



## Judge C. Hearn Taylor

August 21, 2014

C. Hearn Taylor, a husband and a father with deep roots in the City of New Orleans, is a native Virginian. Elected Chief Judge of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in 2002, Judge Taylor was born in Charlottesville, Virginia; a city nestled in the foothills of the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains. C. Hearn Taylor lived in Charlottesville until he left to attend college.

In 1975 C. Hearn Taylor completed his course of study at Howard University in Washington D.C. and was awarded a Bachelor Degree in Political Science. Judge Taylor's career leaning as he left Howard University was to become a lawyer. His interest in law landed him in Louisiana at Southern University Law School. He graduated in 1978 and returned to Washington, D.C.

C. Hearn Taylor made the city of New Orleans his new residence in 1983. From 1983 to 1991 C. Hearn Taylor passionately and productively maintained a private law practice. He ended his practice when he was elected without opposition to an Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Judgeship. In 1996 Judge Taylor was reelected to the bench, once again winning office with opposition.

Judge Taylor's life had been punctuated with noteworthy achievements. As a teenager, Judge Taylor was a participant in the desegregation of public schools in the City of Charlottesville. He was one of the first of his race to attend a formerly segregated high school in his hometown. Years later while in

law school, Judge Taylor became the first African American to preside at an annual convention of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. And also during law school, Judge Taylor became the first African American to work as a law clerk in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Louisiana. When C. Hearn Taylor was elected to a judgeship, he was already accustomed to facing the demands of tough challenges.

Obligated to the law and committed to community service, Judge Taylor stretches the limits of his time, talent and treasure to serve his fellow man. At various times he has been a member of more than twenty-five committees, commissions, boards, organizations and associations. WWL-TV and the City Park Commission are two examples of the more demanding of his community service involvements. From 1994 to 1996 Judge Taylor was on the air weekly as a guest commentator on crime in the community. At City Park, the fifth largest urban park in the nation with a governing body dating back to 1892, Judge Taylor served consecutive one year terms as President of the Board of Commissioners, and his election made him the first African American to serve in such a capacity at City Park.

Avoiding the spotlight for community service as often as he could, Judge Taylor was "cornered" on occasions to accept recognition for his work. In 1995 the New Orleans Museum of Art presented a major exhibit entitled "The Peaceful Liberators": Jain Art from India. The works of the exhibit represented centuries old Indian culture that inspired a belief in non-violence in some of the world's greatest peacekeepers including Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Nelson Mandela. One of the highlights of the exhibit was ceremony honoring a small group; "New Orleans Peaceful Liberators." Judge Taylor, for his years of working with children and families, was among the honorees.

Judge C. Hearn Taylor is married to the former Janice Faye Chenier, the first

African American female to be appointed a United States Trustee in the United States Department of Justice. Judge and Mrs. Taylor are the proud parents of Chenier Hearn Taylor, a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School and Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and currently employed as an advertising executive at We are Social, N.Y.; Also survived by a sister, a brother, sisters in law, brothers in law and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Visitation Service at DW Rhodes Chapel, 3933 Washington Ave. on Thursday, August 28, 2014 from 4 pm – 10 pm; Remembrance: 7 pm; Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 29, 2014 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 4640 Canal St. at 10:30 am; Interment: To be announced; Arrangements by Rhodes; Please visit [www. rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
4640 Canal St  
New Orleans, LA 70119

## Service

AUG **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church  
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New Orleans, LA 70119

# Tribute Wall



“ *My name is Carlos, Im a brazilian guy who use to work in Judge house renew after Katrina. I'm in shock! I just know about my good friend Judge Taylor. What can I say about a man who always a good person? Good heart, somebody who always trying to do good for the people? Every day I was around his house he concerning about our lunch, our healthy and confort, He won my respect, my admiration and my friendship.*

*Sincerelly, Carlos from Brazil*

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**Luiz Cordova** - January 02, 2016 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Janice and Chenier*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of grief and sorrow. Judge Taylor was always kind to me when I came into N.O. to visit Greg and Maryland. He was funny, understanding, supportive and encouraging. I have fond memories of Judge Taylor and will cherish those memories. Both of you are in my prayers and thoughts as you grieve the loss of your loved one. You are both dear to me as is the entire family. We had great times during my visits to N.O. and I shall always cherish our moments together in N.O.*

*Please know that you are loved and thought of in a special way.*

*Leslie Morris*

*New Jersey*

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**Leslie Morris** - August 31, 2014 at 08:34 AM

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“ Share a memory of Judge C. Hearn Taylor, or send a condolence to the family..My sincere regrets for your loss of friend, husband, father and beloved family member. May Gods' blessings be with you always. Love Sheryl Unsworth ❤️

Sheryl Unsworth - August 30, 2014 at 11:27 AM

RC

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Judge Taylors family. It is truly a blessing to have known Connelly. God bless you and may the memories of happier days comfort you. Randy Catlett Hagerstown MD.

