



Mr. Sammie Howard Taylor

May 14, 1945 - June 26, 2008

Mr. Sammie Howard Taylor was called to Eternal Life from home Thursday June 26, 2008. He was born May 14, 1945 in Paducah Kentucky, the son of Sammie E. Taylor and Frankie M. Howard-Rhea. He moved to Kalamazoo Michigan in 1956 where he later met and married the love of his life, Patricia (Pat). Sammie was the proud father of Brian Keith and Kevin Lamar. With the union of his beautiful wife Patricia, they proudly shared his one and only daughter, Dawn Marie (Douglas Leonard Essix, Sr.), and four sons, Sean Rhea and Christopher Edward, Michael Aaron and Andre Phillip.

Sammie attended and graduated from the Kalamazoo Public School system and received other special vocational training to succeed in his field of endeavor. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving in Germany. He was employed as a Quality Control Engineer for Checker Motors for over 30 years where his skills were highly recognized. A dedicated and faithful Christian, Sammie was an active member of Bethel Star Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Baker. Some of the positions held by Sammie were Deacon, Chairman of Trustee Board, Sunday School Teacher and Praise Team Leader. He was greatly admired and respected by Pastor(s) and congregation(s) members. Sammie was always studying and sharing God's Word. He was a man of great faith. He

lived and breathed the scriptures he believed in. Sammie was greatly respected for his leadership abilities, motivational skills and supportive nature. He found the good in all he met and was always a gracious host. His family was the most important part of his life. A great father and husband, Sammie was full of love of family and spent all his time making his family and friends happy. He was always the family photographer. He especially loved his Mother who raised him to become the great man he was. She stood beside him through the illness of both he and his wife. Mother Rhea has been a nurse, friend, confidant, caregiver and never ending nurturer of faith. She has prayed with him, sang to him, read the word with and to him, encouraged him and saw him through the good times and the challenges of life until his last breath. She has gone over and above the duty of a mother in every way. She has shown love and compassion in every way possible as only a mother could. A special tribute goes to a friend and brother, Elder Michael Holland; Missionary Catherine White and Missionary Mary Carver who all comforted, cared and prayed for him, stood by his side until the Lord called him home. Sammie was preceded in death by his wife Pat, two sons, Sean Rhea and Christopher Edward; and 2 brothers, Willie T. Taylor and Fred Taylor.

He leaves to mourn his mother, Frankie Rhea; father, Sammie E. Taylor (Dorothy); daughter, Dawn Marie (Douglas Leonard Essix, Sr.), 4 sons, Brian Keith of Seattle, WA, Kevin Lamar (Annie), of Indianapolis, IN; Michael Aaron and Andre Phillip of Kalamazoo MI; 4 sisters, Vanessa Knight (Bennie) and Denise Marshall of Paducah KY; Gloria Jean Colvin of IN; Karen Hampton, of Holland MI; 5 brothers, Jonathan Rhea of Houston TX, David Taylor and Mark Taylor (Jaimie) of Paducah KY, Charles Rhea and Terrance Rhea of Kalamazoo MI; 10 grandchildren; special sister-in-law, Fern Taylor and numerous sisters and brothers-in law; special Mothers and friends will cherish and miss him dearly; Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Baker, Pastor and Mrs. Hermon Phillips, Supt. and Mrs. C. G. Charles and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, church family and friends will always remember his

great presence.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
3210 Virginia Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Sammie Howard Taylor*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Sammie Howard Taylor*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *I worked with Sammie at Checker Motors. I consider him a dear friend. He was always the clear voice of reason. I felt so comfortable talking with him about anything. I remember when Sammie told me he had cancer I started to cry. He ended up comforting me and telling me everything was going to be alright. I will miss him very much but I know he is with Pat in Heaven. God Bless!##imported-begin##Denise Mott##imported-end##*

July 08, 2008 at 12:55 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I worked with Sammie for many years and was always inspired by his calm demeanor, regardless of the circumstances.##imported-begin##James Walker##imported-end##*

July 02, 2008 at 08:41 AM



“ We praise God for the priviledge of knowing such and kind, sharing, praying and loving frind and brother. A man who loved the Lord, his family and his friends. Bro Sammie loved people - all people, old, young or any race. He loved seeing people happy. He especilly loved his wife, children, and his mom. One who stood by him and his family through the good and the challenging times. A woman of great courage, faith, hope and charity. A praying mother. A woman who Sammie din't mind letting you know "one who loves and trust God".

It was a privilige to listen to Sammie's stories about his Lord, his family and the people who crossed his path.

He will truly be missed but never forgotten.

Our tribute to our friend & brother###imported-begin###Pastor & Mrs C G Charles###imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 08:11 AM



“ *Sammie was great co-worker and friend for 30 years at Checker Motors. He loved God and his family. He showed me by example how a Godly man lives through good and bad times. Selfishly I have missed him at work. Sammie was good sounding board for me with the Godly perspective that I needed. He loved the annual family reunions. He's having his own family reunion in heaven now. When I think of Sammie it's not unlike Pat his smile was always presence. That not to say we didn't battled. You know how we men can be sometimes we just like messing with each other. I loved our younger days working out at the gym after work and of course the relaxing time in the pool afternoon. Thanks for the basketball lessons and trying to play tennis with me. As much as beat my butt in basketball. I wore your butt out in tennis. You are a good friend say hi to my Dad in heaven. Sorry I will miss you celebration serve. I'm down in Florida. I will see you again*

Love Dan Munn###imported-begin##Dan Munn###imported-end##

June 30, 2008 at 08:06 AM



“ *God allowed us to experience the joy of knowing Sammie Howard during his time here on earth. It was through his mother, I came to know this kind soul. May the family know they have truly been blessed to have such a special person among them.###imported-begin##Linda Moses###imported-end##*

June 29, 2008 at 09:55 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy.
Sammie was a very special person who will be missed.
I believe that the people we love stay alive within us and I hope the
memories of the good times we all have sharred with him will help to
lessen this time of sorrow.
Fondly,
Martin and Anne Bernstein
Philadelphia.##imported-begin##Anne and Martin
Bernstein##imported-end##*

June 29, 2008 at 03:44 PM



“ *Sammie (and Patricia) were wonderful neighbors. Sammie and I
were both Promise Keepers and shared concerns and praises with
each other. Sammie prayed for me on several occasions and I
prayed for him and with him in the garage or in the street. I will
fondly remember the days when we erected the fence in our yards -
a great working relationship. And to this day our small garden will be
sprouting dill which Sammie purchased for us) for the pickles he
used to make) as it comes up yearly. It will always be a reminder to
me about our special relationship. And the green tomatoes we gave
him so he could fry them up as only he could. I will also miss the
smell of his special chicken as he prepared it in the big old drum.
Rest in peace my friend! I'll see you again as my room has already
been prepared along side yours in the Father's mansion in
Heaven.##imported-begin##Kelly THomas Casey##imported-end##*

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