

*Celebrating The Life of...*

# *Hertha Ward Taylor*

*Sunrise*

*June 8, 1914*

*Sunset*

*August 1, 2022*



*Saturday August 13, 2022*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Broadway United Methodist Church*

*609 East 29th Street | Indianapolis, Indiana*





## *Order of Service*

*Rev. Aaron Hobbs and Rev. Shonda Nicole Gladden, Officiating*

*Gathering  
Word of Grace  
Prayer  
Scripture Readings  
Song  
Acknowledgements  
Song  
Eulogy  
Prayer  
Committal  
Song  
Dismissal with Blessing*

*Musician - Gisele Dollinger*

*Media Tech - Jim Fore*



## *Her Story*

*Hertha Mae Ward Taylor* was born in 1914 in Boston, Massachusetts to Minnie B. and The Reverend Cassius Ward. *Hertha* was one of 5 children, Cassius, Edgar, Alvin and Weltha. *Hertha* was the last survivor. *Hertha* comes from a family that has impressive genes. Her Grandfather was a freed slave and lived to be 115 only to be hit by a truck. Her mother passed away in 1999 at the age of 114. *Hertha* wanted to live, she was a fighter and did not go easily.

*Hertha* was an educator in the New Orleans School System before working for the Indianapolis Public School System for many years at Crispus Attucks High School, in the Business Administration Department and at School #44 and School #67 as a History teacher before retiring after 30 years.

*Hertha* graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and is a member of the AKA Sorority. *Hertha* went on to obtain an advanced Degree in Education from Indiana University. *Hertha* was an active member of Broadway Methodist Church after joining in 1967. *Hertha* sang in the choir for many years and enjoyed playing the piano. *Hertha* for years was a member of the Bridge Club and the Book Club.

*Hertha* met Joseph T. Taylor while she was working in Chicago for the Housing Authority. Joseph was still in the Army. They were married on February 18, 1944. *Hertha* and Dr. Joseph were blessed with three children: Judy, Hussain and Meshach. Meshach in 2014 and Joseph in 2001 preceded *Hertha* in death. Many evenings in the 1960's *Hertha* and Joseph would be out late dancing and socializing. Joseph and *Hertha* doing that same time frame held tickets to I.U. Football and would drive to Bloomington to bear the cold and watch the Hoosiers play regularly.

*Hertha* enjoyed making some of her clothing on her Singer sewing machine. She loved to cook. When Flanner House was still located on Missouri Street and 16th Street there was a cannery and many summers were spent at the cannery making strawberry preserves, pear preserves, apple preserves and grape juice. She was always in the kitchen or at the dining room table looking for recipes. *Hertha* took classes at Ivy Tech to improve on her baking skills. She worked her magic on the family's long kept secret recipe for monkey bread and sold many loaves to friends and church members.

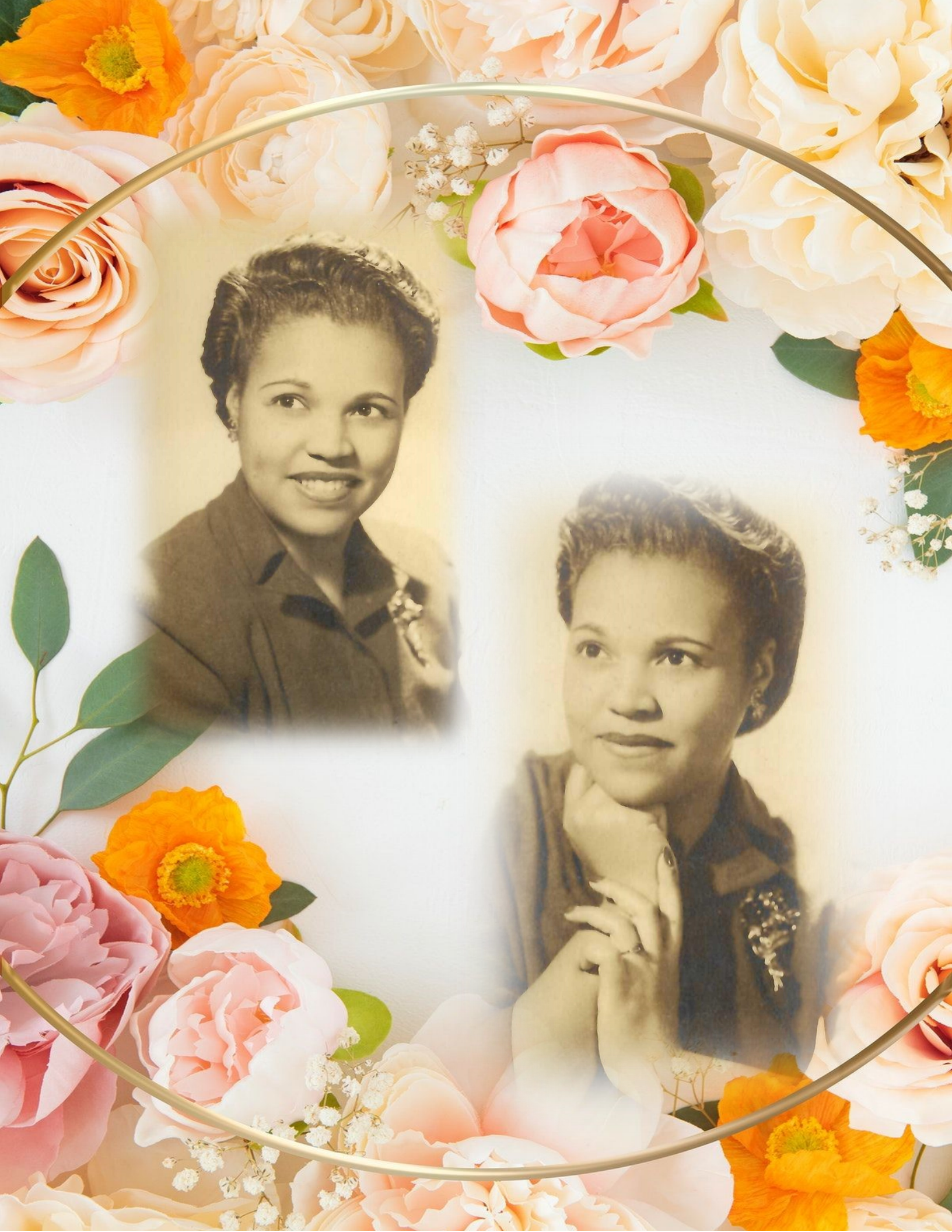
*Hertha* and Joseph traveled often and to many faraway places, to include China, Morocco, Italy, Spain, France, The U.S Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Jamaica and all over the United States. Consequently, Meshach was born in Boston, Judy in St. Louis and Hussain in New Orleans.

*Mrs. Taylor's* ex-students remained in touch each year until her health began to decline. *Hertha* drove until she was well into her 90's. She would attend the Riverside Yearly Reunion where she was honored by her former students. She was a mentor to many of the young men and women she met over the years. Her knowledge and her spirit will be missed by many.

She departed this earthly life on August 1, 2022, at the age of one hundred and eight years old. She leaves behind her son, Hussain Taylor; daughter, Judy Taylor; and host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

*Humbly Submitted..... The Family*





















## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.*

*I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened  
with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

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