

*Homegoing Celebration for  
First Lady Lura Dell Taylor*



*Sunrise: August 3, 1934*

*Sunset: July 12, 2017*

**NEW CANAAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**26403 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY ~ CAMPHILL, AL 36850**

**JULY 27, 2017**

**1:00 P.M.**

*Rev. Justin M. Freeman, Pastor*

# Order of Service

July 22, 2017

*New Progressive Missionary Baptist Church*

*Dr. Curtis Lemons, Moderator*

“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” 2 Corinthians 5:1

Musical Prelude	Soft Music	Sis. Johnnie Posey
Processional	“Going Up Yonder”	Clergy & Family
Opening Words of Comfort		Dr. Curtis Lemons
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 9:9 & 10	Rev. SiDerek Ross
Prayer of Comfort		Rev. E.E. Williams
Solo		Sis. Rose Nunnery
Reflections & Special Group Selection		Sis. Janetta Wilson
Scripture	I Thessalonians 4:13-18	Rev. Mark Gaston
Prayer of Peace		Rev. John Gatlin
Musical Selection		The Chester Brothers
Remarks	2 minutes	Sis. Nikki Williams Bro. Shon Mosely Bro. Stephen Adams
Virtuous Woman	Proverbs 31:10-31	Sis. Rachel Whitlow
Prayer of Encouragement		Rev. Derrell Penny
Reflections	“My Mentor”	Sis. Tylecia Gatlin
Solo		Sis. Angela Simmons
Resolution & Acknowledgements		Sis. Yolanda Mosely
Obituary		Read In Silence
“Sister Taylor’s Favorites”	Medley	Sis. Beatrice Adams
Words of Encouragement		Rev. Kevin Adams
Parting View	“Special Group”	Clergy & Family
Recessional		

~Repast~

*The Lura Taylor Fellowship Hall*

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Musical Prelude		Choir
Processional		Clergy & Family
Opening Prayer		
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 9:9 &10	Rev. C.L. Daniels
Scripture	I Thessalonians 4:13-18	Rev. Truman Savage
Musical Selection		Choir
Reflections	~From a First Lady~	Sis. Becky Lawson
Special Remarks		2 Minutes Please
Musical Selection		Choir
Acknowledgements		Sis. Rachel Whitlow
Obituary		Read in Silence
Selection & Words of Encouragement	“Morning Dove”	Pastor Justin Freeman
Parting View		Clergy & Family
Recessional		

~Internment~

*New Canaan Cemetery*

~Repast~

*New Canaan Fellowship Hall*



# Obituary

Mrs. Lura Dell Taylor was born August 3, 1934 in Camp Hill, Alabama to the late Arthur Tinsley and Ozella Tinsley. Affectionately known as "Baby Doll", she lived an incredible and fulfilling life. She accepted Christ at a very early age and was baptized at New Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where she was an active member for twenty years.

Lura attended grade school in Alabama and graduated from what was at that time a one room school, known as Edward Bell High School. After a brief enrollment at Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL she met and married Rev. Jesse James Taylor on May 5, 1958. Following their union they relocated to Oxnard, CA on November 8, 1958 where her husband served as an active member of the United States Air Force. With new hopes and new dreams they founded the New Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in 1963.

Lura continued her pursuit to become an educator and received an Associates of Arts Degree from Ventura College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University at Northridge and a Masters of Arts Degree in Education at Azusa Pacific University. Lura was an educator with the Oxnard Unified School District for 30 years and taught many different subjects including English, Creative Writing and Home Economics.

Singing songs of Zion was her life. Her angelic yet powerful voice was well known throughout the city. She was an artistic soloist and dedicated member of the Progressive Aires and the New Progressive Choir. Some of her favorite songs to sing include "I Am a Living Testimony", "Poor Pilgrim of Sorrow", "Elijah Rock", "Soon I Will Be Done" and "Surely God is Able". Lura was devoted to the church ministry as a whole and served as a Sunday School Teacher and she held leadership roles in the following departments: Missions & Matrons Department, Music Department, Visitation Ministry, Outreach Ministry and mentor to the youth and young adult. She was a major financial contributor to the life of the church. There was nothing she would not do to support the church and the people she loved.

