



## Bro. Michael A. Taylor

April 21, 1960 - April 25, 2020

Funeral services for Bro. Mike Taylor, 60, of Gary, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Moss officiating. A viewing will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2020 at Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home. The interment of ashes will be in Crossroads Cemetery in Kingsland, Arkansas.

Bro. Michael Atsion Taylor was born April 21, 1960 in Davis Hospital in Pine Bluff, AR. He passed this life April 25, 2020 in Henderson, Texas. He was one of two children born to the marriage of A.T. and Betty Lisemby Taylor. Mike was saved at Mt. Elba M.B.C. in 1969; baptized later at the Mt. Elba swimming hole. He surrendered to ministry December 3, 1977 at Southside Baptist Church revival services led by the Lisembys. Mike announced that call to the church at Mt. Elba and preached his first sermon that Sunday night. Mike was the valedictorian of the New Edinburg, AR class of 1978. He was ordained on July 8, 1978 at Pleasant Springs M.B.C. of Coleman, AR. He graduated University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and from the Missionary Baptist Seminary and Institute of Little Rock in 1986 with a bachelor's in Theology. He married Leslie Ann Niva on May 24, 1985 and together they celebrated 34 years of marriage and raised two sons in a loving Christian home.

Bro. Taylor served his Lord ministering through Pleasant Springs MBC of Coleman, AR; Sardis MBC of Grapevine, AR; MBSF College Minister at

Shiloh MBC of Russellville, AR; Red Springs MBC of Gurdon, AR; MBSF College Minister of Calvary MBC of Magnolia, AR; Enterprise MBC of Gary, TX.

Bro. Taylor is survived by his loving wife, Leslie Taylor of Gary; sons, Micah Taylor and wife Kelly of Meadows Place, Mitchell Taylor of Gary; sister, Betty Carol Graham of Kingsland, AR; niece, Cecilie Lane of Temple, and nephew, Samuel Lane of Monticello, AR; other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be; Jimmy Howard, Eddie Brown, Jeff Childress, Carlton Hall, Gib King, Dan Reynolds, Paul Rice, David Wilson, Marcus Phillips, Mid Johnson, Jr. Woodfin, Joel Hudgens, Ron Downs, Zachary McBride, and his many brothers in Seminary and Ministry.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church  
Gary, TX

## Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church  
Gary, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bro. Michael A. Taylor



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 01, 2020 at 03:46 PM



Leslie, Micah, Mitchell this was a beautiful service. Bro Mike will be missed very much and was so special to our family. Our prayers are with you always.

Barbara Erlandson

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Barbara Moore Erlandson - May 01, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ Bro Mike and his family have always been great to me! Bro Mike and fam always looked out for wat was best 4 me when i did wrong and the situations i was dealing with. I love and miss u! You are and will always be an amazing man exp. To his flock! God bless him and fam!!!!

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Aj Arbaugh - May 01, 2020 at 11:12 AM

WE

“ We are so sad to hear of his passing. Always looked forward to seeing him and your whole family. It has been an honor having him in our lives. We loved him and we love all of you.

Wendy and John Kegley

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Wendy - May 01, 2020 at 12:15 AM

BB

“ We send our love and prayers to your family, Leslie. May God wrap His loving arms around you and your children and soothe your aching hearts. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your husband was a special man to so many. 🙏

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Becky Blair - April 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM

NC

“ Leslie, Micah, and Mitchell,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Bro. Taylor was a wonderful man, always kind and considerate every time you spoke with him. You all are in our prayers during this time of grief.

Sincerely,  
The Coligan Family

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Nerissa Coligan - April 30, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JB

“ I can't guess how many years I have shared a cabin at Bogg Springs with brother Mike. I look forward to this like the first day of Deer season. Mike was just a fun guy to be around. He loved kids. He loved his family and his church family. We were distant cozens. Most of all we were friends. I will miss him at camp. He preached many funerals but never did as good as he has preaching his own. The only comfort we have at this time is knowing that Mike is in a better place. Even so we still miss him. Won't be the same without him. Rest In Peace my brother.

