at Genesee County Community Mental Health...now called Genesee Health System....Mr. Taylor was on the board....he was an upstanding man & always spoke out for what was right for clients & staff.. A job well done sir...rest in peace!!!!

...Mr Taylor you will always be remembered & loved. God bless your family during this most difficult time.



Jacqueline Bridges - January 01, 2020 at 06:00 PM

TG

“ Praying for the Taylor family  
OT will truly be missed by all.



Terry Gates - January 01, 2020 at 03:57 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Cassandra Burks** - January 01, 2020 at 03:56 PM

CG

“ *Praying for your family! Love carmia Griffin*

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**Carmia Griffin** - January 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor.*



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January 01, 2020 at 12:07 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - January 01, 2020 at 01:20 AM

ES

“ *Edwina Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Edwina Sanders** - December 31, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**ReGina Adams** - December 31, 2019 at 07:37 PM

CT

“ *Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor*



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**Connie Taylor** - December 31, 2019 at 06:25 PM

LB

“ *Otis was one of my 1st mentors at GM (AC Spark Plug) when I was co-op student. He was one of the old school kind who truly looked out for the young people coming through. He often expressed his love for his family and college sports. Thoughts and prayers for the Taylor family.*



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**Lisa Cooley Banks** - December 31, 2019 at 04:44 PM

VB

“ My condolences to the Otis Taylor family. You know he was my Uncle Otis and the only one who knew my Dad's nickname for me "PIE" and you came when I needed support the most when my Mom passed. Love always Pie!

Vickie Broome - December 31, 2019 at 03:04 PM

BD

“ Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Brenda Dilworth - December 31, 2019 at 08:23 AM

MJ

“ MINISTER JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



MINISTER JACKSON - December 31, 2019 at 07:58 AM

CD

“ Cheryl Price Dickson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



cheryl Price Dickson - December 31, 2019 at 07:56 AM

DS

“ I find it's only fitting that I be the first to send my condolences to the Taylor Family. My heart was broken when learned of the passing of one of my FAV persons on the earth Mr. T. I am praying GOD'S strength and comfort to the entire family. Sending my love... Deidre Spight~Woodson "D" ❤️



Deidre Spight-Woodson - December 31, 2019 at 01:42 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Carolyn Spight - December 31, 2019 at 12:39 AM

BW

“ Betty Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Junior Taylor



Betty Wesley - December 30, 2019 at 10:17 PM

DS

“ It’s only fitting that I be the first to share my condolences. My heart is hurt today after hearing of the passing of one of my FAV people in this world., Mr. T. You never know when the time will come for you to answer the call. Much love to the entire Taylor Family. Words cannot express my grief. May our GOD bless and keep you all. Prayers and love ..... Deidre Spight-Woodson “D”❤️

Deidre Spight-Woodson - December 30, 2019 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ Rest King. U are with God now My family love your spirit. Be bless. Hartfield family



cheryl Hartfield - December 30, 2019 at 05:53 PM

EL

Very wise man who loved his family

Elnora carthan

Elnora - January 02, 2020 at 07:04 AM

VK

To The Taylor Family, my deepest condolences to you. Odie was a great person to know. Always had kind and encouraging words everyone. I'll miss seeing him on that corner, working in his yard. RIP MY FRIEND. 🙏

🙏 Vivian & April Kelley

Vivian Kelley - January 03, 2020 at 12:21 PM

RF

My condolences to the family of Otis Taylor . " Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might "

Richard and Sandra Ferguson - January 05, 2020 at 07:06 AM