



Joyce Taylor

July 25, 1933 - May 6, 2010

Joyce Margaret Young Taylor was born on July 25, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the second oldest child of Bessie Henry Young and William Roman Young, and had two sisters, Ernestine and Delores, who preceded her in death, and one brother, Odell Henry, who survives her. She passed away unexpectedly on May 6, 2010 of a cerebral aneurysm. Joyce graduated with honors from Frederick Douglass High School, class of 1951, and began her collegiate career at Morgan State College. She graduated with a BA degree in Education from Coppin State Teachers College (now Coppin University) in 1957. She later obtained her Masters degree in Library Science from Towson State University. Upon her graduation, she began a long and rewarding career with the Baltimore Public Schools, starting as an elementary classroom teacher and shifting to middle and senior high school librarian later in her career. She was a mentor and source of inspiration to many of her students. On May 17, 1958, Joyce was united in marriage to John Allen Taylor by the Reverend George M. Edwards of Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E Zion Church. Their union flourished and remained intact until her passing. They were dedicated to each other and their children and served as each other's support during the 52 year journey of their marriage. They had four daughters: Jonetta, Linda, Jocelyn, and Lori. Joyce was an active and supportive member of the Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church for her entire life. She was a member of the Young Women's Progressive Club, the Board of Christian Education, the Maryland Club, and the Women's Home Overseas Missionary

Society. Most recently, she was one of the co-chairs of the Hymnal Committee. It was Joyce's dream to see the hymnals of the church replenished to support the church's services and rituals, and in the days just before her death, she had seen this project through to its successful conclusion. She treasured the church and the fellowship she found there. Her faith in God was resolute. During moments of joy and crisis she turned to God in prayer and praise. Joyce loved music. She loved the singing of hymns and to hear the great anthems. She loved to sing and often would sing or hum along to music. She was an avid reader and was a member of a book club. Joyce was an ardent lover of the arts, traveling and a shopper extraordinaire. She loved to go to museums, concerts and the theater. She spent many Sunday afternoons attending concerts or attending Center Stage Theatre. Her travels included trips in and outside of the United States. One of her fondest memories is a family reunion vacation with her daughters and grandchildren in the Netherlands. She was a spontaneous day-tripper, going up the road to Delaware or West Virginia. As a shopper, Joyce could find the best deal for anything. Joyce also led a full civic life. She was deeply involved with the League of Women's Voters of Baltimore and worked on many activities, including serving as a Debate Committee Chair, organizing fundraising events, and conducting issue awareness campaigns. She was appointed to the Auction Advisory Board of Baltimore by Mayor Donald Schaefer, was a member of the PTAs in the various schools that her children attended, and led a Girl Scout troop for many years. Other associations included membership in the Windsor Hills Neighbors, the Association of American University Women, and the Women's Business and Professional Club. She was also an early supporter of the House of Ruth and a life-long member of the NAACP. Among her nicknames were Mrs. T, Mama Joyce, and Duchess. She embraced the role of mother for many, ready with advice and love. She was well known for her generosity. She thrived when around young people and loved to sit, listen, and enjoy the company of others. She especially enjoyed being with family. Her daughters and grandsons were the

lights of her life and she would often start conversations with “ Hello Love” and hold out her hand for a “love touch”. Besides her husband and daughters, Joyce Young Taylor leaves to cherish fond memories three grandsons, Jonathan Newton, Christopher Newton, and Louis Papsdorf, sons-in-law Anthony Newton and Robert Papsdorf, a special cousin Gretha Keith, brothers-in-law Samuel Jackson and William Hall, sisters-in-law Claudia Henry and Cora Lovelist, many nieces and nephews, and a host of loving family and friends.

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful hope of Jehovah God and his only-begotten son Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ The pain of losing someone you love can be overwhelming; I too know that pain. May you find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, he will by means of his son Jesus 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##

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“ That was a beautiful service yesterday for a beautiful woman. Thanks for the priviledge of attending.##imported-begin##ajax eastman##imported-end##

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“ My family extends to all of you our sympathy. Joyce was a friend of my parents for over 50 years and a colleague of my husband at Walbrook. In the last few years, Sis. Joyce supported my ministry at the Charity A.M.E. Zion Church. We thank God for her kindness and her candor. She will be remembered fondly by all of us. May God bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Rev. Angela Maxwell Brown##imported-end##

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“ We hope you draw comfort in the knowledge that God is with us Always as he guides us along the path through our physical life to our eternal life with him in paradise.##imported-begin##Kelly & Roy Higgins##imported-end##

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