



Mrs. Ima Moore Taylor

February 22, 1919 — August 28, 2020

*She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household,
and eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praiseth her.
29 Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.
30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

Proverbs 31:10-31



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Relatives and Friends

With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) **God** has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word** has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved **Mother Taylor** and for remembering us during her passing. Your thoughtfulness will forever remind us of your love and support. May God continue to keep you in His tender care. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**
The Family of Mother Ima Taylor



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A Service of Love and Remembrance for
Mother Ima Moore Taylor



A Gift Given

February 22, 1919

A Gift Returned

August 28, 2020

Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Bishop Brian Caines, *Officiating*
Bishop Donald Hall, *Eulogist*



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The Blessing of Memory

Claude  Ima Taylor



diagnosed with breast cancer in 1982. The Lord blessed and brought her through it. Ima never complained she said the will of the Lord will be done, Ima inspired so many people. In 2006, Ima began to be in service in Thomasville, NC at True Deliverance Church of the Apostolic Faith where the pastor is Bishop Hall. On March 15, 2007 Ima had a massive stroke, and was in the hospital for fifteen (15) days, the doctor recommended rehabilitation but instead she was sent home, so she would pass away with her family. She was under Hospice care then release, which Ima been under Hospice care for numerous times when it seemed like she was at the end of her life, if she got better. Before the stroke Ima had high blood pressure and diabetes but after the stroke both health issues were gone. Ima's daughters would take turns coming to help out with her and her daughter Ima moved to Statesville, NC to help out with her care. Everyone that has worked with her loves her and she never gave them a hard time. She is still under Hospice care and the CAP program where they come to the house to help with her care. Also Mother Simmons comes over about every day to do whatever she can do to assist in her care. Her son Kelly who would come down to visit and he would get a chair to sit by her bedside and talk to her. Then Ima would hear them laughing. Ima couldn't speak but she understood what's being said. Thank God for Ima's life.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life in her children, Claude (Gertude) Taylor of Bowie Md., Raymond (Darlene) Taylor of Laurel Md., Kelly (Marie) Taylor of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Leatha (Oliver B) Oyakhire and Lillian (Stephens) Crooms of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Ima Johnson of Lithia Springs, Georgia, Barbara Brooks and Rachel (Wade) Knox, both of Statesville N.C.; one sister, Ola Mae Moore of Portsmouth, Virginia; one nephew, Howard Clark; twenty-two grandchildren, Michelle (Mark) Whitehead and Allen (Shenita) Harris both of Dublin Georgia, Keisha Taylor and Claude M. Taylor, both of Bowie Md., Toni Taylor of Baltimore Md., Natisha (Shawn) Watkin of Laurel Md., Josette Burgess of New Jersey, Dominique Crooms of Philadelphia Pa, John Johnson of Georgia, Cherice (Mark) Strickland of Memphis Tennessee, Christopher Knox of Hawaii, Karen (Richard) Holden of Raleigh N.C., Brian (Selena) Stevenson of Claremont N.C., Jeremy Crooms of Salisbury N.C., Corey Knox and Aaron Knox both of Charlotte N.C., Vonetta Graham, Theresa Brooks, Antonio Kearney, Kimberly (Tony) Eccles, Wade Knox and Alvin Knox, all of Statesville N.C., Roswitha Hansmann, Gabriele Hansmann and Claude Michael Taylor; thirty great grandchildren, Adrian Brown, Madison Brown, Taylor Brown, Nathalia Ferguson, Ashley Whitehead, Courtney Whitehead, Kelly Baker, Amber Harris, Natalia Harris, Drew Harris, Diamon Whitmire, Joshua Abdallah, Amira Abdallah, Laiya Hardie, Brittany Underwood, Ashley Eccles, Samuel Eccles, Hannah Eccles, Raegan Eccles, Gabrielle Eccles, Johnathan Eccles, Alexis Eccles, Olivia Eccles, Jaylen Crooms, DeAndre White, Troy Joyner, Bryson Stevenson, and Briana Stevenson; five great-great grandchildren, Zorah Whitmire, Ezra Underwood, Nariah Baker, Ambrielle Green and JoShya Coneway; special caretaker, Penny Stevens; a host of cousins, other relatives and Church Family and special friends.

