



Ms. Martha Ann Taylor

August 28, 1950 - May 7, 2012

Martha Ann Taylor, 61, passed away peacefully Monday, May 7, 2012 after many months of illness.

Ms. Taylor was born August 28, 1950 in Marion, NC. She graduated from Hickory High School in Hickory, NC and obtained her undergraduate degree from Lenoir Rhyne University and her Master's of Education from the University of South Carolina. Martha worked in the Darlington County School District for 35 years, both in the classroom and later as the Math Coordinator for the School District. During that time she made an impact on many children. Ms. Taylor is survived by her parents, Vernon and Gertrude Brooks Taylor of Taylorsville, NC; a brother, Vernon Taylor and his wife Anne of Jefferson, NC; and many loving colleagues and former students.

A service to celebrate her life and accomplishments will be held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 18 at the chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins with visitation to follow. A second service will be held at 11:a.m. Tuesday, May 22 at Antioch Baptist Church in Taylorsville, NC with visitation at 10:00 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Darlington County Education Foundation, Box 427, Hartsville, SC 29551 or Antioch Baptist Church, 508 Antioch Church Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Justin Hodges lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Justin Hodges - September 17, 2012 at 01:51 PM

SC

“ Shannon Coward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Shannon Coward - June 06, 2012 at 01:04 AM

LD

“ Martha was a good friend who will be missed greatly by all the lives she touched. She loved teaching and working with children. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Martha left a lasting legacy for the students she taught and she will never be forgotten.

Lynn DeWitt - May 18, 2012 at 08:50 PM

CS

“ Ms. Taylor was very instrumental to me when I became a member of the darlington school district, and she made sure that my paper work correct and all of it was turned in on time. It made me a better educator as I served my students and teachers. Citronella Smith

Citronella Smith - May 18, 2012 at 01:02 PM



“ Ms. Taylor was one of the best teachers in my life. Math was my hardest subject, but you made sure I learned that Algebra! I also remember countless hours spent in Academic Challenge practice after school, giving me great memories that will last a lifetime. (That Washington trip was a-mazing.) Thank you for the love and dedication you gave us, your students. You made a huge impact for the better, and you are missed.

May 18, 2012 at 10:17 AM



“ Mike Vann lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Mike Vann - May 18, 2012 at 09:28 AM



Ms. Taylor was tough but now as I look back she had one thing in mind and thats to make sure her students got it. She loved and cared for her students if all teachers were like her the schools would be a lot different she was a great teacher she will be missed by many The family will be in my thoughts and prayers

Mike Vann - May 18, 2012 at 09:32 AM



“ Tanya D. Brockington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Tanya D. Brockington - May 17, 2012 at 04:05 PM

TB

Ms. Taylor was an tough but awesome teacher! If we didn't learn nothing else ...we learned Math! Ms. Taylor will be missed. Blessings to The Taylor Family!

Tanya D. Brockington - May 17, 2012 at 04:07 PM

CM

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear about Ms. Taylor. She was a teacher of mine in school. She was so nice but stern when she had to be. She will not be forgotten. May God bles and keep you close in the weeks and months to come. Crystal Talbert Minnehan Hartsville student



Crystal Talbert Minnehan - May 16, 2012 at 02:02 PM

JD

“ Johnnie Norwood Doubles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Johnnie Norwood Doubles - May 15, 2012 at 09:13 PM

RP

“ Regina Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Regina Parker - May 13, 2012 at 03:32 PM

LB

“ *Lela Bouknight lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Lela Bouknight - May 13, 2012 at 02:35 PM

CR

“ *Carolyn R. Richey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Carolyn R. Richey - May 13, 2012 at 12:02 PM

CR

“ *Martha was a very talented lady and will be sorely missed by teachers, principals, and her many friends. I am happy to be counted among one of those. I met Martha when she taught math at HJH and knew instantly how talented she was in all things math. Later she came to work with us in the Title One office at the district level. She instantly raised awareness of math for all of us the district !!!! It was truly her passion in life. Martha traveled with me to many of the Title One meetings and conferences which gave me an opportunity to get to know a different side of her because I sensed on that she was a very private person. But one thing we had in common.....shopping and finding good food at restaurants!!! Martha, thank you for all that you have done and it was unfortunate that your life was shortened before its time.....sweet dreams for all eternity.*

Carolyn R. Richey - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 PM

FW

she was my 8ih grade math teacher at butler high school in 1979 you will truly be missed. Mrs Taylor

Fitzgerald woods - May 13, 2012 at 12:16 PM

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Fitzgerald woods - May 13, 2012 at 12:16 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Bonnie Mathis - May 12, 2012 at 12:18 PM

BM

Martha was a very good math teacher and a good friend. She was dedicated to her profession and will be missed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Vernon and Ann you are in my prayers.

