



Mr. Otis Lee Taylor

November 3, 1958 - December 23, 2024

Mr. Otis Lee Taylor, also known as "OT" of Hampton, Virginia formally of Huntington Station, New York passed away quietly in his home on Monday, 23 December 2024 after a brief illness. He was surrounded by family and friends. Otis was born in Pickens, Mississippi on 3 November 1958 to Rufus Taylor Sr. and Ernestine Jones. He was the second of six children. Years later the family relocated to Huntington Station, New York where he received his formal education. While in high school Otis worked several odd jobs which included the summer job program called Project Play. After graduating high school in 1977, he attended Sullivan University for approximately 1 1/2 years. On, Jul 1979, Otis decided he wanted to serve his country and joined the United States Air Force as a Carpentry Specialist Journeyman and later as an Aerospace Propulsion Technician. Some of his assignments included; McChord AFB - Washington State, Plattsburg AFB - New York, Clark AB - Philippines, Langley AFB -Virginia, Kuwait, Kunsan AB/Osan AB - Korea, Howard AFB - Panama, and Seymour Johnson AFB - North Carolina. He became a highly decorated service member and quickly moved up the ranks achieving the rank of MSgt/E7 and served his country honorably for over 24 years.

After his retirement, Otis continued to serve his country as a Letter Carrier with the United States Postal Service for 10 years and another 3 1/2 years as a Mail Clerk for Christopher Newport University.

While working both jobs, he managed to further his education by receiving

degrees in Culinary Arts and HVAC from ECPI University. He also received a Bachelor of Environmental Safety from Columbia Southern University.

A devoted and caring father and family man, Otis valued his children as his best achievement and most prized possession. He was a very grateful man, had a heart of gold, gave unselfishly, and was always willing to help others in need. If he had to give you his last dollar he would and, on many occasions, he did. His warm smile and unique personality changed the mood of anyone he encountered. Otis' spiritual journey started as a child and remained with Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, Huntington Station, NY. He loved God, family, life, and people and will be missed tremendously, but will always be remembered in our hearts and minds. "We love you, Otis."

He is survived by four children: son Philip Taylor (VA), daughter Michelle Taylor (VA), daughter Alissa Mathis (VA), son Caleb Taylor (VA), mother Ernestine Davis (NY), stepmother Earlene Taylor (IL), sister Christine Taylor (NY), brother Rufus (Elizabeth) Taylor Jr. (GA), sister Laticia Davis (NY), brother Clifton Davis (NY), brother Claude Davis (NY), and brother Calvin Davis (NY). Also survived by nine grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Rufus Taylor Sr and his brother Walter E. Taylor Sr.

Previous Events

Taylor Public Vistation

JAN 20. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Taylor Public Viewing

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Taylor Celebration Service

JAN 21. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Otis L. Taylor Burial

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery
5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM

HW

Otis Taylor was a very good friend and had a heart of gold. We worked together for a number of years and soon became valued friends. I will miss him greatly and ask that God bless him and his family.

Hans A Washington - January 21, 2025 at 12:25 AM

GJ

*I remember my friend Otis from the projects. His family lives downstairs and my family lived upstairs. Growing up together we used to argue and fight all the time. I come home crying to my mom about him doing this or that. She would say, "you're going to marry that boys one day and be the best of friends. I would cry harder. My mom was right (no we didn't get married) about one thing, we did become good friends. We both went away to the same college (Sullivan). Since we didn't know anybody, yet we depended on each other for everything. He had my back and I had his. I really got to know Otis on a deeper level. And I can say that he was just like a brother to me. I will definitely miss him. I wish his family peace and healing during this difficult time
Your friend Georgia Jones*

Georgia Jones - January 28, 2025 at 01:12 AM

HJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Harold William O'Garra Jr. I will miss him, not only did we value his friendship from our school days at Huntington High School, but we shared a special bond as veterans of our United States military service. It saddens my heart that a dear friend is no longer with us. We have truly lost a valuable and honorable family man and friend. It was my honor to call him a friend.