Madear, as she was affectionately called, entered eternal rest on Friday, August 28, 2020, at her home surrounded by family.



*So when you are lonely, and sick of heart, go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds, **Miss me, but let me go.***

the Gift of the Holy Ghost, speaking with tongues as the spirit gives you the utterance. Claude and Ima both stood up about the same time.

In July 1958, Elder Pollard baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and he told them both to seek for the Holy Ghost. On the way home that evening Claude and Ima were talking, saying that is what they wanted, a Bible salvation. They began to tell everyone they met how the Lord had open Barbara's blinded eyes. Ima had one more sickness after that, Ima said the Lord had healed her and we became members of the Highway Overcoming Church of Jesus, where Elder James L. Pollard was the pastor, located on Sheriff Road in Fairmount Heights Maryland. Later on Ima's five oldest children were baptized and began to seek for the Holy Ghost.

In later years Elder John Calhoun and Sister Calhoun began to be members there also. We began to have service in the home Elder and Sister Calhoun would come out to the home and tarry with Ima until she received the gift of the Holy Ghost, then her children began to tarry and they received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Many people came to the home to hear the word preached. Later, Elder Calhoun met Bishop Hunter and we began working under him. Ima was a very faithful sister in the lord, whatever she could do that she would do. Elder Calhoun was invited to speak at a church in Washington, DC and we met Sister Mamie Simmons and later her, Ima and Claude.

