



## Sylvester Taylor

March 10, 1953 - May 2, 2025

Sylvester 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-love, 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 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.

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

MAY 14. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Burial

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery  
4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Very nice family. He will be missed.* ”



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**Loretta Rice Stubbs** - June 01, 2025 at 03:07 AM

JW

“ *Joann Whitlock lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor* ”



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**Joann Whitlock** - May 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM

KJ

“ *Khendra Jordan lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor* ”



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**Khendra Jordan** - May 15, 2025 at 10:23 AM

KJ

*To Ms. Debra Payne from your Verida Family*

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**Khendra Jordan** - May 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

WR

“ Wayne & Gwen Reel lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



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**Wayne & Gwen Reel** - May 15, 2025 at 09:58 AM

CJ

“ Cleatus Rodgers Jr lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



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**Cleatus Rodgers Jr** - May 15, 2025 at 09:35 AM

CJ

*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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**Cleatus Rodgers Jr** - May 15, 2025 at 09:38 AM

AM

“ Angela Maffett-Terry lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



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**Angela Maffett-Terry** - May 14, 2025 at 11:03 AM

MS

“ *Ms. Terry Smith lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor*



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**Ms. Terry Smith** - May 14, 2025 at 08:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvester Taylor.*



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May 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Bailey lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor*



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**carolyn bailey** - May 13, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sylvester Taylor.*

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May 13, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Sylvester Taylor.*



May 13, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *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.*



**Arthur Dean** - May 13, 2025 at 07:42 AM



*Thank you for sharing the memory 😊 defined made me smile*

**Shonda Taylor Swoope** - May 13, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor*



**Vickie Fielder** - May 12, 2025 at 10:30 PM

TF

“ *The Johnson/Swoope family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sylvester Taylor.*



The Johnson/Swoope family - May 12, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sandra Madry lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor*



Sandra Madry - May 11, 2025 at 05:28 PM



*Sending prayers for the entire Taylor Family*

Sandra Madry - May 11, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor*



Marva Taylor - May 10, 2025 at 07:47 PM

FK

“ from Jasmine Paula Kamryn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sylvester Taylor.



from Jasmine Paula Kamryn - May 10, 2025 at 11:58 AM

CG

“ Cassandra Glatt lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



Cassandra Glatt - May 08, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DS

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.

David D Bins Sr - May 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM

TC

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

Trina Y Carlisle - May 07, 2025 at 11:30 AM

EB

“ Evelyn Willis Baker lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



Evelyn Willis Baker - May 06, 2025 at 01:03 PM

EB

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

Evelyn Willis Baker - May 06, 2025 at 01:06 PM

EE

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

Esther Ealey - May 06, 2025 at 09:13 AM

KG

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

Katrina Gordon - May 05, 2025 at 09:34 PM

KG

“ Katrina Gordon lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



Katrina Gordon - May 05, 2025 at 09:30 PM

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



Vickie Fielder - May 05, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JR

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

Janice Rivers - May 13, 2025 at 08:07 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Blakemore Green lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



Carolyn Blakemore Green - May 04, 2025 at 07:41 PM

YO

“ Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Taylor



Yolanda - May 04, 2025 at 05:23 PM

YO

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

Yolanda - May 04, 2025 at 05:25 PM