

Obituary

Earl Dee Taylor was born on September 26, 1965 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to Earl Dee Taylor Sr.(Dad) and Betty Louise Estelle(Mom).

He played football for Mt. Clemens High School and graduated in 1984. Earl accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized as a teenager at Zion Apostolic Church, where he began playing the drums for their music department. He attended Wayne State University on a football scholarship and was shortly thereafter recruited by Indiana University.

He was also recruited to play for two other division-one semi-professional organizations such as Detroit Steelers and Michigan Timberwolves. During his young adult years, Earl attended High Praise Cathedral of Faith for many years where he also played drums, provided security and launched his own management business as a road manager for various gospel artist. Earl worked as the maintenance crew in the East Detroit School District. The kids looked to him as a mentor and a coach. His love for football and children never ceased; thereby, affording him the opportunity to coach school-aged children at Mt. Clemens Middle School, New Haven High School, East Detroit Middle School, Michigan Hurricanes (semi-pro team) and Michigan State Club Football Organization.

Earl fell in love and married Katharine and they were married August 29, 2015. Earl was known by family and friends as the life of the party. He loved to crack jokes, join in on the fun and laughter of family, friends, nieces and nephews. His smile and style of laughing was contagious and it brought joy to everyone he encountered. He was a jack-of-all-trades to family, friends and neighbors. Everyone knew who to call when things needed to be fixed or resourced. He was handy, durable, dependable, kind, giving and he loved people. He was a husband, a dad, a surrogate-dad, a brother and a friend. Earl was a faithful minister at Mt. Olivet Higher Praise church for the later 12 plus years of his life. He loved being 'Earl' but more importantly he loved God and his creator called him home to receive his wings on Thursday September 23, 2021.

Earl leaves to cherish his memory and legacy: Loved-ones who preceded him in death: Betty Estelle (Mom), Earl Dee Taylor Sr. (Dad), Latia Coker (Daughter), Christine Robertson (Grandmother) and Maurice Stevenson (Brother). His loving Wife: Katharine Taylor, Nicklaus Taylor (Son), (Stepchildren) Damontre Lathan and Antoine Smith Jr.. Siblings: Charles Mial (Maria), Stephanie Mial, Tyrone Mial, Sabrina Kemp (Curtis), Malinda Williams (Arthur), Cerise Mial, Charlie Taylor (Mia), Earl Dee Taylor III (Latisha) and Denise (Carthea). God children: Michelle Tate (Derick) and Kamiya Ferrell. Five grandchildren (Carson Smith, Aubrey, Auri, Autumn and Aeris Tate), a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.