



Alba Ellen Taylor

April 10, 1931 - May 5, 2023

Alba (Abby) Ellen Scates Taylor, age 92, was born in Lexington, TN. on April 10, 1931 and passed away on Friday, May 5, 2023 in Lexington. She married Charles Edward Florence on January 14, 1949 and that marriage produced two children; Vicki Cheryl Florence in 1950 and Charles Michael Florence in 1951. She married Alford Franklin Taylor on June 4, 1953 and that marriage produced two children; Lisa Ellen Taylor on July 4, 1954 and Alford Lawrence Taylor on April 13, 1956. Abby loved being on or around water her entire life and passed that love for water onto all her children, being, river, lakes, and especially the ocean. She loved the ocean enough that they packed up kids and moved us to West Hollywood, Florida in 1961. She had a clothing store in Lexington at one time called "Abby's Of Course" and around 1969 she and Frank moved to Memphis and she managed a clothing store there. While in Memphis they lived on the water at Robco Lake. She and Frank had a business in Memphis called BD Binder Company and in 1982 they sold it and bought a trout fishing dock in Norfolk, AR. Not long after buying the business they built a house on the river by the dock. They had a good clientele and loved living on the river and taking people fishing. She made a lot of shore lunches and catered a lot of float trips on the Norfolk and White Rivers for trout fishermen. They loved being there and running the dock, it was a lot of hard work and seasonal but a good business. Once again Mom was on the water. Unfortunately Dad had a massive heart attack at the young age of 58 and not long after that she sold the dock and moved back to Lexington. She

moved from Lexington to Perryville living in a boat house (on the water again) this time actually floating on the water. Even when surrounded by water during the spring floods she stayed out there alone and never worried or considered going anywhere else. She stayed there until she could not get around and up and down the ramp. She fought hard and was not very pleasant when she had to move but move she did back to Lexington where she started. Full circle....Home Again. Now she is smiling in Oceans of Heaven. Abby was preceded in death by her husbands; Frank Taylor Jr., Charles Florence, and Harold Whitman. She was also preceded by daughter; Lisa Taylor Powell, son; Al Taylor, grandchildren; Chris and Bethany Crownover. She is survived by a daughter; Vicki Florence Bruce of Lexington and special friend Dennis Washburn, a son; Mike Florence and wife Rosanne of Lonoke,AR. a son-in-law; Dan Powell, three grandchildren; Selena, Meleah, and Megan, and nine-great-grandchildren; Dylan, Riley Grace, Taylor, Bryce, Malory, Caroline, Charlotte, and Hayes. Graveside funeral services will be Monday, May 8 at 11AM at the Henderson County Memory Gardens. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Henderson County Homeless Coalition or the Frances Hensley Animal

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Such a sweet lady ❤️ she will truly be missed!* ”



Karen McPeake Hickerson - May 07, 2023 at 01:50 PM

ND

“ *Nichole Dyer lit a candle in memory of Alba Ellen Taylor* ”



Nichole Dyer - May 06, 2023 at 01:08 AM



“ *Oh Vicki and Mike, I am so sorry to hear this news! Abby was a classy lady and was always kind to me when I visited you during our high school years. I know you will miss her terribly as I miss my mom! We were both blessed with loving mothers. You , Mike and the family will be in my prayers.. Love you my friend!* ”



Becky Minor - May 05, 2023 at 09:13 PM

RG

Sorry for your loss remember when yall lived on Church Street you have my condolences

Roy Gurley - May 06, 2023 at 04:11 PM

IF

“ *Imogene Frye lit a candle in memory of Alba Ellen Taylor*



Imogene frye - May 05, 2023 at 07:20 PM

IF

*Prayers for the family.
Very nice and pretty lady.*

Imogene frye - May 05, 2023 at 07:22 PM

CK

“ *Chalotte Kizer lit a candle in memory of Alba Ellen Taylor*



Chalotte Kizer - May 05, 2023 at 04:59 PM

BC

“ *I remember when they moved to Florida, after living next door to them for years, I really missed Vicki, Mike, Lisa, Al, Alba Ellen and Frank. I was honored to be her health insurance agent, when she moved back here. Most beautiful lady all her life. Consider myself blessed to have friends like this family. They were special indeed. Condolences to Vicki, Mike and rest of family. Your mother was a lady.*

Bobby Cogdell - May 05, 2023 at 04:48 PM

IF

*Sorry to hear this. My condolences to the family.
Sweet and pretty lady.*

Imogene frye - May 05, 2023 at 07:17 PM

SH

What a Lady!!! Abby was a class act. So pretty, so sophisticated and so so smart. She made me feel like I was worth something. Abbie loved her kids and made the friends of her kids feel loved too. She was a true Renaissance woman. I'm honored to have known her and the children she raised. My memories of her and those times she was in my life give me pause to smile/cry.

Susie Hudson - May 06, 2023 at 08:51 AM

LC

I am sad at the passing of ABBY Ellen as Granny nita called her. SHE was truly a wonderful lady loved by all. Prayers to the entire family.

Linda Cabler - May 06, 2023 at 11:34 AM

JB

Today is Monday at almost 11am and I just learned about Abby passing. I am so sorry to be unable to attend services for her. She was a fixture of my childhood. I spent almost as many nights at Abby's house with her children as I did my own. Sometimes I wondered if she knew which kids were hers! She certainly treated me like hers. Abby was a very special woman with natural beauty, poise and grace and a big, big heart. I will never forget her. My heart goes out to Vicki and Mike and all the kids.

Julia Brooks - May 08, 2023 at 11:36 AM