



## William Norfleet Taylor, Jr.

April 19, 1933 - November 17, 2023

William Norfleet Taylor Jr., (affectionately known as Bill) was born on April 19, 1933, to the late William Norfleet Taylor Sr., and Grace Atkins in Portsmouth, VA. He spent his childhood in Portsmouth and attended I.C. Norcom High School. During the height of his high school years, he embarked upon his career at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. From there he started with Military Sealift Command (MSC) as a Merchant Seaman. Bill served in MSC for 35 years, starting as Wiper, and elevated himself to Chief Electrician on the ships.

In 1976, Bill met Lucy in New York. They relocated to Virginia Beach in 1987 and were married in 1988. In 1991, Bill retired after 35 years with Military Sealift Command (MSC). He became an entrepreneur owning several businesses with his wife Lucy. Together they owned: an apartment building and The Fairtree Lounge and Bar in the Bronx, NY as well as a taxi business in Portsmouth, VA. All under the name of "Billou", a combination of their names Bill and Lucy.

Bill loved spending time with family, watching football, and television shows. He was an avid storyteller and occasionally these stories were filled with yeast! He was also an adventurous man who enjoyed riding his motorcycle. Bill and Lucy frequently traveled to visit family and friends. There were trips for weddings,

birthdays, new additions to the family holiday parties, graduations, christenings, and many more. We have to mention that one of Bill's favorite pastimes involved drinking his signature wine, Taylor Tawny Port, in a water glass, filled with ice cubes.

The visits and calls Bill received in the last months of his life were a tremendous source of joy, peace, and comfort to him.

Bill is predeceased by his mother and father, one sibling, three children, and two grandchildren.

He is survived by: his wife Lucy, sister Jackie, six children, three daughters-in-law, 24 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and loved ones.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

6329 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
Norfolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William Norfleet Taylor, Jr.



---

**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 24, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Celebration Service



---

**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 27, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ My most heartfelt condolences to the Taylor family. Sending prayers for peace and comfort!!

---

**Joyce Chavers** - November 27, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ Louella Inman lit a candle in memory of William Norfleet Taylor, Jr.



---

**Louella Ford Inman** - November 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM

DZ

“ I grew up in a time when very few black children had a biological father in the house on a regular basis. So "Mister Bill" was a legend to us. I can still recall how his former wife, "Lil Bit," would become agitated with excitement whenever he was about to return home from his world travels and she would make sure that all of the children got the house clean and ready for "The King." It was the kind of thing that made a young boy say, "I want to be that guy when I grow up." RIP Mister Bill. Much respect!

DAVID ZAIRE

---

David Zaire - November 26, 2023 at 02:37 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



---

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 24, 2023 at 11:34 AM

JF

“ JACKIE R EVANS AND FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Norfleet Taylor, Jr..

---

JACKIE R EVANS AND FAMILY - November 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM

JF

“ *JACKIE R EVANS AND FAMILY purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of William Norfleet Taylor, Jr..*

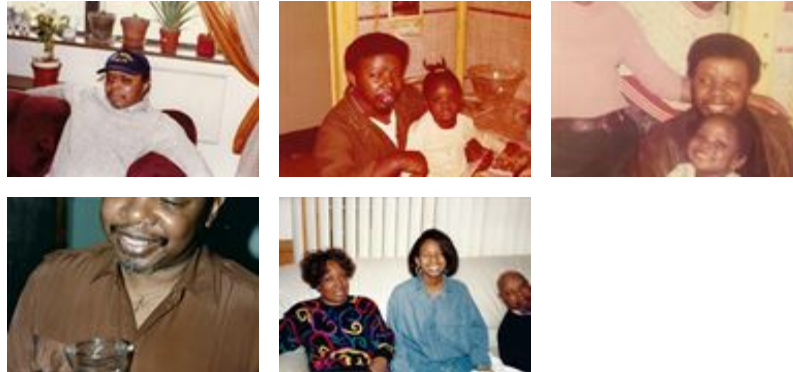


---

**JACKIE R EVANS AND FAMILY** - November 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *32 files added to the album Life Tributes*



---

**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - November 21, 2023 at 04:33 PM

LI

*Those we love are never really lost to us -for their special love live on. May the light of love and the warmth of memories bring peace to your world in this time of sorrow. Sincerely Louella Ford Inman*

---

**Louella Ford Inman** - November 26, 2023 at 05:36 PM