Bonnie Mathis - May 12, 2012 at 12:26 PM

OD

“ *Olivia Graham Doughty lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Olivia Graham Doughty - May 12, 2012 at 08:31 AM

GC

“ *Ms. Taylor was an outstanding teacher who really challenged her students. Our daughter became a math teacher as a result of being in her class. All year long Ginger came home from school talking about how much she had learned; she signed up for Math Counts so she could have her again. Ms. Taylor had a life-long interest in her students. The profession has lost a real jewel.*

Gail and Richard Culyer

Gail Culyer - May 12, 2012 at 06:58 AM

JB

“ *Jennifer Byrd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Jennifer Byrd - May 11, 2012 at 01:08 PM

MB

“ *Ms. Taylor was my cheerleading coach in 8th grade. She was the same with us girls as she was her students. Always pushed us to be what she knew we could be. She took care of us and made sure we acted like ladies when representing the school. You will be greatly missedMs. Taylor!*

Mandy (Smith) Beasley - May 11, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JP

“ Jackie Pierce sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Jackie Pierce - May 11, 2012 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ Michelle McDaniels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Michelle McDaniels - May 11, 2012 at 06:49 AM

ES

“ You were so special to many people; you impacted so many in a positive way. I will always remember the love and respect between you and my mom and my dad during those years you stayed in their apartment on Marlboro Avenue. At times my wife and I felt that you were the 'daughter' they never had for the sincere love and respect shown by you and them toward each other. They looked out for you; you, them. Now you are together again wrapped in God's loving arms. We will miss you; rest in peace.

Elaine & Jim Stewart - May 11, 2012 at 05:39 AM

JS

“ Jim Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Jim Stewart - May 11, 2012 at 05:22 AM

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Jim Stewart - May 11, 2012 at 05:22 AM

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“ Jim Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Jim Stewart - May 11, 2012 at 05:16 AM

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Jim Stewart - May 11, 2012 at 05:15 AM

TO

“ *My all time favorite math teacher, Mrs. Taylor gave me that extra push and continuously reminded me that I was beautiful smart young lady that needed to drop the attitude. RIP Mrs. TAYLOR*



Toni - May 11, 2012 at 12:02 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



May 10, 2012 at 11:51 PM

AM

“ *This was an awesome educator!! She will truly be missed!*



Angela C. Moore - May 10, 2012 at 09:53 PM



“ *A Wonderful Woman first, and a math teacher that cared and made sure her students excelled! R.I.P Ms. Taylor!!!*



Lavona Brockington - May 10, 2012 at 09:36 PM

MT

“ *Melissa Thompson-Windham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Melissa Thompson-Windham - May 10, 2012 at 09:36 PM

KJ

“ *Kathi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Kathi Johnson - May 10, 2012 at 09:14 PM

RC

“ *The best Math teacher ever! R.I.P. Ms. Taylor!*

Rodney Council - May 10, 2012 at 06:54 PM

KO

“ *kdo*



Kelli Davis Odom - May 10, 2012 at 06:34 PM



sorry to hear this....hav fond memories of u as my math teacher..but GOD HAS U WRAPPED IN HIS ARMS NOW...R.I.P.

May 10, 2012 at 11:50 PM

DJ

“ *Daphney Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



daphney jackson - May 10, 2012 at 05:15 PM



“ *I just saw it posted on FB and I still can't believe it. All I can say is a Great Teacher and Person. You will be missed!!!*



Denicia Mitchell - May 10, 2012 at 04:15 PM

LJ

“ *she was one of the only teachers i truley learned from she made pre-algebra seem so easy to me she was one of the best teachers i ever had she took the time to make sure her students knew what they doing and had confidence in all of us. you will truely be missed ms.taylor thank you for believing in me*

Leslie Jacobs - May 10, 2012 at 03:48 PM

DB

“ *Dawn H. Boykin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Dawn H. Boykin - May 10, 2012 at 03:40 PM

DT

“ The thing I remember well as a 7th grader was: we were the first class of Ms. Taylor's at HJHS after the closing of Butler. As a sheltered 7th grader, her classroom was an awakening. She taught us how to be responsible for our own actions and also, consequences that followed for our negative actions. I wasn't the greatest math student, but she always strived to get the best out of all of her students. She also taught us about life and "the real world." I will never forget that and we surely could use more like her today. She helped us with more than just math, she helped us grow up. Her dedication and love for what she did will be missed.

