



## Mrs. Theadoll Taylor

March 11, 1938 - June 23, 2022

Dr. Theadoll Taylor was born on March 11, 1938, in Duncan, Mississippi to the union of Dr. Reverend Miller and Almetta Peace. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at a young age and was baptized at Hooper Chapter church in Duncan Mississippi. When she moved to Milwaukee with her family, she joined St. Mark AME Church. Theadoll began her primary education in Milwaukee public schools. She was placed in a special class, but was quickly moved to her correct grade because the teacher said she was so smart. She graduated from North Division with honors and was not recognized because of her race. She was united in holy matrimony with John W. Taylor in 1957. To this union was born one daughter and one son. She became a member of the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in 1963, when she enrolled her children in their school. She remained a Lutheran for many years before returning to St. Mark. Theadoll was employed as a secretary for MPS for many years until she decided to go to college and get a degree in education. After earning a bachelor's degree, she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Alumni Chapter. She taught for several years while earning a master's degree in Administration. Both degrees were earned at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Doctorate degree at Columbia University of New York. She

was an Administrator at Central Office for many years when she decided she wanted to go back to the schools.

She became Principal and retired from Maryland Avenue in 1999.

She was very active in the church community and social activities. At Incarnation, she was on many

committees, church council. superintendent of Sunday school. Sunday school teacher, and a faithful member of the choir. She was on a bowling team for many years and received team trophies for her efforts. She also played tennis and participated in single and doubles tournament plays. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. She loved talking to her family for hours and staying in touch going to family reunions and insisted on getting the grandchildren on weekends. She created a special breakfast sandwich for the grandchildren they called "the Thea Muffin" can't forget her apricot jam. Many people have said she was the life of the party and she loved to dance! She was a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and continued to go to Delta Dear meetings and other Delta activities. She was so passionate about education, that she also ran to be on the MPS School Board. She was also an active member of the NAACP.

During her many travels around the world, she fell in love with Ghana West Africa. She built a small one-bedroom in 2002, in PramPram, Ghana. In 2004 she started construction on a full-size home, where she entertained friends and family for over 15 years. It became the headquarters for her Non-Profit-Health and Education for Africa (HEFA). She would personally ask family, friends, church members, and anyone she met for donations for the children of PramPram. She used the donations to pay the school fees for thousands of children over a ten-year period. Before her illness, she planned to eventually live out her days there.

Dr. Theadoll Taylor lived her life to the fullest and was the definition of anything is possible. On June 23, 2022, she was called home and preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Reverend Miller and Almetta Peace; sisters, Thelma

Flowers, Cleora Williams, and Pasty Brown; and brothers, Dires Peace and Bruce Peace.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Marcia Johnson; son, John (Tabatha) Taylor Jr.: five, grandchildren, Lenaton Trenton Brooks, Stacy Scott, Johnna Taylor, Olivia Piggee, and Morgan Taylor; six great-grandchildren, Kendall Brooks, Stacy Stcott Jr. Neveah Brooks, Ayinde Brooks, Sunshines Tidwell, and King Blackman; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other family, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark AME  
1616 W. Atkinson Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Funeral Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mark AME  
1616 W. Atkinson Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Iris Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Theadoll Taylor*



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**Iris Young** - June 30, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ *Although I didn't personally know Mrs. Taylor, my parents had the privilege to know such a loving and caring woman. Someone who wasn't afraid to reach down and grab the roots of her very existence.*

*Ghana and the ancestor's welcome you to the light Mrs. Taylor. May the family and friends of Mrs. Theadoll Taylor receive our sincere deepest condolences.*

*From the Shelton, Peet and Shabazz family.*

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**Monica Shelton** - June 30, 2022 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Dr Taylor was my principal and I worked with her as an assistant principal. She was such an intelligent and beautiful woman inside and out. She helped me to become the best educator I could be. I will sincerely miss her wonderful smile and awesome personality. My condolences to everyone in her family.*

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**Lorraine Applewhite** - June 29, 2022 at 06:06 PM

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“ My mother-in-law, Dr. Theadoll Taylor, was a magnificent woman. Coming from the rural south in the days of Jim Crow, Dr. Taylor earned a Phd in education from the prestigious Columbia University and was an example of Black Excellence. Unlike a lot of women from her era, she traveled the world and lived life on her terms. She was well spoken, always well dressed and was a true Diva. I am glad to have had her in my life.

*Tabatha Cannon-Taylor (John)*

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**Tabatha Cannon-Taylor** - June 29, 2022 at 04:33 PM