



# Sylvester Taylor

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**S**ylvester Taylor, 72, of Chattanooga, passed away May 2, 2025, at his residence. He was born March 10, 1953, in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Fred and Helen Taylor. He was the youngest of 7 children. Sylvester was a 1972 graduate of Riverside High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In 1973, he married his soulmate and the love of his life, Glenda Taylor. Over the years he worked as a folk lift driver for Royal Desota until they closed and retired from Schellecke Logistics at Volkswagen about 2 years ago. On the side he was busy doing what he loved, which was his self-taught trade of carpentry. He could build and design whatever you needed and was referred to as the “one man show”.

He was definitely one of a kind, sometimes with a rough exterior but inside a heart of gold. Those that have worked with him or came in contact with him at some point described him as standup, dependable guy that loved to share his wisdom and funny jokes. He was a Father figure and great dependable friend to many.

Sly loved spending time with his family and friends, traveling, the Pittsburgh Steelers, fishing, and playing at the Casino. He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Helen Taylor; mother-in-law, Catherine Williams; father-in-law James C Williams; brother, Leonard Taylor; sister, Clara Odom; brother-in-law, James C Williams, Jr.; nephews, Clarence Odom and Antonio Ealey; grandson, Pierre Horton.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his soulmate of 53 years of marriage, Glenda Taylor; daughters, Stephania Williams and LaShonda Taylor Swoope; goddaughter, LaTasha Jackson; sons, Kenneth Swoope; godson, Victor (Adrienne) Allen; grandchildren, Larry Smith III, Jermonique Toney Sr., Antonio Swoope, and KeNora Swoope; godgrands, Tamar Ford and Taeja Woods; great-grandchildren, Jermonique Toney Jr. (Tana), Zahria Smith, Neilan Toney, and Journey Toney; sisters, Esther Ealey, of Detroit, MI, and Freddie Howard, of Nashville, TN; brothers, Napoleon Taylor, of California, and James (Linda) Taylor, of Atlanta, GA; a host of



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nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; special niece “of Uncle Joe Brown,” Franchatta Howard, of Nashville; siblings-in-love, Beatrice (Frank) Glasco, Aaron Williams Sr., Patricia (Ricky) Day, Laquita Bush, Clenneth Harris, Eric Crocket, Maurice Carter, Deborah Payne, and Barnadette Patton; devoted and dear friends and travel partners Reginald (Vernessia) Lattimore and Kenny Holt; lifetime friends and neighbors, Charles and Judy Brown.

Sylvester will lie-in-state on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 12 noon in the chapel with Elder G.M. Spotts as the Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

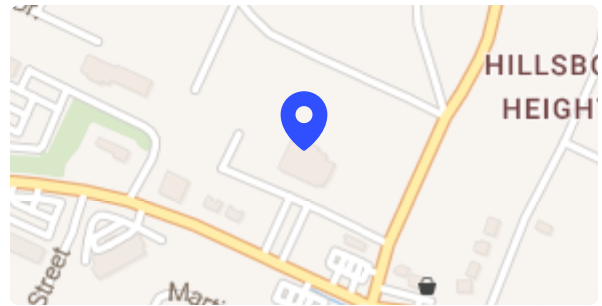


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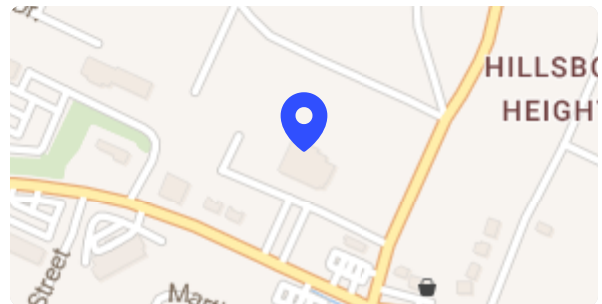
## Lie-In-State

- Wednesday**, May 14, 2025
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076