Dee Tallon - May 10, 2012 at 03:28 PM

SM

“ Ms. Taylor impacted thousand of lives with her love and teaching skills. She will be missed. Sharon, Bruce and Kimberly Moon

Sharon Moon - May 10, 2012 at 02:14 PM

PT

“ Patti Tapscott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Patti Tapscott - May 10, 2012 at 01:52 PM

PT

She was a very special person. We could use a few more teachers like her in the education system these days. RIP Ms. Taylor.

Patti Tapscott - May 10, 2012 at 01:54 PM

MW

“ *Marcia Woodell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Marcia Woodell - May 10, 2012 at 12:51 PM

RW

“ *Martha took me under her wing when I joined the HJHS faculty. She was always helpful and a good friend. May God bless her and her family and friends.*
Rebecca Walker

Rebecca Walker - May 10, 2012 at 11:33 AM

JG

“ *Ms. Taylor was a wonderful teacher and I know she has positively impacted the lives of many. Heaven has gained an angel. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. RIP!*

Jessica Gainey - May 10, 2012 at 10:44 AM

JG

“ *Jessica Gainey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Jessica Gainey - May 10, 2012 at 10:42 AM

EP

“ Ms. Taylor was the first teacher I ever had to pull me aside and tell me how much she believed in me when I didn't even believe in myself. She gave me a reason to want to get up in the mornings and go to her class, because she was always a straight forward teacher with everyone. Ms. Taylor will be missed by many and I can truly say she was an inspiration to me. Thank you Ms. Taylor and R.I.P God now has another very special angel.

Enrico Pendergrass - May 10, 2012 at 10:25 AM

TS

“ Such an amazing teacher! Ms. Taylor you will be missed greatly. May you rest in love.

Tyrese Sullivan - May 10, 2012 at 10:24 AM

ES

“ Ms. Taylor was a great teacher, and I will never forget her dedication to helping me succeed in her class.

Emily (Tyner) Sutton - May 10, 2012 at 10:12 AM



“ Ms. Taylor was such an inspiration to me. I remember her class very well. She loved what she did and she loved her students. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching were the main reasons why I also chose to become a teacher. I strive everyday to be the kind of teacher she was. She will be missed.

May 10, 2012 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ Thank You Ms. Taylor For Teaching Me How To Look At MATH Differently.. You Made It Much Easier.. I Also Thank You For Teaching Me How To Stay Quite & Learn For An Entire 90 Mins.

Donovan Bruce - May 10, 2012 at 09:42 AM

KS

“ Ms. Taylor was one of my all-time favorite teachers and the best cheerleading coach I ever had. Between cheerleading practice and academic team practice, I think I spent the majority of my afternoons during junior high with her -- she was always tough, but I know it was just because she believed in us and knew that we could excel at whatever we were doing if we just pushed ourselves a little bit harder... I learned so much from Ms. Taylor during my two years at HJHS -- she's made an enormous impact on my life today. Thank you for everything, Ms. Taylor -- you will be truly missed.

Kathy (Gruene) Segersten - May 10, 2012 at 09:23 AM

KO

“ Kim O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Kim O'Neal - May 10, 2012 at 08:32 AM

AW

“ Having worked with Martha as a colleague, and known her as a friend, I can truthfully say there was none other like her! The students, and her career, were her passion and her life. She expected that same dedication from those she taught, and those who taught with her; Doing your best was not an option but a requirement. Having said that, there was also a tremendous love in Martha; one that let others know they mattered. Her undisputed love of math and teaching will be long remembered by all of us who knew her.

Annette Wint

Annette H. Wint - May 10, 2012 at 07:47 AM

SM

“ As a kid who hated and was scared of Math, Ms. Taylor taught me it was nothing to be afraid of. While she was strict and stern, especially with those of us who needed it, yet she was also patient, kind, and compassionate. Ms. Taylor will truly be missed.

