



## Dr. Keith Forrest Taylor

November 16, 1947 - January 3, 2025

Dr. Keith Forrest Taylor, 77, of Darlington passed away on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Dr. Taylor was born in Orange County, Florida and was the son of the late Wade Hampton Taylor, Sr. and Catherine Taylor. Dr. Taylor had a heart for music and was a renowned musician. He graduated from Shorter College in Rome, Georgia with degrees in Organ Performance and History, a Doctor of Music degree and graduate degrees from the Royal College of Music in London. He served churches throughout the southern United States as Minister of Music and Organist/Choirmaster in Atlanta, Augusta, Calhoun, Jesup, and Dawson Georgia, as well as Danville, Virginia and Beaumont, Texas. Most recently, he was Minister of Music at Trinity United Methodist Church in Darlington, South Carolina and after his retirement, Welsh Neck Baptist Church in Society Hill, South Carolina until his health declined.

Survivors include a son, Grady Taylor (Gloria) of Evans, Georgia; a granddaughter, Rachel Taylor of Athens, Georgia; and a nephew, Blake Taylor.

Dr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, JoAnne W. Taylor, and his brother, Wade Hampton Taylor, Jr.

A memorial service for Dr. Taylor will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Dr. Taylor to a church he served or a music charity of one's choice.

The Directors of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home are honored to be serving the

Taylor family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *In remembrance of a sweet soul who has passed from time to eternity. Sending up prayers for the entire family.*



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**A. McRavin** - January 07, 2025 at 05:32 AM

KB

“ *Dr. Keith was a strong and wonderful man. I only knew him for a short time that I got to help him at his home. I wished for him to be well and taken better care of, but I know that now he is. I'm sure he's walking with no trouble and he's playing his music for those in Heaven. I know he will and has been missed.*



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**Karen Bailey** - January 06, 2025 at 12:10 AM

BH

“ *One of my very favorite people in the world. Blessed to have been in his choir, to have heard him lead in prayer, to be trained (as much as possible) by him, and to be considered his friend. Will miss him but not for too long. There will be a reunion.*

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**Bryan Hobbs** - January 04, 2025 at 08:00 PM

SJ

*Close personal friend and neighbor, I was blessed to have been both with Dr. K, as I always called him. Such a brilliant mind had he that anytime I engaged in conversation with him I found myself rising to a higher level. He was a delightful personality, and I cherish the memory of our friendship. Prayers especially for his beloved nephew, Blake, who never left his side and cared for him many months with unsurpassed love and compassion.*

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**Sara Jones-Chandler** - January 05, 2025 at 11:49 AM

NG

“*Our hearts ache as we say goodbye to a dear friend, Dr. Keith Taylor. He was our church choir director and organist, and, in my opinion, he was great at his job. Who would ever have believed that our small choir could put on the Broadway shows that we did under his direction. Keith was a wonderful cook, and I shall miss our long phone visits asking me about a recipe or about refinishing furniture or about his favorite plants that I had given to him. Our lives have truly been blessed for having known Keith and Joanne. May God bring peace and comfort to each of Keith's family members. Nora and Sam Grant*

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**Nora and Sam Grant** - January 04, 2025 at 04:30 PM

SB

“*Keith and I worked together at Trinity UMC for many years. We both loved Trinity and love the people there and our work. He was always ready to help me in any way he could. We really enjoyed our “tea times” together. Ralph and I loved him and will truly miss him.*

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**Shirley Bosley** - January 04, 2025 at 10:41 AM