

# Celebrating a *Life* Well Spent

Reverend Lawrence Odell Taylor was born April 3, 1929 in Marshall, TX to the late Issac Taylor and Terah Hunt Taylor. He was a graduate of Jack Yates High School in Houston, TX and furthered his education at Wiley College in Marshall, TX.

Reverend Lawrence O. Taylor was a man of many facets. He was husband, father, grandfather, minister of the gospel, avid golfer, world traveler, educator, singer, licensed funeral director, and retired U.S. Marine Corps (Montford Point).

Rev. Taylor audaciously declared the word of truth and was unapologetic as he proclaimed the gospel of our Lord and Savior. He served in the 10<sup>th</sup> District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and United Methodist Church. He served as Assistant Pastor at Beth Salem Baptist Church, Forrest City.

His style and flair were innate characteristics that are unique to him. He was his own man and unashamedly so. Rev. Taylor made no excuses for who he was and the life he lived. His many travels allowed him to enrich the lives of others and gain valuable experience. Lawrence O. Taylor was an exceptional person and a loyal friend. We, who have been blessed with the opportunity of knowing him, celebrate him and his accomplishments and ask God to keep him in his hand.

He is preceded in death by daughter Toni Harris and sister Naimah Belay.

His memory will forever be cherished by his devoted and loving wife, Mae Ella Taylor of sixteen and half years; children: Rosalyn (Earl) Boone of Chicago, IL; Cheryl Brooks of Dallas, TX; Terah (Otis) Bias of Houston, TX; Shauna Taylor of Phoenix, AZ; Tiffany (LeMarcus) Brown of Centerton, AR and Earl Harris (Son-in-law) Dallas, TX; one sister Janis Pratt of Los Angeles, CA, grandchildren: Sean, Shanon, Shea (Pharoah), Jonathan, Christopher, Kelli, Ashley (Marcus), Kortney (Jeffery), David, Elijah, Giselle and Sydney; seven great grand children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relative and friends.

## *Favorite Quotes*

*"I'm going to fake it til I make it"*

*"Never get a second chance to make a first impression"*

*"The quality of your life is based on the quality of your commitment"*