



## Sonia Belle Speck Taylor

September 10, 1941 - May 14, 2022

Sonia Belle Speck Taylor of Church Hill, MD passed away on May 14, 2022, at Compass Regional Hospice Center in Centreville, MD. She was 80.

Born on September 10, 1941, in Martinsburg, WV, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Isabelle Dorsey Speck. Sonia graduated from Centreville High School, class of 1959, and graduated from Goldey Beacom Business School in 1960. She married Joseph G. Taylor, Jr. on July 9, 1960, and resided on Cherry Blossom Farm Lane until her death. Sonia was a member of Price Bethany United Methodist Church for 61 years. She was director and teacher for 32 years at Tot Land Nursery School which brought her much joy. She also was a substitute teacher for Upper Queen Annes's County. In her early years she enjoyed bowling and was a swimming instructor. She looked forward to her yearly cruises with her husband Joe. She also enjoyed her time spent with her dog "Mr. Wags." Sonia is preceded in death by her grandson Britton S. Burgess and son in law D. Bruce Burgess and is survived by her husband, Joe Taylor of Church Hill, MD; son Joseph G. Taylor, III (Patsy) of Church Hill, MD; daughter Wendy T. Burgess (Dr. John C. Arrabal) of Church Hill, MD; grandchildren Joseph G. Taylor, IV (Katie); Riley J. Buckle; David Parks (Tracy); and sister Cheeri Ford (Tom). Greatgrandchildren Joseph G. Taylor V, Michael R. Taylor. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Sonia requested the mention of the following people; Frances Goldstein Sindler (a childhood friend, who calls her everyday), Barbara Sue McFarland (her travel and church buddy), Henrietta Anthony, Marian Leiby, and the ladies of Price Bethany United Methodist Church.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, from 6-8 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., where a service will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11 am. Burial will follow at Church Hill Cemetery. A reception will be held after services at Cherry Blossom Farm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Britton Burgess Memorial Fund, 1189 Roberts Station Rd Church Hill, MD 21623; Price Bethany United Methodist Church, PO Box 6, Church Hill, MD 21623; Church Hill Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 66, Church Hill, MD 21623; Compass Regional Hospice Center, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617



# Cemetery Details

## Church Hill Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Church Hill, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

**MAY 19.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 17, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ *Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *We met Sonia and Joe on our last royal caribbean cruise in 2020 and were lucky enough to be seated at their dinner table. What a lovely friendly couple! We were sorry to hear of Sonia's illness and have been keeping them in prayer. Sorry to see that dear Sonia has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with her dear husband Joe and her family as well.*

*Paulyne & Bob Finck*

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**Paulyne & Bob Finck** - May 31, 2022 at 12:12 PM

TL

“ Tom And Roxanne Lambden sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Tom and Roxanne Lambden - May 19, 2022 at 03:06 PM

RK

“ Rita Kulley lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Rita Kulley - May 19, 2022 at 09:20 AM

RK

“ I never knew Mrs. Taylor but I did know her wonderful daughter, Wendy. Wendy is so compassionate, caring, kind and loveable to all she meets and knows. Wendy's caring nature is directly contributed to the love and care she received from her parents. Mrs. Taylor gave all of her children a good Christian upbringing which contributes to Mrs. Taylor's overall love, kindness and good principles of being a wonderful parent and a good wife. I know she is missed by so many in the community and by her family. Please take comfort in knowing she loved you all. Rita Kulley.

