



Derrick Taylor Sr.

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Derrick C. Taylor was born January 29, 1967, to Charlotte Cray (McGregory) and raised by loving parents Henry Lee and Dorothy Taylor.

Derrick grew up on Chicago's South Side, where he was an active member of Christian Tabernacle under the leadership of Maceo Woods. He gave his life to Christ at an early age and served as an altar boy. Derrick attended Lindblom High School, during which time he joined the Kappa League and participated in several cotillion and debutante balls.

After Derrick graduated in 1985, he later went on to attend Jackson State University and Southern Illinois University, ultimately deciding to join the United States Air Force in 1988. While in the Air Force, he received both his Associate's Degree in Applied Science for Information Systems Technology and Bachelor's of Science Degree in Workforce Education and Development. He later received his Master's Degree in Social Work from Salisbury University in Maryland.

As a member of the Air Force, Derrick's military career took him to several locations, including Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska where he served as part of the Strategic Air Command Post, also known as "Operation Looking Glass," on the military plane EC-135.

It was during this time that Derrick met the love of his life, Andrea. They married on March 9, 1991, and gave birth to three beautiful children: Jasmine, Derrick, Jr., and Serena. His faith continued to be the cornerstone of Derrick Sr.'s life, with his stewardship as a man of God exemplified in his role as husband and father. He became an integral member of a local church at each duty station where he served, often taking on a role in leadership, assisting in men's and children's ministries and singing in the church choir.

Derrick was also extremely involved in the community and participated in various activities such as flag football, ping pong, and refereeing. He became a Mason and thoroughly enjoyed playing dominoes and spades with family and friends.



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Derrick's Air Force duties took him and his family to locations around the world including Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi; Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan; and Royal Air Force Mildenhall in England. His depth of knowledge in radio operations continued to grow as did his rank, he retired in 2008 after serving more than 20 years in the Air Force. He received numerous aerial achievement medals, commendations, and thousands of flying hours in Special Ops.

After retiring, Derrick switched roles with his wife Andrea as the family now traveled on her military orders. Andrea continued to work for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and was stationed at various bases throughout Europe and Asia. For Derrick, life as a retiree consisted of being an amazing coach, leader and supporter of the couple's three children as they became heavily involved in sports. He also volunteered for the American Red Cross, worked as a substitute teacher and even joined a domino club.

Derrick and Andrea were happily married for more than 32 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Dorothy Brown-Taylor.




Derrick leaves to celebrate his life: his wife, Andrea; their three children, Jasmine (Stephen) Taylor-King, Derrick Taylor, Jr., and Serena Taylor; two grandchildren, Josiah King and Skylar King; cousin LaQuette Davis; mother Charlotte McGregory; Ricky McGregory; and a host of other loved ones.

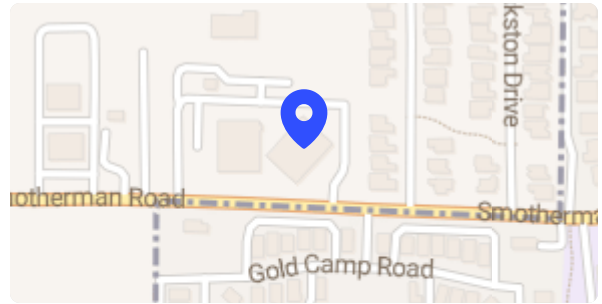


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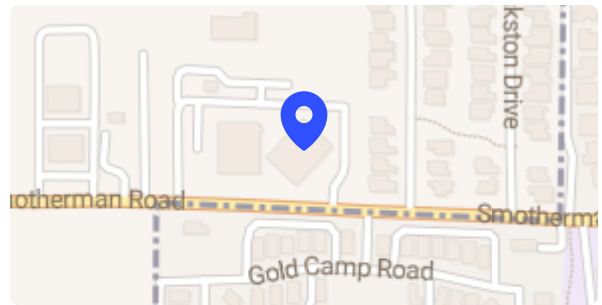
Public Viewing

-  **Thursday**, August 3, 2023
-  9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **New Life Community Church**
25631 Smotherman Road, Frisco TX 75033




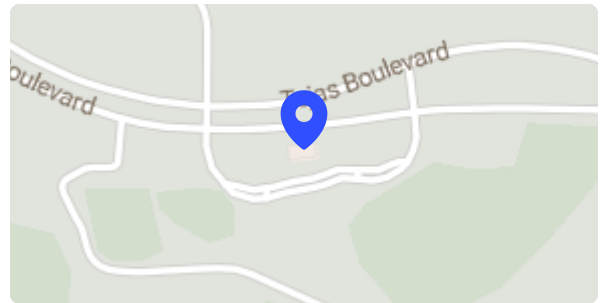
Celebration of Life

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Cemetery Details

-  **DFW National Cemetery**
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas TX 75211





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TA

Tara lit a candle in honor of Derrick.