Harold W. O'Garra Jr. - January 29, 2025 at 08:40 PM

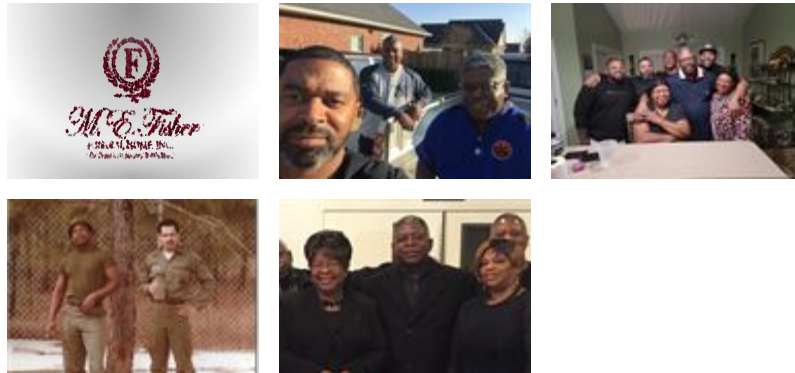


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.

January 21, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - January 17, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



January 16, 2025 at 08:18 AM



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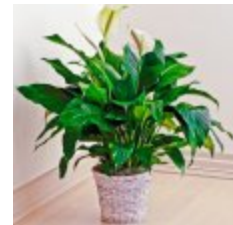
“ Terry Cleaver purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



Terry Cleaver - January 14, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ Pastor Daryl J. Vining and Hebron FBC purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



Pastor Daryl J. Vining and Hebron FBC - January 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

PF

“ Pastor Daryl J. Vining and Hebron FBC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.

Pastor Daryl J. Vining and Hebron FBC - January 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

CC

“ Carol Cody purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



Carol Cody - January 12, 2025 at 12:39 PM

CC

“ Carol Cody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.

Carol Cody - January 12, 2025 at 12:39 PM

CM

“ I served in the USAF with OT in the Philippines. To his family, please accept my sincere condolences. I will keep you lifted up in prayers.



Crystal Mehta - January 11, 2025 at 06:35 PM

AM

“ Words can't explain the hurt we all are feeling. I am blessed to have been in OT's circle. When I found out he was ill, it cut like a knife. I am blessed to have gotten the opportunity to tell him how much he has meant to us and how much we loved him. Looking at his picture and reading his obituary seems so surreal. You will always be Uncle OT to Mikayah. Rest my friend. We will meet again. Love you OT.

Ann, Mike and Mikayah

Ann McCloud - January 11, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Mr Taylor was a great man and a shining example of excellence. Rest in peace Sir.

Jordan Bracey - January 10, 2025 at 08:44 AM

CU

“ Coach Otis (Smitty) Smith, USAF purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



Coach Otis (Smitty) Smith, USAF - January 09, 2025 at 05:56 PM

CU

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Coach Otis (Smitty) Smith, USAF - January 09, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ OT was like a big brother to me. He always stayed in touch and had a nickname for me that I would never forget..Pookie! He would definitely be missed. Love you brother!!

Jarvis Mister - January 09, 2025 at 04:59 PM

TH

“ As the tears welled in my eyes upon the word that O.T. has gone home with our Father in Heaven, I truly wish healing prayers to all his family and friends.
There was a group of us from his days in the USAF that had a lifetime friendship/brotherhood that will stay lit for him always. Love and miss you bro. T-Whop

Terry Hunter - January 09, 2025 at 04:39 PM

AE

“ Andre AKA Dre Everett purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



Andre AKA Dre Everett - January 09, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TC

“ Teresa, Southern California purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.



Teresa, Southern California - January 08, 2025 at 02:15 PM

TC

“ Teresa, Southern California planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Otis Lee Taylor.

Teresa, Southern California - January 08, 2025 at 02:15 PM

FC

“ I have very fond memories of Otis Taylor. Most of his friends called him OT. He and I served together at our last duty station here in Virginia where we both retired. He had a heart of gold. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He helped many young troops when needed. I am truly saddened to loose a good friend. He and I had just talked a few days before his passing about going fishing. The last time I saw him we were at church on Langley AFB. In closing I hand Salute my good friend. Rest in peace my friend.

