



Mr. Gene Taylor

August 3, 1940 - March 22, 2025

Gene Taylor, Jr affectionately known as “Junior” by family and friends was born on August 3, 1940 in Auburn, Alabama, West Glenn Street to Ever Lee Taylor Evans and Geams Reese who proceeded him in death. Gene resided in Birmingham, AL with his wife Cassandra Wilkerson Taylor (the love of his life) for over 30 years. He accepted Christ at an early age at Missionary Bell Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Ellis. Gene transitioned from this earthly life to eternity in Birmingham, AL while at home with his beloved wife on March 22, 2025. Gene graduated from Drake High School, Class of 1960 of which he remained very close to. Gene was known as a great athlete in both basketball and football in high school. He was an outgoing, affectionate, sharp dressing man that loved life and his family and friends. He also loved fishing, fish fry’s and gathering with family and friends. His expressions of love and support were often shown and demonstrated with his attendance at school and church

functions/events, family reunions and gatherings and graduations of not only his children, but

also those of most of his nieces, nephews and even their children.

Gene was a dedicated, hardworking man. He started his career as a Long-haul transportation driver, and retired in 2002 from Overnight/UPS Transportation Trucking Co. after 42 years of service.

Cherished Memories and Love are left to: wife, Cassandra Wilkerson Taylor, Birmingham, AL;

daughters, Beryl Hillary, San Antonio, TX, Jena Taylor, Virginia, Serita (Angelo) Groce,

Anniston, AL; son, Jeff Taylor, Atlanta, GA; sisters, Thelma Reese Conway (Ed), Auburn, AL,

Mary Ella Guice, Jonsboro, GA, Mary Lee Woodall (Ralph), Auburn, AL, Mary Jean Jones,

Auburn, AL, Norita (Jeff) Goman, Marietta, GA, Yvonne Reese, Dover, NC; brothers, Wille Joe

Evans (Rita), Selma, AL, Bernard Reese (Sylvia), Auburn, AL, Harold Reese, Auburn, AL; in-

laws, James Wilkerson Jr (Patricia), Jacquetta Chames, Linda Warren (Curtis), Prentice

Wilkerson (Tonya) and Betty Reese a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and close friends. Gene

was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Reese.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

700 Westview Drive
Auburn,, AL 36830

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Lie in state

MAR 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Bell Missionary Baptist Church
348 Foster St
Auburn, AL 36830

Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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348 Foster St
Auburn, AL 36830

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Gene Taylor*



Constance Echols - April 02, 2025 at 04:52 PM

RS

“ *Our Deepest Condolences . Reggie and Priscilla Strickland*



Reggie Strickland - March 31, 2025 at 02:17 PM

MA

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family of my dear friend Gene. He will surely be missed. Rest Peacefully my friend until we meet again. Melvin Askew*

Melvin Askew - March 29, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tiffany Evans - March 28, 2025 at 11:21 PM



“ There is a saying that "Life is not measured by time, Life is measured in moments." One thing about My Uncle Junior (aka Uncle Gene), is that he always showed up for family. Whether it be for birthdays, college graduations, high school graduations, family reunions, weddings, etc... You name it, Uncle Junior was there. We are all the more blessed for having him in our lives. May he rest in peace. My condolences to my Aunt Cassie and to our family.

Tiffany Evans - March 28, 2025 at 09:31 PM



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Tiffany Evans - March 28, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ To the families: Evans, Taylor, Reese and Woodall

🙏 With Deepest Sympathy,
Judy Lockhart & J.F. Drake Class “1967”



Judy Lockhart - March 28, 2025 at 07:46 PM

RH

“ *Ruthdowdell heard lit a candle in memory of Gene Taylor*



Ruthdowdell heard - March 28, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gene Taylor.*



March 27, 2025 at 09:41 PM

LF

“ *Larry Fraizer lit a candle in memory of Gene Taylor*



Larry Fraizer - March 27, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - March 27, 2025 at 02:06 PM

LD

“ *Sending comfort, Condolence, Prayer and Sympathy to the family.*

Laura Dowdell

Laura Dowdell - March 26, 2025 at 08:56 PM

DW

*Cassie you have my condolences and prayers during the loss of Gene.
With love, your cousin Delois Wilson*

Delois Wilson - March 28, 2025 at 03:58 PM