



## Edith Viola Taylor

March 15, 1926 - April 20, 2008

Edith Viola Hunter Taylor was born March 15, 1926 in Hanover County to parents, Joseph and Irene Hunter. She was one of eight children blessed to this beloved family. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; sisters, Mable Walker, Dorothy Gaines, Elsie Thompson; brothers, Gordon, Peyton, Stuart and Otis Hunter. Edith accepted Jesus as her Savior at an early age and remained a faithful member of the First Union Baptist Church throughout her life. She served on the Deaconess Board, E.C. Kent Gospel Chorus, Senior Choir and Women's Auxiliary of the Chickohamony Deaconess Conference of which she was the first secretary. Deaconess Taylor also served at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church with her husband, Deacon Williard Taylor, who preceded her in death. After graduating from Hanover Training School, now J.M. Gandy, Edith was employed with John Marshall Hotel and retired from F.W. Woolworth Department Store after 40 years of faithful service. Deaconess Taylor was a well-loved manager at a restaurant that in her early years would not seat and serve, or promote persons of color. She believed her faith in God would transcend everything in due time. She married her high school sweetheart, Williard and though no children were born of this union, she raised the only child of her sister Mabel at her death. Little Carolyn came into Edith's life at the age of ten and they remained together until Edith passed into her eternal rest. She also became a surrogate for niece Audrey, who lost her mother at an early age. As a matter of fact, upon the death of all her siblings, Edith mentored the lives of her nieces

and nephews; maintaining a close relationship with each of them to the end as well. Deaconess Taylor loved attending church and singing in the choir until her health moved her into assisted living. But she did not let that stop her desire and during her stay at Ginter Hall she formed a group that traveled around to other assisted living facilities to spread joy and cheer through prayer and song. For many years she shared her time with her nieces and nephews during annual family fellowships and holiday dinners. During the holiday seasons in recent years she fell in love with Tiger Woods and follow the tournament everyday on television until he won the championship, a green jacket and a Buick. You'd ask, "how is Tiger doing" and she would give you that great smile of hers. She leaves to cherish her memory, sister-in-law, Roslie (Minnie) Johnson (of Maryland); brother-in-law, Howard Walker; nieces, C. Andrena Johnson (devoted), Audrey Hunter, Wanda Bell (of Texas), Marva Davis, Easter Duckinfield (Hartwell), Arnita Conner, Shelia Mitchell (Floyd), Irene Hicks (Wendell, Jr.), Valerie Artis (Richard), Doretha Laughinghouse (Shelton), DeAudrey Hunter, Laurietta Allen (John), Jewel Baker (Steven) (of Maryland), Vinceretta Reid, Sharon McCloud, Malva Garrison. Nephews, Ellis Hunter, Joe Hunter, Gordon Hunter, Jr. (Eyvone), Tyrone Johnson (Nadiyah), Kenneth Johnson (Shelia), Anthony Jackson (Eva) (of Maryland); several cousins, Vernell Giles (devoted); several great nieces and great nephews, Darlete Johnson (devoted); other loving relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed; this woman who taught many that a quiet demeanor and a pleasant smile could render a strong woman, loving surrogate, dutiful wife, respected manager, empowering mentor and caring friend.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edith Viola Taylor*

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“ *To the family. I would to extend my deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. At a time filled with so much sorrow I hope that you are able to find comfort and hope in the promises recorded in the scriptures, which were written so that through our endurance we may be comforted and have hope. (Romans 15:4) A very heartwarming scripture is found at Isaiah the 25th chapter, verses 8 and 9. It states: “He (Jehovah God) will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. . . . And in that day one will certainly say: ‘Look! This is our God. We have hoped in him, and he will save us. This is Jehovah. We have hoped in him. Let us be joyful and rejoice in the salvation by him.’” What a time to look forward to! May God’s word the Bible ease your pain as we await the fulfillment of these wonderful promises.##imported-begin##Sausha S.##imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mrs. Taylor. Acts 24:15 loving declares: "There is going to be a resurrection." May you receive much comfort and strength every time you think about this wonderful resurrection hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Mrs. Hill##imported-end##*

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“ I offer my sincere condolences for your loss. One day there will be no more sickness, pain, or death, because Jehovah will do away with death forever. Why can we believe this? We can believe all that Jehovah promises, because the bible says of him that it is impossible for God to lie. Heb 6:18. Also when we look at his dealings with people in the past he never failed to carry out his word. Isaiah 55:11 says, my word will not return to me without results, but it will have certain success for which I have sent it. Jehovah has promised a resurrection for those who have died. No matter how hard doctors and scientists strive to extend our lives; they cannot stop us from dying, nor do they understand why we die. Only Jehovah, our all powerful and loving creator, knows the reasons for death, and only he has the power to end it. Psalm 68:20 tells us this: "The true God is for us a God of saving acts, and to Jehovah belong the ways out from death." Through his son Jesus, the dead will awaken from the sleep of death. At John 11:25 Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. "Everyone exercising faith in me even though he dies, will come to life." May you find much comfort and strength in Jehovah"s promises to help you to cope in the days ahead.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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