



## James H. Taylor Jr.

April 29, 1948 - November 9, 2024

It is with great sadness that the Taylor family announces that James H. Taylor passed away on November 9, 2024 in his home in Bourbonnais, IL.

He was born in Chicago, IL on April 29, 1948 to James H. Sr. and Geneva Taylor.

He was loved by his friends and family and will be greatly missed, especially by his wife, Marva J. Shipman Taylor.

James was the owner of Taylor Publications, founded in 1972, and the City News, which remains in print today.

He held memberships in numerous journalist's organizations, including the National Association of Black Journalists and the Illinois Press Association. He was also a member of the National Action Network. James was heavily involved in politics and maintained meaningful political relationships at the local and national levels. He had been interviewed by famed TV Show host Bill O'Reilly and worked with Former President, Barack Obama.

He also worked as a child abuse and neglect investigator in Kankakee County for 27 years.

Through his political and civic activities, he fought for freedoms throughout his adult life. He vigorously sought to better others' lives.

He is a member of the College Church of the Nazarene. James had many interests and loved to collect cars and motorcycles.

He is survived by his wife Marva Taylor; Stepchildren, Chris (Tina) Foulks and, Kelly (Danny) Lateano; sons, James Taylor, Jr. (Karla) and Michael Taylor

(Barbara) and their mother, Helen Taylor; numerous grandchildren; sisters, Deborah Thomas, Valerie Taylor, and Shirley Taylor; brothers, John (Yolanda) Taylor and Kenny Taylor (Lisa). He was preceded in death by his parents, James H. Taylor Sr. and Geneva Taylor, and brother-in-law, Tommy Thomas. If you would like to join us in honoring the well lived life of James, a visitation will be held at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in 295 Main St NW in Bourbonnais, IL 60914 on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 from 2-5pm.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Deborah Thomas lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**Deborah Thomas** - November 16, 2024 at 02:50 PM

DT

“ *To my brother James. It was so much fun growing up with you. You were my friend and my protector. As an adult you kept these roles and guarded my life with love and great advice. I am truly going to miss you. Rest my brother, I know we will see each other again.*  
*Your Sister Deb*

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**Deborah Thomas** - November 16, 2024 at 02:44 PM

AL

*Praying for the Entire family ,I will always keep the knowledge you sheared ...Rest Easy King*

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**Alonzocephus@gmail.com** - November 18, 2024 at 09:40 PM

ST

“ *In remembrance of my brother James Taylor. As children I called you Jimbo then as adults I called you Jimmy. Your great advice was unique. Our last conversation on 11/5/2024 will always be remembered and it ended with (I love you). You will ever be in my heart. May you R.I.P. Love Shirley your oldest sister.*

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**Shirley Taylor** - November 14, 2024 at 11:54 AM

CB

*R.I.P. my classmate. Carol Burt*

**Carol Burt** - November 16, 2024 at 10:25 PM

VT

“*Jimmy, thank you for being my protector, advisor, confidant and above all my best friend and big brother. You made me stay focused and grounded in life with your wisdom. I am so glad you called me on 11/8/2024. I will cherish the conversation we had forever, the last words that we said to each other was that we loved each other. The memories that I have of you will last me until I am no more. R.I.H. Your baby sister Val*

**Valerie Taylor** - November 14, 2024 at 08:04 AM

ST

“*Shirley Taylor lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



**Shirley Taylor** - November 13, 2024 at 11:43 PM

DS

“*Dear Marva, Bert and I are saddened to hear of the loss of your dear husband. We wish you our sincere condolences to you and your family. At times like this please remember the beautiful memories that you both shared together.*

*With Love Diane and Bert Jacobson*



**Diane Lynn Siaroff** - November 13, 2024 at 05:01 PM

MM

*To The Taylor Family,  
We are all saddened by the lost of Mr. James Taylor. He was gifted to have the love of God in him to care for so many in all walks of life. His patience and kindness has helped many to mimic his natural behavior. We will never forget his walk in life and will always remember his every word. He will be missed, but not in our hearts. All prayers and condolences to the family and may God bless you.*

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**Mildred Morgan** - November 13, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DT

