



## Shirley S. Taylor

May 24, 1937 - February 12, 2012

Shirley Simpkins Taylor of Easton, MD, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2012, with her husband and children at her side. She was 74.

Born on May 24, 1937, in Mt. Vernon, she was the daughter of the late Doug and Fritz Simpkins. After graduating Washington High School in 1955, she married her high school sweetheart, Jack Taylor, in 1956. Shortly after their wedding, she and Jack spent two years in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where Jack was stationed in the Navy.

Shirley spent the first half of her married life in her beloved Mt. Vernon. In 1975, she and her family moved to Easton. Shirley was an avid bridge player from an early age and became an ACBL Life Master in 2002. She also enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Wicomico Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years, Jack Taylor; their three children, Ralph Douglas and wife Michelle, Tracy Lednum and husband Mark, and Leslie Steen and husband, Troy. She loved her seven grandchildren dearly, Alexa, Callie, Stephen, Amie, Ashby, and Brodie; and step-grandson, Richard Barnes, III.

Shirley is also survived by her sisters, Nancy Simpkins Stade and Kathy

Simpkins Beauchamp; brother, J.D. Simpkins; and several nieces, one nephew, cousins, dear friends, and neighbors.

A funeral service will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Easton at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17, with family receiving visitors one hour prior to service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church (Building Fund), 100 Peachblossom Rd., Easton, MD 21601 or The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund ([www.ocrf.org](http://www.ocrf.org)) 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite #1400, New York, NY 10122.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

## Service

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley S. Taylor*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Shirley S. Taylor*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Shirley S. Taylor*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the Taylor Family: I had the fun and privilege to play golf with Shirley at Caroline Country Club. It was always a pleasure and she was so cheerful. We want to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to you at this time and may God give you the love and strength to face each new day. May the memories you have of her always remain in your hearts. In God's Love and prayers, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville, Md.*

**Lynda and Gene Palmatary** - February 16, 2012 at 02:20 PM



“ *The Taylor Family,  
Our prayers to you in your time of sorrow.  
Norman and Joan Mills*

**Norman Paul Mills** - February 14, 2012 at 03:35 PM



“ Jack,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Shirley fought the good fight. Your neighbors in Beechwood share your sorrow. Please let me know if there is anything we can help with. Steve Burkhart and your friends in Beechwood.

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**Steve Burkhart** - February 14, 2012 at 01:19 PM



“ Easton, Md lost one of our family's most precious ladies...Shirley Taylor.

Shirley was our children's 'like an adopted Mother' in our church in Easton, MD where we pastored from the time our oldest daughter was one year through both of our additional children's births and until our baby was three. Shirley was the youngest most trusted woman we allowed to keep our three children. Once Paul and I traveled to IN for a conference and the children were awesomely well taken care of at Shirley and Jack Taylor's! We deeply appreciated the love and care from the Taylor's given so freely to our family! Shirley was a definite GEM of a lady! We loved her dearly! She is reunited with our Stacia again; they are enjoying Heaven's Joy together! That makes me smile! We know all of you family will miss her deeply...you have our loving prayers in this deep sorrow! Thank you Jack, Doug, Tracy and Leslie for sharing your wonderful wife and Mother with our family, we are incredibly the richer for it!

With our love and our unceasing prayers,  
Sally and Paul Sheets

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**Sally and Paul Sheets** - February 14, 2012 at 09:06 AM

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“ Dear Jack, Leslie, Tracy and Doug,

*My life was forever touched by our dear Shirley! She was so much more than a neighbor to me. She was a treasured friend, and I cherish all the memories of my favorite times with Shirley... "porch time", as we called it! (We would sometimes sit there and talk for hours!) Though we were only neighbors for 12 years, she became a friend for a lifetime!*

*I was honored to share her birthday and the last 27 years of her life. She leaves a void that no one can fill.*

*While I was going through my own health scare back in 2009, and she was bravely fighting her battle with cancer, she shared with me her motto... "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's learning to dance in the rain!" I've tried to live my life by those words ever since! I will never see those words again and not think of my wonderful friend! I was truly blessed to have her in my life!*

*Much love and prayers go out to all of you!*

*Donna Clem*

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**Donna Healy Clem** - February 13, 2012 at 10:41 PM