Scott McDonald - May 10, 2012 at 07:44 AM

CT

“ Christopher Toney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Christopher Toney - May 10, 2012 at 07:40 AM

DT

“ *Debbie Talbert lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Debbie Talbert - May 10, 2012 at 07:26 AM

RT

“ *She taught me to always read the directions and always show my work. Tough teacher but I appreciated what she did for others and myself.*

Richard Talbert - May 10, 2012 at 07:24 AM

HE

“ *Heather Woodham Easterling lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Heather Woodham Easterling - May 10, 2012 at 07:11 AM

HE

“ *My heart breaks to learn of the passing of such a wonderful women. She was such an amazing teacher who will truly be missed by many.*

Heather Woodham Easterling - May 10, 2012 at 07:10 AM

LS

“ She may have been a tough teacher and an even tougher cheer leading coach, but she was good at what she did. I definitely knew prealgrebra when I left her class and our cheerleading team won every competition we went to during my 2 years at HJHS. Thanks for pushing me to do my best. I will never forget you.

Laura (Bouknight) Smith - May 10, 2012 at 07:05 AM

CL

“ Crystal Lawson Logan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Crystal Lawson Logan - May 10, 2012 at 06:53 AM

MS

“ Anyone student who knew Ms. Taylor new that she was as strict and stern as a teacher could come. But she was always consistent, and when you moved on to the next year from her classed and looked back, you could tell that she cared about you because she kept you on the straight and narrow, made you a better person, delivered her lessons, taught you what it was to be a student and showed you what a real teacher was. I'll never forget her.

Marques Smith Sr. - May 10, 2012 at 06:20 AM

CM

“ The staff of ICU at CPRMC was deeply saddened to learn that Ms. Martha had passed away. Her lively, determined spirit kept us all on our toes. She was the epitome of what it means to be a fighter. We were all looking forward to the "party over at my house" to celebrate her return home. Prayers for comfort and healing for the family!

Christy Moody - May 10, 2012 at 05:47 AM

JT

“ *Jackie Gregory Tewell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Jackie Gregory Tewell - May 10, 2012 at 04:42 AM

MG

“ *Michelle Grantham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Michelle Grantham - May 10, 2012 at 04:37 AM

MK

“ *Michelle Kalpakci lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor*



Michelle Kalpakci - May 10, 2012 at 01:28 AM

MS

“ Ms. Taylor had such an impact on some many peoples lives. She was truly an inspiration for many. I have always held close to my heart, her willingness to push her students, into the capability of achieving so much more than they showed. My love for math blossomed in her class. Until her, I despised math and never understood the capacity at which I could learn. She pushed me and I will forever be thankful for igniting that flame for the love of learning, from her. She was a great asset to the school system and will surely be missed by all.

Meridith Shumate - May 09, 2012 at 11:44 PM

AS

“ Ms. Taylor was a one of a kind teacher. I will always remember to keep my duckies in a row!! (LOL) She was loved my many and will be truely missed.

Alicia Wallace Steen - May 09, 2012 at 11:03 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear about Ms. Taylor's passing. She was a passionate teacher who made me want to learn and succeed.

Janet Powers Roller - May 09, 2012 at 10:16 PM

SJ

“ Sharon Renee Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Sharon Renee Johnson - May 09, 2012 at 10:03 PM

SJ

She was a great teacher!!

Sharon Renee Johnson - May 09, 2012 at 10:20 PM

KC

“ Ms. Taylor was a wonderful teacher, coach, advisor, and friend. I have such fond memories from Junior High thanks to her. Much of my scholastic success can be attributed to her and the path on which she set me (and so many others).

Keisha Church - May 09, 2012 at 09:45 PM

OG

“ Martha was truly a treasure to the Darlington County School District. I learned so many strategies for effectively teaching math from her during the years that I worked for the district. My prayers go out to her family and to the DCSD. Oscar C. Gregg III

oscar gregg - May 09, 2012 at 09:32 PM

SA

“ RIP Ms. Taylor. You were not only a great teacher but a great coach to all of us girls! You impacted many lives and will be missed!

Shelley Poston Atkinson - May 09, 2012 at 09:12 PM

SA

“ Shelley Poston Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Shelley Poston Atkinson - May 09, 2012 at 09:10 PM

CG

“ Ms. Taylor had a huge impact on my daughter's life in school, both in cheerleading and Math. I was always grateful for her. She loved the kids, they mattered to her. Her passing is a great loss for us all.