“ *Tommy and I always treasured our visits when we came to Kankakee. I will always be grateful for the way you comforted me when Tommy died. Rest in peace my dear brother. Love you, your sister Deb.*



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**Deborah Thomas** - November 13, 2024 at 04:50 PM

MH

“ *Condolences to the Family, Mr. Taylor was a one of a kind, with a heart for the residents of Hopkins and Pembroke Township. He held elected officials' hand to the fire. If you were serving your constituent's he would support you. However, if you were not serving your community, he had no problem exposing you. Thank you for the many conversations and your support.*

*Mark A. Hodge  
Mayor, Village of Hopkins Park*

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**Mayor, Mark Hodge** - November 13, 2024 at 04:22 PM

TD

“ *I was saddened to learn of James passing. My condolences to Marva and the entire families. May he rest in peace.*

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**Tom Dandelles** - November 13, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SW

“ *May you rest in peace.*



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**Sharion Wade** - November 13, 2024 at 09:20 AM

CS

“ *Marva, Alan and I send warm condolences on hearing of James' passing.*

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**Chardell Smallwood** - November 12, 2024 at 08:21 PM

VT

“ *Valerie Taylor lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**Valerie Taylor** - November 12, 2024 at 08:03 PM

L(

“ *LaBotta Taylor (niece) lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



LaBotta Taylor (niece) - November 12, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ *JOANN BOX lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



JOANN BOX - November 12, 2024 at 06:21 PM

LE

“ *Laura E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James H. Taylor Jr..*

Laura E. - November 12, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CT

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the the family of Mr Taylor*  
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Cheryl Tall-Hawkins&family - November 12, 2024 at 01:31 PM

DW

“ *I just recently had a long conversation with Mr. Taylor. He reminded me of my father as he was very direct and honest about what he wanted me to know!! My condolences to the family* ❤️

Dr. Genevra Walters - November 12, 2024 at 01:23 PM

RM

“ *Rosetta Mason lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**Rosetta Mason** - November 12, 2024 at 08:24 AM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**Patricia Jamison** - November 11, 2024 at 11:05 PM

AF

“ *Annie Johnson & Family lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**Annie Johnson & Family** - November 11, 2024 at 11:04 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**Cheryl Wilson** - November 11, 2024 at 10:07 PM

RW

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Roscoe Wade - November 11, 2024 at 09:58 PM



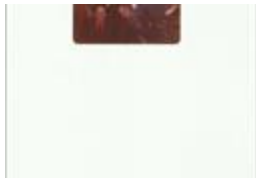
“ My deepest condolences to Marva and the family. May his memory be a blessing.



Bob Schneider - November 11, 2024 at 06:20 PM

VT

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Valerie Taylor - November 11, 2024 at 06:09 PM

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Valerie Taylor - November 11, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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**Valerie Taylor** - November 11, 2024 at 05:18 PM

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**Valerie Taylor** - November 11, 2024 at 05:15 PM

JT

“ John & Yolanda Taylor planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James H. Taylor Jr..

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**John & Yolanda Taylor** - November 11, 2024 at 04:24 PM

JT

“ To my brother, first of all I want to say I love you I'm lost knowing we're not going to be communicating via phone calls, texts or our visits to Mound Grove cemetery to visit our father and my daughter your niece grave sites. The car collection was our favorite topic, the performance of them and the best waxes for the Taylor wet look as I would say. The conversations would also come back never forget where we came from but look where we are at now our mother and father would be proud, thanks for always recognizing my wife Yolanda for all she did and doing we know what you recognized love you.

LOVE YOU MY BROTHER,  
Johnny Pearland, Tx

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**John Taylor** - November 11, 2024 at 03:57 PM

MT

*Thank you all. I enjoyed your memories. He will be so missed. Love*

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**Marva Taylor** - December 04, 2024 at 07:41 AM

GW

*Condolences to the family and friends on the loss of their loved one. May he continue to RIP.*

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**Georgia Warren** - December 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM

NS

“ Nicole Shields lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.



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**Nicole Shields** - November 11, 2024 at 03:53 PM

JT

“ *John Taylor lit a candle in memory of James H. Taylor Jr.*



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**John Taylor** - November 11, 2024 at 03:40 PM