Rita Kulley - May 19, 2022 at 09:19 AM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 19, 2022 at 08:00 AM

MK

“ Mark And Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Mark and Lisa King - May 18, 2022 at 07:45 PM

JP

“ Janet E Pauls lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Janet E Pauls - May 18, 2022 at 05:35 PM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Centreville Methodist Women - May 18, 2022 at 08:15 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 18, 2022 at 08:07 AM

GP

*Joe and family: we are so sad to hear the passing of Sonia. We had many great times many moons ago, as her parents and my parents were great friends. We went to the same church and participated in many activities. I remember their wedding very well. I was 12 years old and can still see her standing in the Sunday School room in her beautiful gown. Our prayers and blessings are with all of you at this time. Sonia will surely be missed in the community and was loved by so many. God bless and stay strong. She will always be with you. Blessings. Lynda and Gene Palmatary*

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 18, 2022 at 08:12 AM

CB

“ So saddened to see the passing of Ms. Sonia.  
What an elegant, beautiful and kind lady !  
I met her 20 years ago when my daughter attended Totland. Ms. Sonia poured her heart into the pre-school, it was a wonderful program.  
My family always enjoyed seeing her and her husband Christmas Eve at Annie's.  
My Deepest Sympathy to the Family.  
Christina Blake

Christina Blake - May 17, 2022 at 11:58 PM

DS

“ Diane And George Sweitzer lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Diane and George Sweitzer - May 17, 2022 at 11:26 PM

DS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Taylor family at this very difficult time. Heaven has truly gained a wonderful lady.

Diane and George Sweitzer

Diane and George Sweitzer - May 17, 2022 at 11:31 PM

KO

“ Wendy,  
I'm sending you all my love! Always praying for your broken heart.



Kari Oulahyane - May 17, 2022 at 10:06 PM

IC

“ Dear Taylor Family,  
You have my most deepest sympathy.  
Ms. Sonia was an amazing Lady! I have known her since I was a child at Church Hill Elementary School along with her children. She also was a huge part of the girl scout troop I was in. Over the years she aged so gracefully and with a jazzy style. She always greeted me with a big smile and warm memories. 💕💕



Iris Carter - May 17, 2022 at 08:22 PM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Taylor Family. So blessed to have known Miss Sonia. What a beautiful lady with such a kind heart. You will be greatly missed by many. May you be at peace. God Bless

Dawn Jones - May 17, 2022 at 02:57 PM

SD

“ Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Sara Jane Davidson - May 17, 2022 at 01:00 PM

SD

Very sad to hear this. Go back a long way in knowing Sonia as she was a member of my first senior clas when I began teaching a Centrevill High School.

Sara Jane Davidson - May 17, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor.



May 17, 2022 at 10:42 AM

LP

“ Sincere Condolences to all the family.



Lisa Plummer - May 17, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor.



May 17, 2022 at 07:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor.



May 17, 2022 at 06:02 AM

PP

“ Pam Kinnamon Price lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Pam Kinnamon Price - May 16, 2022 at 11:44 PM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Frankie & Jane Dill - May 16, 2022 at 11:20 PM

JA

Lovely lady. She will surely be missed by many.

Jane - May 16, 2022 at 11:22 PM



“ Sonia, you will always be with me I loved you like a Sister. We grew up on Libery Street together, Frank and I used to Baby Sit you and Cherri. Even after we moved to Florida we stayed close. You know how i adored your Parents and was with you all when your Daddy passed away. Thankfully i still have Cheerri near me and we see each other about once a month and talk frequently.  
I send my Condolences and Sympathy to Joe, Wendy, JT and Patsy Cherri amd your Family plus Mr. Wags. I know how you Loved him and he you. I am thsnkful you amd yoir dear friend Friend z  
You Loved him and he you.



Paige Walbert - May 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM



*Somehow my little finger hit post and I did not mean yet. I was saying i am so thankful you and your Dear Friend ❤️ Frances Goldstein had gotten so close. I know her phone calls this last year or so have helped you get thru these bad times. I am grateful for that.*

*Joe, we just froze many packages of Lima Beans and i will never eat one i don't think of you. Thanks for directing us to where we could get them. Our Son, Steve grows them and Frank helps plant and do runners and tie and tbeyp pick evetyother day and we get one batch and they get the next. They are about done. We have had Little rain so Steve has had to water 2x a day.*

*We love you all and know you will have big Void in your Family and in all ourlives. I will also remember your Anniversary since it is my Birthday. Frank and i send our Prayers for all of you.*

