

*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*



*Leroy Taylor, Jr.*

**Sunrise:** March 5, 1930 - **Sunset:** April 15, 2016

*Service*

Friday, April 22, 2016 ~ 11:00 am

*First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens*

771 Somerset Street

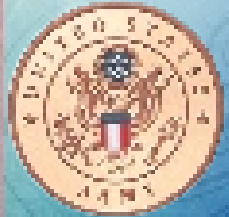
Somerset, New Jersey 08873

**Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Senior Pastor**

**Rev. Errol Cooper, Presiding Minister**

**Rev. Keenan Thomas, Eulogist**

*"Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal.  
Love leaves a memory that no one can steal." ~ Unknown*



## *Life Reflections*

*Leroy Taylor, Jr.* was born on March 5, 1930 in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey to the union of Leroy Taylor and Ursula Jackson Taylor. At the age of eleven, Leroy was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pleasantville, New Jersey. As a young man, he sang on the radio on Sunday mornings with a gospel male chorus. He was educated in the Egg Harbor Public School system and graduated from Pleasantville High School. Leroy was a member of the National Guard for many years until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1955. He served in Germany during peacetime.

In 1955, Leroy married Carrie L. Brown, whom he knew most of his life. From this union, they were blessed with one son, Leroy III and the family lived in Roselle, New Jersey for 40 years.

Leroy was employed as an Inspector and Investigator at the NJ Division of Motor Vehicles for 30 years, retiring in 1987.

He was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church before moving to North Jersey. He joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle in 1960 where he served in several positions including the Usher Board and later as Chairman of the Trustee Board for many years. After moving to Monroe Township in 2000, he joined First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset.

“Junior,” as he was affectionately called, was also a member of the Hayman Civic Association, a political group of Roselle, the Democratic Club of Roselle and other various political groups in Union county. He was also a member of the Roselle Board of Health.

After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his two grandsons. Always fond of choral music, he would be found singing hymns and Christmas carols with his grandsons and family members.

On Friday, April 15, 2016, Leroy Taylor, Jr. departed this earthly life at the Elms of Cranbury Rehabilitation Center in Cranbury, New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters: Ursula Earle, Gladys Hartman, Ellen Hudson and Maymie Jones.

Leroy leaves to cherish loving memories, his devoted wife of 61 years, Carrie L. Taylor; son, Dr. Leroy Taylor, III, and his wife, Patricia; 3 sisters: Valerie Tyler, of Chesapeake, Virginia, Barbara Silver of Dumont, New Jersey and Lillie Freeman of Pleasantville, New Jersey; 2 grandsons: Kyle and Sean; and a host of nieces, nephews and dear family members.

Humbly submitted,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Presiding – Rev. Errol Cooper, Associate Pastor  
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

Musical Prelude.....Lawrence Allen

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalm 23.....Kyle Taylor

New Testament: Ephesians 3:16-19.....Sean Taylor

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon West Coleman  
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

Selection.....“Beams of Heaven”.....Tyrus Bush

Acknowledgements & Expressions.....Rhea Williams

Remarks.....Valerie Tyler  
Lilli Freeman  
Sean Taylor

Selection.....“At the Cross”.....Tyrus Bush

Eulogy.....Rev. Keenan Thomas

Recessional.....“Every Praise”.....Tyrus Bush

## Entombment

Franklin Memorial Park  
North Brunswick, New Jersey

*Following the entombment, family and friends are invited back to the church for refreshment in the Rev. Charlie H. Brown, Jr. Fellowship Hall.*

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*Services Entrusted To:*


**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**  
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## *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends of **Leroy Taylor, Jr.**

### *I'm Free*



Don't grieve for me, for now  
I'm free, I'm following the path  
God laid for me; I took His  
hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it  
all. I could not stay another  
day, to laugh, to love, to  
work, or play; tasks left  
undone must stay that way. I  
found that place at the close  
of the day. If my parting has  
left a void, then fill it with  
remembered joy, a friendship  
shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah, yes  
these things I too will miss. Be not  
burdened with times of sorrow; I wish  
you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now -- He set me free.

### *Acknowledgement*

Words of thanks seem so inadequate for all of the kindness that has been bestowed upon our family during this difficult time. We thank you for the encouraging visits, the comforting calls, the lovely cards, the delicious food, the beautiful floral arrangements and the sincere words of solace. We are finding strength in knowing that Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. May God bless you all richly for blessing us.

~ The Family ~

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you  
I  
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