



Jonnie Mae Taylor

March 31, 1940 - January 6, 2024

Jonnie Mae Johnson Taylor, 83, passed away at home in Toledo, OH on January 6, 2024 of metastatic breast cancer, and she was surrounded by family and friends.

Jonnie was born on March 31, 1940 to the late Tom and Carrie Johnson in Huntsville, Alabama. Jonnie moved to Toledo, OH in 1954. She was on a mission in life and was a courageous ball of energy. She was feisty, funny, vibrant and had an infectious laugh and smile.

Jonnie accepted Christ at young age and joined St. Phillip Lutheran Church, and a member of United Methodist Baptist Church and Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. Until her death she was an active member of Braden United Methodist Church. She loved Bible Study. She became a Lay Servant to witness and encourage others to have a closer relationship to Christ.

Jonnie had a passion for education and learning. She graduated from Libbey High School in 1958. She graduated from Mercy Hospital Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program, received a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Special Education from the University of Toledo. She was a Labor and Delivery LPN at Toledo Hospital for more than 30 years and an educator for over 32 years with the Toledo Public Schools (TPS). She developed an

Early Childhood Special Education program which served as a model for other preschool programs. In retirement Jonnie continue to volunteer as a tutor in the TPS until the pandemic. Jonnie created the Tom and Carrie Johnson Education Foundation for students with limited means for college. Jonnie was an entrepreneur and had a successful African import business.

Jonnie was wanderlust traveler, she traveled to Africa, Asia, Bermuda, Canada, Caribbean, Europe, and United Kingdom. She particularly enjoyed going to beaches and listening to the waves.

Jonnie enjoyed advocating, African American history, birdwatching, fine and performing arts, theatrical productions, politics, living wholistic life style, and Yoga.

Jonnie was very involved in giving back to her local community via Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa Teacher Sorority. She was a member of Toledo Sister City program. She was the former President of the Toledo League of Women Voters and registered new voters and assisted immigrants with obtaining their nationalized citizenship.

Jonnie served faithfully for over 6 years as a board member of The Citizens Advisory Board of The Art Tatum Resource Center. For 5 years, she diligently and primary focus on successfully obtaining an Ohio Historical Marker for the Art Tatum home acknowledging the gifted jazz pianist's genius and wizardry on the piano.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Lewis O. Johnson, Rev. Robert Lee Johnson and sisters Annie Bell Hall and Jennie Drake.

Jonnie married Julius Lee Taylor in 1958 and they were wed for 56 years until he preceded her in death in 2014. Their union produced five children: four sons Mark Taylor, Toledo, OH, Jeffrey Taylor of Temple Hills, MD, Andre Taylor

(Angela) of Toledo, OH, John Taylor of Romulus, MI, and one daughter, Lorre "Rita" Taylor of Summerville, SC. Jonnie was the proud grandmother to 10 grandchildren: Mark II, Shardea, Veronique, Ryan, Lois, Jammon, Arthur, D'Erika, Karah and Tierra Watson, four great grandchildren: Jaelen, Christian, Nommaj, and Malcom. Jonnie leaves behind two brother-in-laws Gerald (Lily) Taylor (Toledo, OH) and Bobby Ray Michels (Jackson, MS), and four sister-in-laws Ora Lee Smith (Frank) (Jackson, MS) Catherine Johnson (Huntsville, AL), Willie Johnson (Atlanta, GA) and Stella Taylor-Dorn (Toledo, OH), special nieces Denise Drake-Earl and Dionne Smith-Watson of Toledo, OH, and cherished nephew Lambert Johnson (Huntsville, AL), and a host of nephews and nieces.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 248-4254
info@dalefh.com

Wake Service

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Braden United Methodist Church
4725 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43615-4030
(419) 241-7257

Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Braden United Methodist Church
4725 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43615-4030
(419) 241-7257

Tribute Wall

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“ Susan Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jonnie Taylor



Susan Taylor - February 01, 2024 at 01:47 PM

AF

“ I'm a member of the Sew-n-So's of which Jonnie was a long time member. During her last active membership years, Jonnie and I were partner hostesses. When it was our turn to host the meetings when we hosted either at my house or hers. But when they built the school across the street from my house "she" decided to have the meetings at my house due to better parking. Also, Jonnie never asked what we were having but always brought a most delicious dish to our co-hosted meeting. I always asked for the recipe and my husband enjoyed her leftovers. Jonnie didn't share many things she sewed anymore but created and crafted oils, bath scrubs and such. She'd always bring us samples to our meetings. Jonnie had such a kind heart and concern for the well-being of everyone. She will be greatly missed.

Adria Faison-Thomas - January 27, 2024 at 09:39 AM

DK

“ I enjoyed my time spent with Mrs Taylor in my time of need.



Dionne KellyTaylor - January 19, 2024 at 04:02 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*



January 19, 2024 at 03:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*



January 18, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*



January 18, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ *RIP Johnnie...you've been a kind and gentle servant!
A beautiful spirit is now singing with the angels.
Many beautiful memories of you at St Philip Lutheran.
Prayers for comfort to your children and family... you embraced them with a loving legacy.*

*Michelle (Micki) Smith
South Carolina*

Michelle (Micki) Taylor-Smith - January 18, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*



January 18, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*



January 18, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*



January 18, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Charlene H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonnie Mae Taylor.*

Charlene H. - January 18, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“ My condolences to the family.
Mrs. Taylor was a special friend of our family
and a mentor to me personally who guided
and encourage me to learn more about
computers and IT.



Benjamin Donato - January 18, 2024 at 09:01 AM

RS

“ Rev. Rhoda Stuart purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.



Rev. Rhoda Stuart - January 18, 2024 at 03:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Jonnie Mae Taylor.



January 17, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Jonnie Mae Taylor.



January 13, 2024 at 02:58 PM

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“ Gerald and Holly Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.



Gerald and Holly Taylor - January 12, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonnie Mae Taylor.



January 11, 2024 at 04:54 PM