



## Mavis Taylor

December 23, 1920 - August 18, 2011

Mavis (Johnson) Taylor passed away at 7:08 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at Blu Fountain Manor. She was born December 23, 1920, in Kimberly, Alabama to Forest and Mary (Crane) Johnson. She had three brothers and three sisters: Clington, Jerry, Roger, Doris, Odesa, and Mildrend. On June 7, 1942, in Valier, IL she married Howard "Todd" Taylor and he preceded her in death on February 12, 1997. They owned and operated Taylor Cleaners for ten years in Carterville while Todd was also a part-time pastor throughout Southern Illinois. After selling their successful business and surrendering to full-time ministry, they eventually moved to Alton in 1957 when Todd accepted a call to be the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. While in Alton she worked for the Alton school district, but spent the majority of her time faithfully supporting her husband's ministry at Calvary and Alton First Southern Baptist Church for over 35 years until his retirement in 1993. Mavis' life was personified and guided by what Jesus called the two greatest commandments, which are to love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and to love others as yourself. No one loved their family more than Mavis. She is survived by her son Stephen Taylor; a daughter, Nancy Meggos and her husband, Harry; four grandchildren, Lori Merkel and her husband Stephen, Staci Hayes and her husband Brian, Nick Meggos and his wife Jody, and Todd Meggos and his wife Jennifer; and eight great-grandchildren; Bailey and Jordan Merkel, Hudson and Holden Hayes, Harrison and Nikolas Meggos, and Madeline and Olivia Meggos. Besides her husband, parents and siblings

she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Kathie Taylor. Visitation will be Sunday, August 21, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2011 at Calvary Baptist Church with Reverend Andre' Dobson to officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mavis Taylor*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Mavis Taylor*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mavis was my aunt. My Father, Paul Taylor, was Todds brother. May she rest in peace.*

**Dannia Taylor** - March 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry not to have made the funeral. My love and prayers are with each and everyone. Your Mom was a wonderful person and a fine Christian. She will be sadly missed by any life that she ever touched.*

**Ruth Reno and Randy** - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your Mother's death. We have been out of town and did not know. Our love to the family*

**David and Nancy Elson** - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mavis was a very caring and loving person. She was one of the greatest inspirations of my life and I will miss her always!*

**Jeannie Wade** - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Harry & Nancy, sorry for the loss of your Mother, she was a great Christian Woman. May God give you all the strength and peace you need in the upcoming weeks.

Ruthie & Bob McCord - August 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Aunt Mavis. We know how much she will be missed. We loved talking to hear and hearing stories about the family. She was an exceptional lady.

John D. & Mary Ann Harvey - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Working at The Fountains I have met alot of special people and Mavis was one. I feel blessed knowing her for she was a truly grand lady. She was and always will be in our hearts forever.

Valorie Koeller - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mavis was always a good friend to my Mother, Margaret Denson who we lost in April 2010.

Donna Denson Salof - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Mavis Taylor was the epitome of what a wife, mother, and servant of God is supposed to be. I had many wonderful meals and memories in her home. She was such a darling person and will be greatly missed by anyone who knew her.

Bill Dawson - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ So sorry that Aunt Mavis has passed but I know Uncle Todd was there to greet her upon her arrival in Heaven.

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**Jerry & Susan Johnson** - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Stephen,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Smokey and Beverly** - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM