



## **Dr. Edward Franklin Taylor, III**

May 14, 1944 - February 21, 2019

On Mother's Day, May 14, 1944, Dr. Edward Franklin Taylor III was the first child to be born to his parents, Mrs. Opheila Hubert and Mr. Edward F. Taylor, Jr. in Hampton, Virginia.

His former education was completed at George P. Phenix High School class of 1962. He was the first student of his high school to obtain a scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship foundation. Edward had a desire to become an Engineer. He chose the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Rensselaer was the first school in the English – speaking world to grant degrees in engineering and in science. Befitting for Edward to have chosen that school to earn his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree. He was on the Dean's list, a member of LCR (Honorary service fraternity for electrical engineering students), and Eta Kappa Nu the Electrical Engineering Scholastic Honorary Fraternity.

Upon leaving Troy, New York, Edward moved to California to pursue greater achievements in graduate school at Stanford University where he earned his Doctorate's degree in Electrical Engineering. He remained in California to begin his initial employment with Hewlett-Packard. In later years, he returned to his hometown of Hampton where he was gainfully employed at NASA Langley until his retirement.

After the passing of his dear mother, Edward returned to California to be closer to his dear sister, Lillie Taylor-Marsalis and her family.

Edward was indeed one of the most brilliant intellectual, kindest, humble, generous and unselfish persons anyone would have the honor to have known.

Dr. Edward Taylor was an avid traveler. It wasn't a problem for him, wherever in the world he journeyed to, he would rent a vehicle, purchase a map and become his own tour guide. He was a jazz enthusiast, great historian and had a love for computers.

Edward leaves to cherish his memory a dear beloved wife, Joyce Ann Taylor of 21 years; three step-daughters, Karen, Deitra and Dawn; two step-granddaughters, Shannon and Zahra; one step- great-granddaughter, A'reya; niece, Camile Marsalis Howard (David); great nephew, David Howard II; great niece Allysha; two sisters-in-law, Maxine Green (June) and Evelyn Twyman (devoted); brother-in-law, Gregory Cheatham (Deborah); devoted cousins, Adella Jacqueline Foster and Deborah Williams; four devoted friends, Kelly Jacobs (Mary), Theodore Powell and Audrey Jacobs; a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Memorial Gardens

155 Butler Farm Road  
Hampton, VA 23666

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service at First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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155 Butler Farm Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Edward Franklin Taylor, III*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 26, 2019 at 11:52 AM