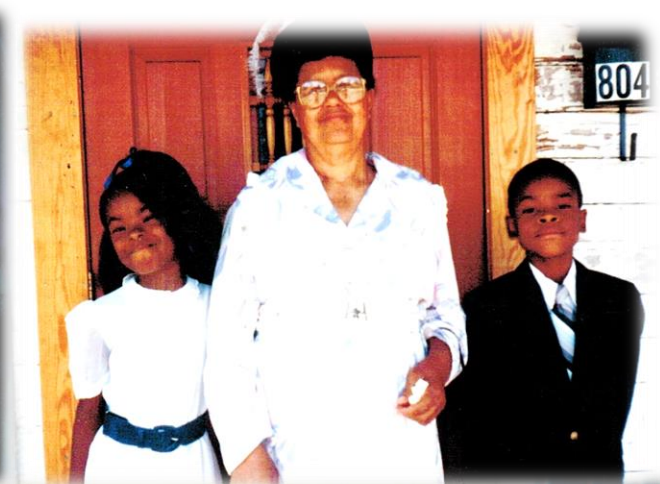
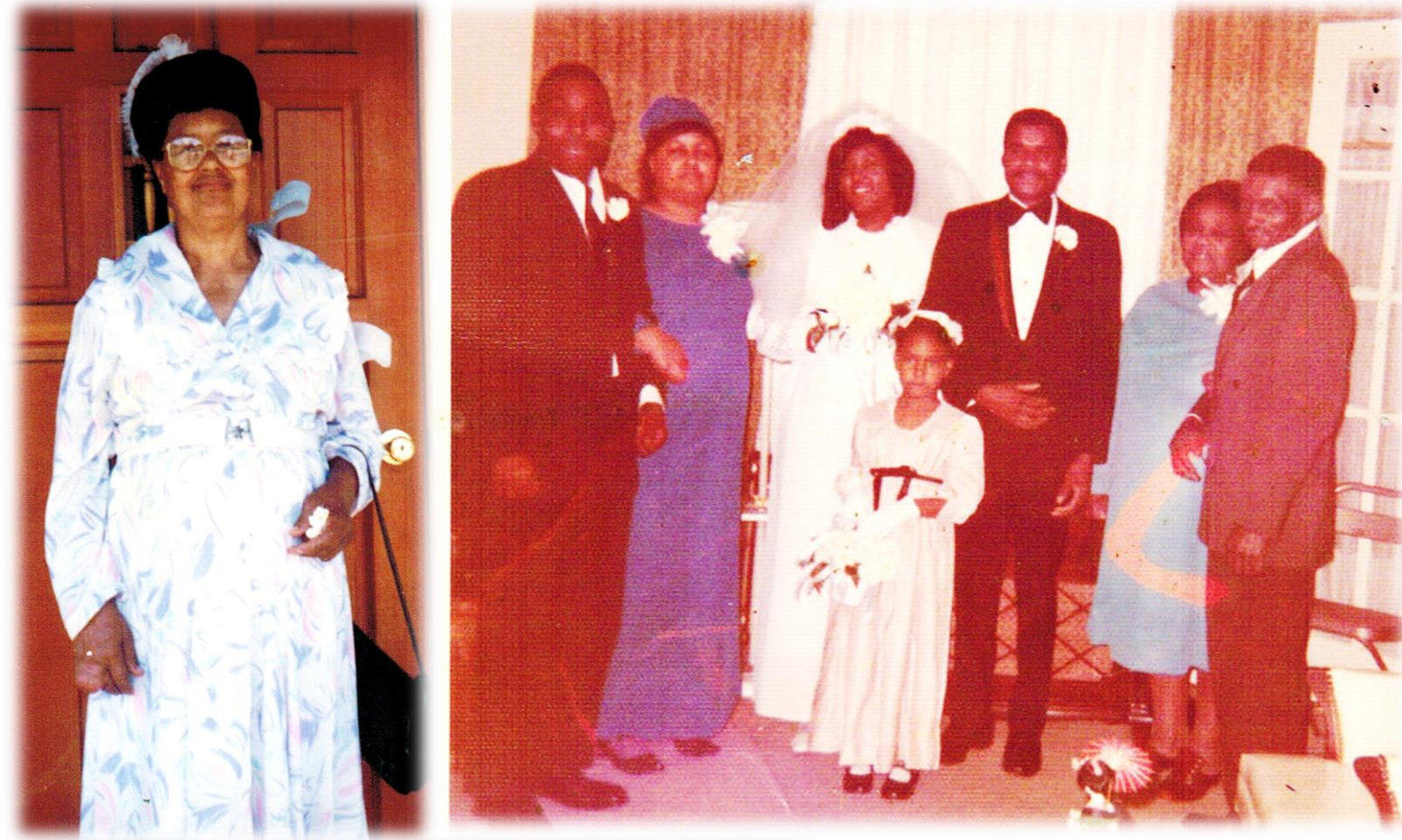
In 1975, the church decided to move south, to Statesville, NC. Claude and Ima came down to look at homes and purchase their home at 620 Woodlawn Drive, Statesville, NC. Claude and Ima were going to continue living in Maryland until he retired. Barbara and her children came to Statesville, N.C. in 1977. In 1978, Claude came down with the flu and he developed pneumonia, went to the hospital. Claude Taylor passed away on February 24, 1978. Claude had told Ima when they were looking for a house he told her whatever you want it will be paid for. So when Claude passed, the home was paid for. Ima continued to have her garden, canning her vegetables and she also had her apple trees, peach trees and pear trees. Ima canned the fruits also. Ima loved her children and grandchildren.

Later Ima became a member of Rapture Preparation Church of Christ, where Bishop Ernest Crooms was the Pastor and Overseer. Ima was faithful, saving her tithes and offerings. Bishop Crooms found a building in Statesville, NC. Ima saved enough money for the down payment. The saints from Willard NC, especially Deacon Archie Hayes, Elder Hayes' father, worked faithfully to get the building ready for service.

At first it was three of us, Ima Taylor, Mamie Simmons, and Barbara Brooks. Different ministers would come to have service with us. Then Bishop Crooms said we needed a pastor, so he sent Bishop Caines at the time he was a Minister, he was in charge until Bishop ordained him as an Elder. Ima was the church mother of the Rapture Preparation Churches Inc. and everyone loved her so much. Mother Ima Taylor would often visit the Southern Rapture Churches for our Women's Meeting and share her words of wisdom and encouragement with all sisters.