Randy Catlett - August 30, 2014 at 12:49 AM

EC

“ Janice, Our deepest condolence is extended to you and your family. Judge Taylor will be truly missed in the community. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. May you find peace and serenity as you go through this difficult time.

Bobby and Elaine Coleman  
Calhoun, LA

Elaine Coleman - August 29, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judge C. Hearn Taylor.



August 28, 2014 at 08:13 PM

PD

“ To Janice, Chenier, William, and Marilyn, family and friends. My heart grieves at the loss of my longtime friend. I have great memories of our splendid and exciting "boyhood" years together. I would say, one way or another, he gave the best that he had for all the time that he had; gave at a pace that he would give all that his heart had to give; and then it gave out.



Now he's gone and the memorials of his life remain. A man driven with a passion for liife that he could only be satisfied that he would do it his own way; done as only "Connelly" could do it.

My sincere condolences to the family and may the blessings of Jesus Christ be with you all. A place at the table where our struggles are seated has gone silent; but memories are embellished to live on.

Be at peace and may God bless you all.

Pastor Lorenzo E. Dyer, D.Min.  
Zion Hill Baptist Church  
Keswick, VA

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Pastor Lorenzo E. Dyer - August 28, 2014 at 11:04 AM

PD

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers for your loss of Judge Taylor. He was truely a great person, City Park Board President, and most of all my friend while I was living in New Orleans and General Manager of City Park. We really enjoyed some great times. I know you will miss him terribly. May God bless you and help you through this difficult time.  
Patrick and Bernadette Dayton

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Patrick Dayton - August 27, 2014 at 02:35 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Judge Taylor was a genuinely caring man who demonstrated his moral belief in fairness and in helping children and youth. The world was a better place for many because of him. May God have mercy on his soul and may our Father continue to strengthen your family.  
Lifting you and your family in prayer,  
The McLendon Family, Greta, Carlette, Lisa, and Dillon

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**Lisa McLendon** - August 27, 2014 at 12:41 PM

GJ

“ God's love never fails! I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers, Taylor's smile and his way of delivering a joke will never be forgotten.  
Gilda Johnson and family.



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**Gilda Johnson** - August 27, 2014 at 12:26 PM

BA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Taylor Family and friends during this very sorrowful time. Judge Taylor was a groundbreaker - tough, fair, and very dedicated to whatever task he was involved in. I first met Judge Taylor at a Kiwanis Club meeting where he was the guest speaker. After that meeting, I followed him and his career, and always wondered how he could commit so much of himself to the various organizations he was a member/guest of. New Orleans has lost a great leader. May Judge Taylor rest in peace!

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**Barbara E. Adams** - August 27, 2014 at 07:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judge C. Hearn Taylor.*



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August 25, 2014 at 12:48 PM



“ *Janice and family - I pray that Jesus Christ, our Great Comforter provide all of you with courage and strength during this difficult time. Jesus said He would never leave you or forsake you. Blessings - Diane S. Baker*

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**Diane S. Baker** - August 25, 2014 at 11:04 AM



“ *Andrea Brisco lit a candle in memory of Judge C. Hearn Taylor*



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**Andrea Brisco** - August 23, 2014 at 10:32 PM



“ *Janice, you have my deepest sympathy. He had a wonderful life, cut short! His work was done.*

*Cleo Simien Lemelle*

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**Cleo Simien Lemelle** - August 23, 2014 at 06:51 PM

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*Dear Janice,*

*I am at a lost for words. Please know that my brothers and I share in your grief and want you to know that we will continue to remember our precious, childhood memories of Connelly and the Taylor family. May God bless and comfort you during this time.*

*Allegra McCullough*

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**Allegra McCullough** - August 26, 2014 at 10:25 AM