



Margaret Taylor

December 8, 1938 - March 21, 2020

With heavy hearts we share that our beloved mother, Margaret (Ragland) Taylor, peacefully passed on March 21, 2020. Born December 8, 1938 in Alabama, Margaret was the fourth eldest of nine siblings in the Ragland family. After growing up in Eoline and graduating as valedictorian from Bibb County High School in 1957, Margaret went on to attend the University of Alabama and earn a teaching certificate. While teaching in Mobile, she met and married Cecil Taylor, who was serving in the Navy. Margaret suspended her teaching career shortly thereafter and happily served as a Navy wife. She and her husband welcomed three children during the course of their marriage. The family moved to Virginia Beach in 1976 and, after divorcing in 1980, Margaret selflessly devoted herself to her children and was the cornerstone of the family. Margaret renewed her passion for education in the late 1980s at Basics Primary School in Chesapeake, VA, where she taught kindergarten for 25+ years. She never failed to make an impression on those she met and always had a story to share. Margaret's strength, courage and love for family are traits we will fondly remember and aspire to continue in her legacy. During her years at Basics, Margaret was excited to hold an annual Trike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This cause was near and dear to her and the family is asking for donations to be made in her honor in lieu of flowers. Her children, Susan Catlett (James), Victoria Paul, Cecil Taylor II (Katie), and grandchildren, Julianna Taylor-Gomia (Courtney), Vanessa Taylor, Skyler Paul, Alex Catlett, Guinevere Taylor, Grace Taylor and

her extended family will forever cherish her memory.

Tribute Wall

VP

“ Miss you every day....I know you are with me and hear me talking to you. 💔

Victoria Paul - February 18, 2021 at 06:38 PM

JT

“ My sweet grandma... I think of you every day and I couldn't love you more.

Julie Taylor-Gomia - August 31, 2020 at 10:38 PM

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“ I met Ms Margaret when I came on board as a pre k teacher at Basics primary school. Ms Margaret was a very sweet person. I would sit and have talks with Ms Margaret about little issues and she would sit with me and kindly listen. I enjoyed helping her with the bike a thon each year, blowing up balloons and help serve chocolate milk to her little darlings during the bike a thon. Ms Margaret will surely be missed. I'm glad I got the chance to meet her and after retiring from Basics, I'm glad I stayed in touch with her through cards and notes. Love you Ms Margaret. From Vicky Harris.

Laura (Vicky) Harris - April 10, 2020 at 08:37 AM

JT

Ms Vicky, my grandmother thought and spoke of you both fondly and often. Thank you.
-Julie Taylor-Gomia

Julie Taylor-Gomia - August 31, 2020 at 10:35 PM

VP

Thank you for sharing Ms. Vicky. Especially the bike-a-thon memory. She really enjoyed those! Appreciate your staying in touch with her after she retired. Thank you.

Victoria Paul - February 18, 2021 at 06:41 PM