



Evereda M. Taylor

September 8, 1932 - January 10, 2025

“Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

On the early morning of January 10, 2025 the Lord called Evereda McDowney Taylor to her new heavenly home. Evereda Taylor was born in King George, VA on September 8, 1932 to the late Ernest and Emma McDowney. She was the sixth of twelve children – Lillian, Viola, Andrew, Henry, Webster, Willette, Leona, Ray, Tameenah, Alexander and Emma. Evereda’s first name was actually Pinkie Evereda McDowney named after her godmother, Pinkie Iler.

Evereda grew up on a working farm that her father owned called Kings Mill. And while her mom made many homemade meals on a wood fired stove, young Evereda often liked reading books and dreaming of life in the big city. At the age of 11yrs old, Evereda got that chance to leave Virginia to go and live with her Aunt Iola and Uncle Walter Johnson, in Washington, D.C. They owned a liquid store off of Florida Ave. N.W. Evereda would attend District of Columbia Public Schools and graduate from Dunbar Senior High School. She would continue her education by going to Miner Teachers College, which later became DC Teachers College. Evereda earned her Bachelor’s degree in Education.

It was in college where Evereda met her best friend Dorothy Douglas. Dorothy

and her husband Bobby Douglas introduced Evereda to her now late husband, Gerald Harold Taylor. Gerald had served in the military, and later became a technician when they met. They fell in love and were married. From their union they had two children, Brian Harold Taylor and Bruce Hugh Taylor. Evereda was very serious about education and made it a priority for her children to have the best education through the Catholic School System.

On November 24, 1985, Evereda joined by experience of grace to Zion Baptist Church as a dedicated member and participated in the Good Samaritan Club. She made sure that her children received spiritual guidance and support at Zion Baptist Church where they would learn a true sense of community, spirit of service, and discipline to God's doctrine, the Word.

Evereda taught in the District of Columbia Public School System for most of her teaching career. Although she taught many grades, Evereda's calling would be educating students in 1st grade. She committed most of her teaching years at Lucy Diggs Slowe Elementary School which was constructed during the fight for educational equality and today stands as a symbol of civil rights activism.

It was there that she had developed a plan to raise children to be their best by creating different skill groups to increase learning and by teaching a competency based curriculum. Evereda realized early in her teaching endeavors that every child was special and there was "no one size fits all" approach to teaching. She had a way of seeing her students' potential and pushing them to achieve their greatness. She retired after teaching and serving the students of the District of Columbia for 30 years on February 11, 1988.

Evereda was a very nurturing and supportive person, dedicated to helping those around her to realize their greatness. She put the needs of others

before her own, investing both her time and resources to make sure her loved ones were cared for. She loved to talk and spend time with you as she always gave excellent advice. During her personal time, she enjoyed completing crossword puzzles, collecting antique tea pots, and mentoring her nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and family members as a beautiful way to pass on her knowledge, guidance, and creating lasting bonds. She had a positive and profound impact on the many lives she has touched. Her witty spirit, joyful laugh, and lively conversations will live on forever in our memories of her.

She was a remarkable person with a very big heart. The way she poured herself into her family and friends speaks volumes about the depth of her character and those memories will undoubtedly live on.

Evereda McDowney Taylor is survived by: her two sons Brian H. (wife Wanda); Bruce H. (fiancé Jenise); four grandchildren Oliva, Amber, Aerin and Joshua; two sisters Tameenah M. Dubose (Joe) and Nancy Johnson; two brothers Webster McDowney and Alexander McDowney (Darnell); one sister-in-law Jean Gurley, and many nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, former students and loving extended family members.

Evereda's many accomplishments and contributions are:

- Visionary and participant of the McDowney Family Unity Association.
- Numerous awards from DC Public School for High Professional Commitment to Students, Perfect attendance, and Completion of educational trainings for Teaching Competency Based Curriculum
- Received graduate credits for Elementary Education
- Appreciation awards for 30+ years of teaching service in the public school system
- Member of the DCREA – District of Columbia Retired Educators Association, Inc and DCPS Teachers Union
- Served as coordinator with District of Columbia PTA Cultural Arts

Committee

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” By Author & Poet - Maya Angelou

Cemetery Details

McDowney Cemetery

14435 Chastine Drive
King George , VA 22485

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
4850 Blagden Ave NW
Washington , DC 20011

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Washington , DC 20011

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Jeffrey B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

Jeffrey B. - March 07, 2025 at 05:40 PM

KB

“ Hi Brian and Bruce, What I remember about your mom is that she was a warm and welcoming person. I loved sitting down and talking with her. Now I know where you get it from Bruce. Your mom's love and warmth has shone through her kids and grand kids. May you all remember what makes you smile and happy about Ms. Taylor. Take care of yourselves and let me know if you need anything,

Kishma Brown & Family

Kishma N Brown - January 23, 2025 at 12:48 PM



BR

“ Brittany lit a candle in memory of Evereda Taylor



Brittany - January 23, 2025 at 07:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



January 22, 2025 at 09:52 PM



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

January 22, 2025 at 09:52 PM



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

January 22, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ The Abbey family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

The Abbey family - January 22, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ The Abbey family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



The Abbey family - January 22, 2025 at 11:06 AM

FJ

“ Fred J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

Fred J. - January 21, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



January 21, 2025 at 10:11 AM



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

January 20, 2025 at 11:25 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



January 20, 2025 at 11:25 PM

KF

“ Khristian Jefferson & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



Khristian Jefferson & Family - January 20, 2025 at 03:31 PM

KF

“ Khristian Jefferson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

Khristian Jefferson & Family - January 20, 2025 at 03:31 PM

LF

“ Love, Tim Taylor and Family. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



Love, Tim Taylor and Family. - January 20, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CR

“ Craig R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

Craig R. - January 20, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



January 20, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



January 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Davis Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



Davis Family - January 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ Davis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

Davis Family - January 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ Angelo and Kimberly Westfield purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.



Angelo and Kimberly Westfield - January 19, 2025 at 07:04 PM

AW

“ Angelo and Kimberly Westfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evereda M. Taylor.

Angelo and Kimberly Westfield - January 19, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DG

“ Sending thoughts and prayers, to the family of Evereda Taylor. I taught Mrs Taylor's son, Bruce. It is obvious what a wonderful mother Mrs. Taylor must have been, based on knowing Bruce. Mrs. Taylor's beautiful legacy will continue, because of her kindness and contributions to her family and community.
Dorothy Gillem

Dorothy Gillem - January 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM

BT

“ 10 files added to the album Wedding



Bruce Taylor - January 19, 2025 at 01:12 PM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - January 19, 2025 at 11:28 AM

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - January 19, 2025 at 11:19 AM

AF

“ *Apollon family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.*



Apollon family - January 18, 2025 at 09:40 PM

WF

“ *With love, the Barnwell family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.*



With love, the Barnwell family - January 18, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.*



January 18, 2025 at 09:13 PM

DF

“ *Darcel & Vergil Stuart & family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Evereda M. Taylor.* ”



Darcel & Vergil Stuart & family - January 18, 2025 at 05:17 PM

KE

“ *"Cousins are the Ones who know the story, but also helped to write it". Sending warm wishes of peace and comfort in this difficult time. Kookie* ”



Karen Epps - January 18, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Rev 21:4* ”

Venita Peyton - January 14, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.* ”

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 11, 2025 at 06:26 PM