Johnie Brewster - April 29, 2020 at 05:18 AM

DW

“ Donna Ron Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Bro. Michael A. Taylor



Donna Ron Westbrook - April 29, 2020 at 01:59 AM

DW

Bro Mike hunted on Hunting Club with Ron Westbrook  
My Husband  
The Club enjoyed Bro Mike  
Sincere Condolences to His Family and Many Prayers

Donna Ron Westbrook - April 29, 2020 at 02:02 AM

RM

“ We are sorry to hear of Bro. Mike's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with him at Calvary in Magnolia.  
Bryan and Rhonda McMahan

Rhonda McMahan - April 28, 2020 at 04:27 PM

DM

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Bro. Mike married us at Red Springs Church 29 years ago! We will be praying for your family!

David & Jerusha McDonald - April 28, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bro. Michael A. Taylor.



April 28, 2020 at 10:48 AM

JF

“ We are grateful God allowed our paths in life to cross. We became friends while he was younger, even before God called him into the ministry. We have watched Mike become a great servant of the Lord and admired him for his care for other. We offer our sympathy and prayers to both his personal and church family. May God grant to each of them His amazing grace to assist them in their lives. - Dr. and Mrs James Floyd

James and Peggy Floyd - April 28, 2020 at 09:24 AM

ML

“ Melissa Roberts Landreth purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Bro. Michael A. Taylor.



Melissa Roberts Landreth - April 27, 2020 at 11:40 PM

ML

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mike from our Greater Little Rock MBSF days. What I remember most is his laugh. He has a huge smile in every picture I have of him. I also admired his capacity to genuinely care for and reach out to others. My thoughts and prayers go out to Leslie, Micah, and Mitchell. Praise Jesus we will see him again.

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**Melissa Landreth** - April 27, 2020 at 11:31 PM

LS

“ From one of Mike's classmate of 78, Bro Mike was always nice and caring. As NEHS Class of 78 we grew up together from grade school all the way to High School as a family. Mike was like a big brother to me. I will always love and miss you Bro Mike! RIP Lisa Dupree Sledge

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**Lisa Sledge** - April 27, 2020 at 11:26 PM

PR

“ Mike Taylor was a true friend and a special person! He and I spent many hours together at UAM. I have many great memories of our time together as partner's on the debate team. Later he introduced me to the lady that became my wife and he performed our wedding ceremony. We also got to know Leslie and love her. Leslie, I pray GOD's perfect peace over you, Micah and Mitchell.

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**Paul Rice** - April 27, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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**Paul Rice** - April 27, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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“ First time we met him was at a MBSF MINI RETREAT in Monticello. He was a member of the MBSF there. He was so friendly to our group from SAU. So sorry to hear the news. Our prayers are with the family. Barry and Ann Baker

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**Barry and Ann Baker** - April 27, 2020 at 06:33 PM

CA

“ Sad to learn of Mike's passing. He was one of our special crew in MBSF at UA Monticello. We were all 'Baker's kids'. It was a delight to see Mike grow in the Lord's ministry. He was a blessing to so many. My deepest sympathies to Leslie and the family. Cherish the memories and rest on the assurance that there will be a glad reunion one day in Heaven. In Christian love, Carolyn Ashcraft

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**Carolyn Ashcraft** - April 27, 2020 at 12:42 PM

PS

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bro. Mike. He meant the world to us MBSFers at SAU 1993-96. We had the best time. He was always there for us. We are so thankful he was apart of our lives. Those memories flood our minds. Micah and Mitchell were just babies. We are praying for you Leslie. The last I saw Bro. Mike was 4 years ago. He came to our friend Kirk’s funeral. I was so glad that I got to visit with him. I will never forget his love for the Lord. Love, Pete and Priscilla Southall

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**Priscilla Southall** - April 27, 2020 at 12:25 PM