Paige Walbert - May 16, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ Jane & Bill Young lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Jane & Bill Young - May 16, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Charlotte Dukes sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Charlotte Dukes - May 16, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ Norma Lee Todd lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Norma Lee Todd - May 16, 2022 at 09:56 PM



*I have many fond memories of Aunt Sonia through out the years. She was always so kind and I will miss her very much.*

Norma Lee Todd - May 16, 2022 at 09:58 PM

BN

“ *Bob And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Bob and Genevieve Norris - May 16, 2022 at 09:35 PM

JS

“ *Jill & Scott lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Jill & Scott - May 16, 2022 at 08:33 PM

BD

“ *Becky & Dave lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Becky & Dave - May 16, 2022 at 07:42 PM

PW

“ *Patti Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Patti Webb - May 16, 2022 at 07:34 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



June Clark - May 16, 2022 at 07:29 PM

DI

“ Debi Ingram lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Debi Ingram - May 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM

MB

“ Wendy, JT, entire Taylor family so sorry for your loss

Mary Bourbon - May 16, 2022 at 07:24 PM

MB

“ Mary Sue Brewer lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Mary Sue Brewer - May 16, 2022 at 07:23 PM

MF

“ Sending love and prayers from our family to yours.



Matthew and Roxanne Dean and Family - May 16, 2022 at 06:56 PM

CD

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Prayers and hugs



chris and amy dawkins - May 16, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JM

“ Wendy, JT and families... so very sorry for your loss.



Jacki Thuman McArdle - May 16, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor.



May 16, 2022 at 06:36 PM

MS

“ Mary, Annie & Sewardie lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Mary, Annie & Sewardie - May 16, 2022 at 06:31 PM

LM

“ Lori Middleton lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Lori Middleton - May 16, 2022 at 06:20 PM

LM

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Lori Middleton - May 16, 2022 at 06:20 PM

GW

“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Ginger wheat - May 16, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BJ

“ *Miss Sonia-was my pre-school teacher @Totland Nursery School, as time went on she never forgot me and every time I saw her I always remembered to tell her she helped make me so smart and we laughed about my daily updates on the Soap Operas I gave her during the school day. She will always hold a special place in my heart as she will her other students, her family and all of her many friends. May she Rest In Peace, her work on Earth is Done.*



Brandy Perkins Jewell - May 16, 2022 at 06:04 PM

MF

“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Marilyn Ford - May 16, 2022 at 06:03 PM

NM

“ *Sonia was a very sweet lady who came from a terrific family. She will be missed.*



Nancy Morris - May 16, 2022 at 06:03 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Phillips lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor*



Michelle Phillips - May 16, 2022 at 06:03 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



JoAnn & Royden Powell - May 16, 2022 at 05:42 PM

BH

“ Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



billy & dorothy hollingsworth - May 16, 2022 at 05:30 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Sonia Belle Speck Taylor



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - May 16, 2022 at 04:34 PM

JE

So sorry for your loss Joe and family, Sonia was a sweet girl and she will be missed by so many. Our sincere sympathy to all. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - May 16, 2022 at 04:38 PM

JS

“ God bless you Sonia. I always looked forward to our visits at Totland. I didnt see you much once York and closed but I always loved running into one another. Hopefully one day we will get to have that lunch together one day!❤️

Jane Stanton - May 16, 2022 at 04:22 PM

RH

“ Sonia was a very special sister-in-law and will be missed. She was a class act and a great sense of humor.

Love from,  
Ruth Ann and Jon

Ruth Hodgson - May 16, 2022 at 04:13 PM

LC

*Ruth Ann, my heart goes out to you, Joe, Wendy, JT and the family. Almost every memory I have of Price Church includes you, Sonia and Joe...especially the Happy Days play! May she rest in peace. Loretta Clark Cudnik*

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**Loretta Cudnik** - May 19, 2022 at 11:41 AM