



James Arthur Taylor Sr.

May 14, 1933 - June 21, 2019

James Arthur Taylor Sr. (JT), of Seaford, Delaware, (a former resident of Linden, NJ and Yonkers, NY) passed at his home peacefully on June 21, 2019. James was born on May 14, 1933, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Lillie Mae (King) Taylor and Arbuckle Taylor; the last child of eight children, all of whom preceded him in death. After leaving his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, Taylor enlisted in the Army and served with the 469th EAB in Bordeaux, France, during WWII, as an engineer commander, working with Aeronautic Machinery. He was a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal. Later he was honorably discharged as a Colonel in 1954.

Later he married his late wife, Louise Fields Taylor, who blessed him with two sons, James A. Taylor, Jr. and Warren S. Taylor. He lived in Yonkers, New York, with his family until 1979. While there, he lived a very generous, selfless, solitary life. His citizenship was recognized as a New York Statesman in 1968 by the NY Herald Statesman Association of Yonkers, NY.

Throughout his civilian life, James worked for the Local 60 of New Jersey, as a construction worker for 12 years, where he helped install and run high line wires coming across the country down the I-95 corridor. After that, he took a permanent position with NY shipping association (NYLA-ILA) as a Longshoreman, where he worked 36 years, from 1958, until he retired in 1995. James believed in the “a hard-working man” concept. He once

established his own business, JT's Transportation Services, in the early 70's, transporting for various occasions. He was a good citizen who worked hard to maintain his belief of, "pay as you go". He was an avid churchgoer, attending Community Baptist Church in Yonkers NY, for many years. He also attended other churches, where he often served as the organist, until he became ill in 2010. In May 2019, he received honorary recognition from Brother to Brother from a fellow Veteran, Pastor Willie Savage.

He leaves to mourn, his two sons; two grandchildren, Jessica Taylor and James A. Taylor III, and a host of other family and friends, who loved him and will miss him.