

In Loving Memory of
Stella Stephanie Taylor

Sunrise
January 22, 1922

Sunset
June 15, 2017



Friday, June 23, 2017- 11:00 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

66 South Grove Street

East Orange, New Jersey 07018

Rev. Dr. Joseph Oniyama, Officiating

Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Stella Stephanie Taylor was known as “Mommy” to some, “Sister Stella” to others, “Aunt Stella” and “Granny” to many, and “Mother Taylor” to her church family. The daughter of Selina and Frank Adolphus Huntley, Stella was born on January 22, 1922, a day after her twin brother, Ovid Steve Huntley. The third of 11 children, Stella grew up in Georgetown, Guyana, where she attended St. Mary’s Roman Catholic School.

Stella studied shorthand and typewriting during evening lessons and later earned a position as a stenotypist at the Town Hall of New Amsterdam, Guyana. In 1950, she met and married Patrick Andrew Taylor, a co-worker at the New Amsterdam Town Hall.

While raising her family, Stella opened Stella Taylor’s Business School in 1960, where she taught shorthand, typewriting and English, preparing students for court reporting and entrance into the Guyana Civil Service. Stella’s passion for education motivated her to actively mentor students in their lives beyond the classroom. Her life was dedicated to teaching for over 20 years. One of Stella’s pastimes was feeding and clothing the homeless and less fortunate. She modeled these values to her siblings, children and grandchildren, remembering the support her own parents received from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

During the ‘70s, Stella became a member of the Worldwide Church of God, now known as Grace Communion International. She maintained a close relationship with that church community during visits with her daughter, Gillian and son-in-law, Desmond in the Bahamas.

In 2003, Stella moved to the US to live with her youngest daughter, Shalomah and son-in-law, Moriyah. She joined the Calvary Baptist Church, where she attended Sunday school and services regularly, becoming a beloved member of the community. Stella was a woman who truly loved her Lord and was always eager to share her faith in Him and His blessings with others. One of her greatest joys was when someone accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and she rejoiced with the statement, “One more for Jesus.” Stella loved to read, sew and take long walks in the afternoons. She spent many hours teaching her children and grandchildren the Psalms.

Stella departed this life on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Stella’s siblings are Vera Pollard, Steve Huntley, Yvonne Huntley, Rudolph Huntley (all deceased), Eric Huntley, Cyril Huntley, Nicholas Huntley, Patrick Huntley, Patsy Clark and Audrey Bellamy. Stella is survived by her six children, Patrick Taylor, Karin Taylor, Gillian Curling, Sean Taylor, Vanessa Gomes and Shaaron Webster (also known as Shalomah); daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia Taylor-Jeffrey, Desmond Curling, Hortense Taylor, Richard Gomes and Wesley Webster (also known as Moriyah). She leaves behind 16 grandchildren, Cerise, Melissa, Rebecca, Andrew, Richard Jr., Patrick Jr., Philip, Danica, Heather, Katrina (Keturah), Wesley II (Yehudah), Vijoya, Lydia, Kristina, Yael and Matthew; and 7 great-grandchildren, Jaelya, Jahmiya, Olivia, Andrew II, Ava, Zehira and Hadassah; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Our dear mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend will be deeply missed.

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort“Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of ComfortReverend Webb
Scripture Readings
Psalms 23Danica Gomes
Hebrews 1:1-9Heather Naval
SoloRebecca Knowles “Because He Lives”
Remarks.....Family and Friends..... 2 Minutes Please
Acknowledgments and Resolutions
Obituary.....Cerise Taylor
SoloNicholas Huntley “I Cannot Tell Why”
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Joseph Oniyama
Recessional Hymn.....“Soon and Very Soon”.....Clergy and Family

Interment

*Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07107*

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited
back for a repast in the church fellowship hall.*

Psalms 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pallbearers

Andrew Curling	Philip Curling
Patrick Taylor III	Richard Gomes
Yehudah Webster	Mathew Curling

Acknowledgement

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