



ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture & Prayer
Elder Benjamin Winn, Sr.

Musical Selection
Sis. Pearl Lindsay

Resolutions

Obituary - Read silently

Remarks

Musical Selection
Melissa Taylor

Eulogy
Bishop Emery Lindsay

Recessional

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, phone calls, and all other expressions of support and comfort that you have shown during our time of bereavement.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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and Receive Greater.*



CELEBRATING THE
LIFE OF...

Shelma
TAYLOR HARDY

MARCH 23, 1935 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Friday, October 3, 2025
Wake 10:00am Service 11:00am
Nabors Family Funeral Home
470 W. 172nd Street | Thornton, IL

THELMA HARDY

Thelma Taylor stepped into the earth's realm on March 23, 1935 in Yazoo County, Mississippi. She was the eldest child born to the late Johnnie Taylor and George Taylor, Sr.

Reared in a Christian home, Thelma's parents made a lasting impression upon her about leading a Christian life. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized at Wolf Lake Church of Christ Holiness, U.S.A. She often spoke about her pastors, Elder J.E. Bearden and Elder Willie Jenkins, Sr.

A brilliant and obedient child, Thelma completed her formal education and graduated from high school from the Vicksburg, Mississippi educational system. Thelma was trained and worked as a nurse's aid. Because she enjoyed cooking, she also was an entrepreneur, working as a caterer.

Thelma relocated to Chicago and moved her membership to Christ Temple Cathedral (Chicago) under the leadership of Bishop O.W. McInnis. Thelma loved to read the Word of God.

Thelma loved her family and often opened her home to host family gatherings. She was very close to her siblings, who benefitted from her love of cooking. She also greatly enjoyed listening to music. She took great pleasure in traveling with friends. Her favorite place to travel was Hawaii.

The Lord blessed Thelma to be found by her husband, Bro. Martin Hardy, Sr. of Detroit, Michigan. Thelma joined her husband, with his children, in Detroit. She and her husband served faithfully at Zion Chapel Church of Christ Holiness (U.S.A). Thelma loved being married and enjoyed her time with the new family.

Markin Hardy Sr. passed away in 1989, and shortly thereafter Thelma returned to Chicago, reunited with Christ Temple and served the Lord in various ministries. She was a Sunday School teacher of Deborah class, a faithful member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of Christ Holiness (W.A.C.C), an active member of the United Christian Women's Ministry (U.C.W.M) and past president of the Saints Alive Ministry.

As her health declined, Thelma was blessed to have the support of her family: sister, Bertha Flowers; brother-in-law, Spencer Flowers; brother, John Taylor; and sister-in-law, Joneida Taylor.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Fred Taylor; her step-children--Alfred Hardy and Deborah Shavers; niece, Zena Taylor; nephews--Dennis Taylor and Keith Taylor.

The Lord called his angel home on September 23, 2025. She will be cherished by her siblings--Bertha Flowers and John (Joneida) Taylor; her step-children--Martin (Bernadette) Hardy, Clara Newman and Fred Hardy; and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

FAMILY TRIBUTES

"She was a great aunt. Rest Well. All my love."

Brian Taylor (nephew)

"One of the greatest gifts given by God is that of peace. Because of peace we see the kindness of God and the value of our fellow man."

"Peace I give to you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you." Aunt Thelma did in fact, walk in peace. It was that peaceful spirit that I will remember and miss. Aunt Thelma was a shining example of the peace of God. I am assured of her abiding in that perfect peace with the Lord eternally." **Bridget Taylor Pickett (niece)**

"Aunt Thelma was truly a woman of God. She lived a life of holiness every day and in every way. God call his good and faithful servant home. Rest in Heavenly Peace. Job well done. With much love, your niece." – **Kimberly Taylor McBroom (niece)**

"Aunt Thelma was warm and loving. She was faithful in her walk with the Lord and never wavered. She cared for her family, never looking for anything in return. That is love." **Lemuel Taylor (nephew)**

"You felt Aunt Thelma's love in her hugs and kiss on the cheek. She always opened her home to me. She shared advice and always had a sense of humor." **Kimberly Taylor (great-niece)**

"Aunt Thelma, I will always treasure the times we shared. Your quiet strength and trust in Lord made such an impression on me. Love you always." **Melissa Taylor (great-niece)**