So sad to have just learned of Derrick's passing.... he was a gentlemen of great positivity and energy. I was fortunate to work with him at Aviano as one of the Chaplain's. There was a few times I pulled him into help with an event, he always did so eagerly bringing all his gifts and upliftiting those around him. He will be missed deeply because he loved greatly and was loved dearly. I'll look forward to seeing him again amongst the angels in heaven, until then may God comfort those of us who celebrate his life while we grieve and mourn his loss.



October 2 at 7:27 AM

TH

Tabitha Huewitt posted:

Andrea and Derrick were always so supportive of their "twin" during sports season and even after one twin graduated, they still traveled to support the other one. We will miss his smile, positive words of encouragement, love or sweets and just hanging at the shed in Aviano. Thank you and God Bless

August 6 at 5:50 AM

LB

Leonard & Caroline Bohanon sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Taylor family.



August 3 at 2:30 AM

WK

Wilburt L. Key, Jr. posted:

The Taylor's and Key Family have from the moment we met in Okinawa have had a loving relationship. Words can't express how we feel right now. To absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and we know Derrick is at the foot of the Father. We miss his physical presence here with us but rejoice at the truth that he is in a better place, reconnecting with loved ones who have gone on to glory before him. We pray the Peace that surpasses all understanding for his family and friends and ask the Lord to guard their hearts and minds. We know Derrick is barbecuing and making everyone laugh in heaven with that contagious smile of his. Rest well my brother. Till we meet again. The Key Family.

August 2 at 4:55 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.

August 2 at 4:28 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Derrick.

August 2 at 7:47 AM



Deaconess Kingbo Charlotte Mcgregory posted:

Our sincere condolences to the family. God bless and comfort you always. The Freedom Worship Center family, Pastor Tom and Rosalind Johnson Hinesville, Ga.

August 1 at 4:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Taylor family.

July 31 at 4:58 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Taylor family.

July 31 at 4:58 PM



Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Derrick.

July 21 at 6:23 PM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Taylor family.



July 21 at 3:07 PM



Rev. Leon Leath sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.



July 20 at 3:20 PM



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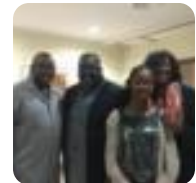


July 20 at 3:20 PM



Rev. Leon Leath shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To Andrea, Jasmine/her family, Derrick Jr, and Serena. Me and Kimberly extend to you our thoughts and prayers to you and extend our condolences. As I pastored in Italy it was Derrick who made it easy by being a friend, brother and serving as my first Deacon. It was his smile and spirit that I hold close and will forever cherish. We will miss him...Alas my Brother Rest well my Brother...



July 20 at 3:16 PM



The Weusijana Family posted:

To Andrea, Jasmine/her family, Derrick Jr, and Serena. Our thoughts are with you, and we are sending you our deepest condolences. We really loved and enjoyed Derrick. He was always joyful and respectful, and he knew how to make you feel comfortable. He had knack in finding that thread, in your personality to pull, and always left you laughing your head off. We will miss him....Rest in Power Derrick Taylor Sr.

July 19 at 4:58 PM



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Michael Roll posted:

A Great member of the United States Air Force, a credit to his family and highly respected by his friends and comrades. It was an honor to serve by your side. Rest in peace Derrick.

July 18 at 11:32 PM



Dave Coombs posted:

It was an honor to fly with Derrick on the Looking Glass. He was a great man and he will be missed. Rest in Peace my friend.

July 18 at 3:09 PM



Robin Kielich posted:

I worked with Derrick at Offutt. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

July 18 at 10:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Taylor family.



July 18 at 5:22 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Derrick.



July 17 at 8:36 PM



Media

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July 20 at 3:16 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Derrick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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