Forest Cathcart - January 01, 2025 at 01:37 PM



I send my sincere condolences to the family of OT. My heart is heavy tonight as I learned of his passing. OT did have a giving spirit and went out of his way to help others. I will remember him with fond memories. Rest in Peace, OT.

Teresa

Teresa Rozier - January 02, 2025 at 10:47 PM



I meet OT while stationed in the Philippines. Even though we haven't spoken in a while I considered him a good friend. He will truly be missed.

Clarence "CC" Martin

Clarence Martin - January 03, 2025 at 11:53 AM

AH

I Salute my AF Brother OT. We Have the Watch Brother! RIP.

ALLEN HUIE - January 06, 2025 at 11:29 AM

RT

I have known OT for over 30 years. He was one of my best friends. We enjoyed hunting, laughing, joking, the Giants, the Knicks, and talking about TRUMP. No words can describe the saddened feelings I have in my heart in receiving the words of your passing. You will be missed my friend. I am just happy to know that you are no longer in pain, and to know that you are with the Lord. Rest in peace my brother. You will be missed tremendously. Thank you for being my friend and I will always love you as my brother.

Ron Taylor

Ronald Lynn Taylor - January 06, 2025 at 11:40 AM

RK

It hardens my heart,soul, and spirit to acknowledge the spiritual retraction of a good friend and brother. OT and I both retired from the US Air Force after "911" somewhere around 2002 and 2003. We were "jet troops". We lived in the same Hampton VA subdivision in Foxhill. We've stayed in touch by phone and personal visits since then although I live in Winston Salem North Carolina now. OT was a very good man and human being. I would talk with Otis about things that I was dealing with here and he would amplify my spirit by simply listening to his response. He called me a week prior to being admitted to Riverside Hospital informing me of his medical condition. This sudden or acute information floored me and I was lost and silent for words of response. Days later I learned from his mother Mrs. Davis, that OT was discharged from Riverside without treatment and this even further wrecked my psyche (spirit). I am today still missing the lost of my friend OT. For Otis's family, I pray the that our God, Lord an Savior, Jesus (The Christ) comfort their souls with the understanding and peace that no man can offer. Taylor is truly missed not amissed. God has kept and blessed his spirit to rejoin the creator. Prayfully OT, we will see you soon according to God's timing and spiritual retraction for those of us who are yet still mortals. For the family, may the Lord thy God continue to encumber you endowing you with the power of His Spirit and Holy Ghost that you all may join your son, brother, and father someday!

OT, rest in peace brother until we meet again!

*Raymond Kelsey Sr.
Retired Military
US Army/US Air Force*

Raymond Kelsey - January 06, 2025 at 06:43 PM

DM

Once an EAGLE KEEPER,ALWAYS an EAGLE KEEPER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE , now SOAR...R.I.P.

David Peterson retire MSgt - January 07, 2025 at 07:13 AM

CP

My condolences to OT's family, friends and loved ones. God has summoned him to come home because his work is done here. OT has a greater role in our Lord's Kingdom.

*Hollis "Chuck" Payne
Retired USAF*

Chuck Payne - January 08, 2025 at 08:12 PM

AE

My deepest condolence to OT's family. OT was my "Brother in Arms". We only worked together for a few years while stationed in Panama, however, those few years were some of the best. You were a good friend and outstanding teammate. My you rest in heaven my brother.

Andre Everett - January 09, 2025 at 10:34 AM

DF

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. What a great man. Thanks for the memories and conversations. Rest easy my friend, life well lived, job well done. Until we meet again. RIP 🙏🙏🙏

Dennis Bagley, Retired Air Force. - January 13, 2025 at 06:32 AM

WC

With a heavy heart, I send my deepest condolences to the family of my dear friend and brother O.T., we've known each other for greater than 30 years and I'm saddened that he's gone, but will not be forgotten, I'll miss our many conversations, laughs and support. It was a privilege to serve with you. Rest in Heaven's Peace my brother.

*William Cobb,
Retired U.S. Air Force*

William Cobb - January 21, 2025 at 01:13 AM