



## Elaine C. Taylor

February 18, 1941 - February 16, 2023

Elaine C. Taylor, 81, of Taylors, SC went to be with the Lord on February 16, 2023.

Mrs. Taylor wished to share her life's history in her own words by writing her own obituary six months before she passed away.

Born in Laurens, SC she was the daughter of the late Rev. Grange S. and Lily Mae Cothran. Elaine loved her family, friends, church, and the USC Gamecocks. She studied at Mars Hill College and Furman University but developed a passion for all things Gamecocks while living on campus in family housing as a young wife and mother, and for half a century rarely missed a Carolina football game.

A faithful follower of Jesus Christ, Elaine was a long-time member of Taylors First Baptist Church and worked serving the Lord in various administrative positions there for more than 40 years. She also served as a volunteer in many areas of the church, but her calling was faithfully singing in the choir. An avid student of the Bible and prayer warrior, she will be missed and remembered by many whose lives she enriched.

Elaine is survived by two grandsons, Taylor Gilliam of Sandy Springs, GA, and Chandler (Austyn) Gilliam of Chattanooga, TN; and her adopted family in Christ, James and Kathy Tankersley, and Andrew, Sarah, and Lyla Dobson. Mrs. Taylor was predeceased by her only child and beloved daughter, Jacquelyn Taylor Gilliam; and one brother, Don Cothran.

A celebration of Elaine's life will be held, 2:00 pm Friday, February 24, 2023,

at Taylors First Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 12:30-1:30 pm Friday, February 24, 2023, in the Welcome Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Taylors First Baptist Church Missions Outreach, or Taylors Rec Center, 200 W Main St, Taylors, SC 29687. Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church  
200 West Main Street  
Taylors, SC 29687

## Celebration of Life

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Elaine was my number one fan when I served at Taylors. Her office was a sanctuary to laugh and cry together. I'm always appreciative of the love she showed me and my family. Thank you for years of faithful service at Taylors and the impact you made on thousands.*

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**Ryan Brooks** - February 24, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Elaine C. Taylor.*



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February 21, 2023 at 06:35 PM

SS

“ *Elaine and I go way back....Jerry was at USC and we worked at C&S Bank. We became good friends. I was there when both her parents died and when Jackie died so tragically. Elaine lived in Columbia and I cared for her when she became ill and had to be hospitalized. I then moved her back to Greenville where she lived with her Rev. Cothran for a short time. We had lots of fun times together and I will never forget her. Well done my good and faithful servant!*

*Love you my friend!*

*Sandra Selman*

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**Sandra Selman** - February 21, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Elaine C. Taylor*.



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February 20, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of *Elaine C. Taylor*.



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February 20, 2023 at 12:40 PM

KD

“ I have so many sweet fun memories of having Elaine as my most FUN AUNT in the Taylor Klan! Even after she & Jerry split up she remained a huge part of our family!

Her godly parents had such a huge impact on our family. Her dad ordained & mentored my dad all through his ministry! She was such a beautiful light to all of us who loved her! She LOVED her family & ADORED Taylor & Chandler. She loved her church family & she loved to use that beautiful alto voice to give God praise and also to cheer for her Gamecocks (which she always told me ..., that SC (not us, TARHEELS) were the " REAL CAROLINA" Going through the tragic loss of Jacquie just shattered her life, but never her faith! She always longed for the day when she would see Jacquie & her parents, brother, our grandbaby and so many more again! For those of us who are left behind, we will carry the sweet fun memories of her infectious laugh & the way she LOVED us all! I have no doubt that she is on the front row, right beside the angels worshiping & sing praises to her Heavenly Father! Even though we will not be able to attend her memorial service, we continue to lift Taylor, Chandler, Mark & all those sweet friends who loved her so much!

Love, Kaye & Bobby Dobbs  
#becauseHElives

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**Kaye Dobbs** - February 19, 2023 at 02:44 PM

RK

“ So very sorry to hear the passing of Ms. Elaine. ❤️

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**Reva Knowles** - February 19, 2023 at 11:19 AM