Lura is preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Ozella Tinsley, 11 siblings, John Arthur Tensley, Hattie Mae Tensley, Haywood Tensley, Bernice Tensley, Mary Alice Tinsley, Ossie Dumas, Arthur Tinsley "Lil Bubba", Earther Tinsley "Big Bubba", Thelma Hill "Monk", Foy Tinsley "Brother" and Annie Millie Tinsley "Bit". She leaves to treasure her precious memories, her husband of 59 years Pastor Jesse J. Taylor of Oxnard, CA, two sisters, Ethel David of Auburn, AL, Beatrice Adams (James) of Oxnard, CA. One brother Roy Tinsley (Gloria) of Camp Hill, AL. Five sister in laws, Annie L. Tinsley of Camp Hill, AL, Louise Tinsley of Chattanooga, TN, Vienna Copeland of Los Angeles, CA, Betty Jean Mosley of Arizona and Dorothy Murray of Georgia. Five brother in laws, Benjamin Dumas of Auburn, AL, Eddie Taylor (Betty) of Oxnard, CA, Samuel Taylor of Oxnard, CA, Leroy Taylor (Belinda) of LaFayette, AL, Godfrey Taylor of Las Vegas, NV and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and the New Progressive Church family. With no children of her own she took a special interest in helping raise godchildren: Stephen Adams, Kevin Adams, Shalimar Taylor and a very special niece, Rachel Whitlow.

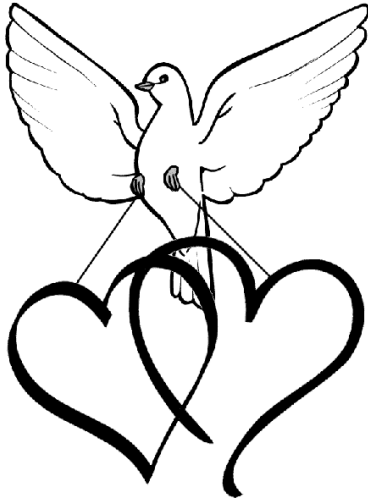
Special thank you to all of her personal in-home caregivers and the incredible caregivers at Raven's Haven in Oxnard, CA under the supervision of Ms. Della Dudley. Lura Taylor was loved by so many and will be missed beyond words.....







## *Two Hearts*



*Two hearts we were as one on Earth,  
Two hearts that were entwined,  
My love for you was ever strong,  
Now you live inside my mind.  
Your lovely life just slipped away,  
That life so full of zest!  
Your twinkling eyes got weary,  
Your beating heart took rest.  
I know you've gone to Heaven,  
From Earth you slipped away,  
But faith in you my dearest Lord  
Keeps me strong each day,  
Two hearts once beat together,  
Now one beats all alone.  
I know one day we'll meet again,  
The day He'll call me home.*

*Love Always, Your Husband of 59 years, Jesse J. Taylor*

## *Her Journey's Just Begun*

*Don't think of her as gone away  
her journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how she must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of her as living  
in the hearts of those she touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and she was loved so much.*

*Love—Your Brother and Sisters*





# Remember Me

Remember me with smiles not tears,  
For all the joy through all the years.  
Recall the closeness that was ours,  
A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,  
We'll see each other once again.  
I am at peace...try to believe,  
It was my time...I had to leave.

But "what a view" I have from here,  
I see your face, I feel you near,  
I follow you throughout the day,  
You're not alone along the way.

And when God calls you... you will be,  
Right by my side...right here with me.  
Till then, I'll wait by Heaven's door,  
We'll be united... evermore!





*Pall Bearers:*

*Nephews & Great Nephews*

*Flower Bearers:*

*Nieces & Great Nieces*

*"In times like these we need a Savior. In times like these you need an anchor. So you be sure, be very sure, that your anchor holds and grips the solid rock, Jesus."*

*Acknowledgements:*

*We, the family of Lura Dell Taylor, would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for showing your love and heartfelt sympathy during our time of bereavement. We appreciate your prayers and many acts of kindness during this time which has kept us encouraged. A special thank you to New Progressive and New Canaan Church. Please continue to keep us lifted in your prayers and know that we are grateful for each and every one of you.*

*The Family of Lura D. Taylor*

*Services Entrusted To:*

**Garcia Mortuary**

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Oxnard, CA 93030

**Vines Funeral Home**

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Lafayette, AL 36862