In February, Ima had gone to visit her oldest daughter Margaret in Georgia; her granddaughter Michelle was expecting her second child. Ima prayed and asked the Lord to let the baby be born on her birthday. Courtney was born on February 22; just as Ima had asked the Lord. Ima was

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The Order of Service

The Processional	
The Invocation	Bishop Brian Caines
The Selection	Sister Anna Caines
The Scripture Reading	
Old Testament:	Minister Tony Eccles
New Testament:	Minister Tony Eccles
The Prayer of Consolation	
The Selection	The Eccles Children
The Acknowledgments and Church Resolution	Mother Hall
The Remarks (Limit two minutes please)	
The Commemorative Presentation	The Funeral Director
The Selection	Sister Anna Caines
The Eulogy	Bishop Donald Hall
The Committal	
The Recessional Selection	

At The Belmont Cemetery

Statesville, North Carolina
The Placing of the Casket
The Final Departure

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Ima Moore was born in Blount Creek, N.C. on February 22, 1919 to the proud parents of Kelly and Elizabeth Moore. She was the second oldest child of nine children and attended Ware Creek School until the age of eleven when she became very sick. A friend of her mother told her to boil some rice and give her the juice from it. Ima began to gain strength, and was able to return to school after she recovered from that sickness. The young girls didn't have to work in the field unless they wanted to, so Ima finished High School.

At the age of 19, she met the love of her life, Claude Taylor, who asked her to marry him. On July 10, 1938, they went to Washington, N.C. and they were united in holy matrimony by Elder Green, witnessed by Joseph and Franioa Smith. They made their home in Blount Creek and was married for seven years before giving birth to their first child. On July 12, 1946, they were blessed with their first daughter, Margaret Taylor, and on July 31, 1947, they were blessed with their second child, a son, Claude Taylor.

In 1948, Claude decided he couldn't make enough money to support his family, so they decided to move to North Laurel, Maryland. A year later, a third child, Barbara Jean Taylor, was born on February 25, 1949, and at that time Claude bought a piece of land in Oak Crest, Laurel, Maryland, where he built their home. On June 25, 1950, Raymond Taylor, May 26, 1951 Kelly Taylor, January 19, 1953, Leatha and Lillian Taylor, October 24, 1954, Ima Taylor, March 9, 1958 Deborah Taylor and December 10, 1960, Rachel Taylor, were all born.

Ima was a virtuous woman, and she would rise early in the mornings to cook for her husband. She made clothes for her children, planted her own gardens, and fruit trees. She would can her fruits and vegetables, to help provide for the family. Claude worked to make sure whatever was needed in the home, Ima never had to worry about anything. She would cook breakfast on Sunday mornings and everyone was invited to sit at the table to eat with us. Ima Taylor, taught us to be nice to everybody regardless of who they were. Whatever she had in her garden, she would give to the whole neighborhood. Ima at times would be sick, the doctor said it was because of the malaria fever when she was eleven years old. She would have bad headaches and she wouldn't know anyone for weeks, so her sisters would take turns to come during the summer months to help her with the children.

In 1959, Ima's daughter, Barbara had problems with her sight at the age of nine, so they took her to the eye doctor and was told she was blind. Barbara was listening to a radio broadcast when she heard a preacher say that "God is a Healer", and He can open blind eyes, and raise the dead." Barbara told her father, Claude, what she had heard and he told her to get the name and address of the church, and they would go to their next Sunday service, which they did. And after the preacher finished preaching, he asked "is there anyone that needs prayer?", so Barbara walked up and told him the doctor said she was blind, so he held out a handkerchief and told her to take it. Barbara could see a piece moving but she couldn't tell where it was so he prayed, but there was no change. The preacher told the congregation that he wanted everybody to pray!, believing in the Lord as he prayed, Ima reached out and she could see the handkerchief after the prayer. The preacher then asked if there was anyone after hearing the word desire to be baptized, you must repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and receive