Connie Glangiorgi - May 09, 2012 at 09:05 PM

RS

“ Ms. Taylor was a wonderful teacher and person. She cared so much for her students. I will never forget you Ms. Taylor!

Rickey Simmons - May 09, 2012 at 08:53 PM

DD

“ Martha Taylor was a great person who knew her Math. She really helped us at school to teach the material in multiple ways so the students could master it. Thanks Martha for the time you spent making sure we had what we needed. You were always available for help when needed. Thank goodness you are not in pain any more.

Dori DeWitt - May 09, 2012 at 08:31 PM

MW

“ Ms. Taylor was a wonderful teacher. Most importantly she was a wonderful person! It was easy to tell that she really cared about her students. I'm thankful that I had the honor of being one of her students!

Mary Hudson Wells - May 09, 2012 at 08:30 PM

AG

“ Ms. Taylor made math so easy to understand. She was a wonderful person as well. Praying for her family during this time.

Amy Coker Griggs - May 09, 2012 at 08:10 PM

SJ

“ I remember when she found out that my mother worked at the school. I had just failed her class and she would always say to me" Steven I know I'm not going to have no problems with you doing better because now I can just go right down to the cafeteria and talk to your mom" So she had me sit right next to her desk up front. Of course I did do better, not only because the fear of her telling my mom, but she really took her time with me and helped. Very good math teacher, one who really cared and showed it! May you rest in calmly peace, Ms Taylor.
Stevie Jackson

Steven Jackson - May 09, 2012 at 07:33 PM

GC

“ I just wanted to say that Ms Taylor was a very, very inspiring teacher....while teaching at Butler High School...(in the 80's).....she treated everybody with love and she really put all she had into helping us learn....some student didn't want to do what was needed to really grasp the lesson...but she didn't give up on any of them....All I can say is...it's been well over 30 years and I can remember as it was yesterday how dedicated she was...soooo love her....Mrs. Geneva McCollough Copeland



Geneva McCollough Copeland - May 09, 2012 at 07:13 PM



“ Ms. Taylor was an excellent teacher and friend to her students. She was kind, warm and tenderhearted! Keeping her family in prayer. She was one of my favorite teachers. R.I.P.

Love, Carol Mitchell

Carol Mitchell - May 09, 2012 at 07:01 PM

KK

“ Ms. Taylor was a wonderful teacher and person. She cared so much about seeing all of her students succeed. She demanded excellence and I know that her tough love is what made me continue to strive for success throughout high school and college. I will always cherish the time I spent with her on yearbook staff, academic team, and in algebra class while I was at HJHS. She is one of those special teachers that remain with you long after the lessons are over. Rest in Peace Ms. Taylor.

Kaci King - May 09, 2012 at 06:41 PM

BJ

“ Ms. Taylor was such an amazing coach and teacher. She pushed you to work hard and expected only the best. Thank you Ms. Taylor for sharing your life with so many! You will always be remembered.

Beth Johnson - May 09, 2012 at 05:48 PM

DE

“ Ms. Taylor was a special lady and a wonderful teacher! I hate to hear that she passed, but I hope that everyone looks to her life in celebration of the lives of the students and numerous others she helped shape.

Derek Elgin - May 09, 2012 at 05:30 PM

EJ

“ Ethel Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Taylor



Ethel Johnson - May 09, 2012 at 04:29 PM

EJ

Mr. Taylor & Spouse, It is with sadness that I read of Ms. Taylor's death. We know that she is well now and gone to a better place..Praying for you and your family...Ethel Johnson, (your choir member's twin), Outsource Group, Carolina Pines

Ethel Johnson - May 09, 2012 at 04:35 PM

KN

“ *An amazing mathematician! Her expertise will surely be missed in our district. Think of her fondly.*

Kristen Nicholson, DCSD Coordinating Teacher

Kristen Nichlson - May 09, 2012 at 03:28 PM

DY

“ *Dear Ms. Taylor's, I had the opportunity to be a student and cheerleader for her. She was a good teacher to me. Please know that I will be praying for you all during this difficult time.*



Dani Hunt Young - May 09, 2012 at 02:49 PM

CF

Ms. Taylor was an excellent math coordinator. I participated in many math meetings with her. She was a friend, and great resource for any math needs. I will truly miss her.

Carol Freeman

Carol Freeman - May 10, 2012 at 05:26 PM