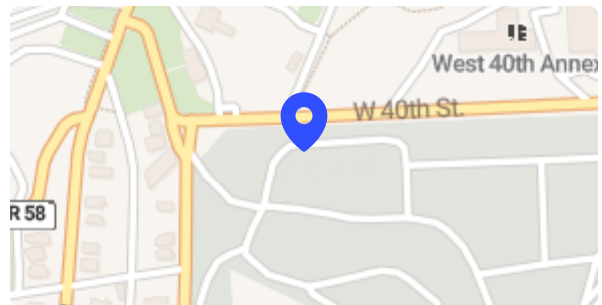
## Funeral Service

- Thursday**, May 15, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076



## Burial

- Thursday**, May 15, 2025
- 2:00 PM ET
- Forest Hills Cemetery**  
4016 Tennessee Avenue, Chattanooga TN 37409





# Tribute Wall

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LS

**Loretta Rice Stubbs** sent a virtual gift in honor of Sylvester.

Very nice family. He will be missed.

May 31 at 11:07 PM



JW

**Joann Whitlock** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 16 at 7:52 AM



KJ

**Khendra Jordan** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 15 at 6:23 AM



**KJ Khendra Jordan** May 15 at 6:25 AM  
To Ms. Debra Payne from your Verida Family

WR

**Wayne & Gwen Reel** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 15 at 5:58 AM



CR

**Cleatus Rodgers Jr** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 15 at 5:35 AM



**CJ Cleatus Rodgers Jr** May 15 at 5:38 AM  
Grew up Sylvester and played Little League baseball with him. He was know as the best power hitter on the team. RIP my friend.



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**Angela Maffett-Terry** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 14 at 7:03 AM



**Ms. Terry Smith** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 14 at 4:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.

May 13 at 8:28 AM



**Carolyn Bailey** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 13 at 7:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Taylor family.

May 13 at 6:25 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sylvester.

May 13 at 6:25 AM





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AD

**Arthur Dean** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

My memory of Big Cat was Turkey Bowls in the neighborhood, and if you were on the opposing team, it was never nice :-). RIP Cat.

May 13 at 3:42 AM



**Shonda Taylor Swoope** May 13 at 4:46 AM

Thank you for sharing the memory 😊 defined made me smile

VF

**Vickie Fielder** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 12 at 6:30 PM



TF

**The Johnson/Swoope Family** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Taylor family.

May 12 at 3:08 PM



SM

**Sandra Madry** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 11 at 1:28 PM



**Sandra Madry** May 11 at 1:30 PM

Sending prayers for the entire Taylor Family

MT

**Marva Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 10 at 3:47 PM





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FK

**From Jasmine Paula Kamryn** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.

May 10 at 7:58 AM



CG

**Cassandra Glatt** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 8 at 7:15 AM



DS

**David D Bins Sr** May 10 at 7:38 AM

Sending prayers for the family. Sylvester Taylor was a good neighbor and always loved his Wife and his Family. He was a Man's Man that took care of what was needed for his house whole, and if you needed help he would lend a hand. Rest Well Sylvester.. Rest well.

TC

**Trina Y Carlisle** posted:

My Condolences Prayers Going Up For You And Your Family R.I.P Gone But Never Forgotten Love Hugs 🤗❤️

May 7 at 7:30 AM

EB

**Evelyn Willis Baker** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.

May 6 at 9:03 AM



EB

**Evelyn Willis Baker** May 6 at 9:06 AM

May you find peace and comfort in the memories you shared.

EE

**Esther Ealey** posted:

I have loved you from the beginning and loved you to the end. rest in peace, my dear brother. Your big sister. Esther Ealey.

May 6 at 5:13 AM



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**Katrina Gordon** posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to the family of Mr.Sylvester Taylor, you all are in our prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏 from the Gordon family

May 5 at 5:34 PM



**Katrina Gordon** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



May 5 at 5:30 PM



**Vickie Fielder** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



May 5 at 8:38 AM



**Janice Rivers** May 13 at 4:07 PM

My deepest condolences to the Taylor family during this time of beverament.



**Carolyn Blakemore Green** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



May 4 at 3:41 PM



**Yolanda** lit a candle in honor of Sylvester.



May 4 at 1:23 PM



**Yolanda** May 4 at 1:25 PM

Just know to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord sending prayers to you all



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Sylvester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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