

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Myra Taylor wishes to express our sincere thanks & appreciation for all of the wonderful expressions of concern and love shown during our time of bereavement. Please keep us in your prayers.

Special thanks to Thomas Funeral Home for unparalleled service. We appreciate your commitment to family and love.

*Pallbearers
Friends & Family*

*Floral bearers
Friends & Family*

*Interment
Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, OH*

In Loving Memory



Myra Lucille Taylor

Sunrise: June 23, 1941 Sunset: March 9, 2020

Friday, March 20, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

*Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH 45416*

Reflection of Life

Myra L. Austin Taylor, was born on June 23, 1941 to the late Joseph Austin and Lucille Marks in Union town, Alabama.

Myra was raised in Dayton, Ohio and graduated from Dayton's Dunbar High School, Class of 1959. While at Dunbar she was a member the marching band. Her gift in playing the clarinet earned her a scholarship to Central State University. At Central State she continued her musicianship in the marching and concert bands. She graduated in 1963 with a Bachelors in Elementary Education.

Myra married her college sweetheart, Charles Taylor, III, to which two children were born, Sharon, who preceded her in death, & her beloved Charles, IV, affectionately known as Chuckie.

A passionate educator, Myra began teaching at the Elementary School of the Deaf in Austin, TX in 1964. She relocated in 1965 and began teaching with Dayton Public Schools, where retired with 30+ years of teaching at McNary & Jane Adams Elementary.

Myra had a love for giving back. She was a long-time volunteer with Dayton Little League and volunteered at Welcome Stadium. An avid reader, she enjoyed reading the newspaper most of all, often sharing articles and tips she learned with her family and friends. Myra loved working outdoors and spent many hours in her garden and yard. She cared deeply about the environment, so you would find her picking up litter or cutting grass throughout the neighborhood. She spent time at Mary Scott Nursing Home & around area businesses lessening their impact on the environment.

Myra departed this life on March 9, 2020. She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Charles (Denise) Taylor; granddaughters: Chanise & Ciera Taylor; siblings: Joseph Peter Austin, Carol (Eddie) Heard, George Austin, Emerson Jeter, Jr., and Donna Jeter; Sister-Cousin Carol (James) Thomas and host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View – Family & Friends

Selection

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalms 23 / New Testament: John 14:1-6

Reading of the Obituary

Special Acknowledgements

Chanise & Ciera Taylor

Poem Reading

Kasi Cage

Open Remarks & Reflections

Family & Friends

(please strictly limit to 2 mins each)

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

A Sweet Surrender

I imagine well worn denim
the smell of soil ingrained on your fingertips

I remember the hum of bees
A serenade in your garden
Which was more a fortress to me
A bastille filled with light

And it went without fail that daily,
you would have this growth
this abundance of life on your fingertips
and a story to share

News or old
Familial or international
The world became more nuanced
begged a second glance in your purview

And you, just you
Guarded and unapologetic
You knew the cruelties of the world
and you battled them in your own special
way

Loved.
You are so loved.

Your smile. Bright,
Stern though without sting.
You love in pieces
Slowly shorn over time

Letters in the mail
the happenings of the day
congratulatory promissory notes
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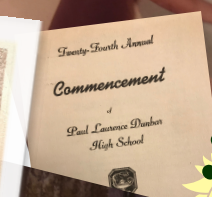
A small token here
"You stay sweet"
An order, a prayer
dearest advice

No one loved the way you do. In pieces, piled up,
love bequeathed over decades,
an intrinsic inheritance.

Soft
As her mother's kiss
the final breath
A sweet surrender
To a life well lived.

By: Kasi Cage

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CENTRAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
PRESENTS THE
College Concert Band
A. A. DICKSON, Conductor
GALLOWAY AUDITORIUM
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1988

Twenty-Fourth Annual
Commencement
of
Paul Laurence Dunbar
High School



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