



The Life of Jimmizine Beth Taylor

Prairie View A&M University is mourning the loss of one of its longest employee in the passing of Mrs. Jimmizine Beth Taylor on March 28, 2008 in the Tomball Regional Hospital.

Jimmizine began her library career in 1946 when she boarded a train to Prairie View A. & M. College, a place she had never seen. She served in various capacities at the Library, serving her longest period as a reference librarian. At the time of her death, she was the Special Collections Librarian and former University Archivist.

The celebration of Mrs. Taylor's life will begin with a **Memorial Service on April 4th** in Johnson Phillip All Faiths Chapel at Prairie View A&M University at 3:00 p.m. The Wake and Viewing will be on April 4th at Singleton & Son's Funeral Home, 627 New Orleans Street in Hempstead, Texas, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will include the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Service 7:45 p.m.

Funeral Services are set for April 5th at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 204 Dooley Street in Prairie View at 11:00 a.m., with The Reverend Dr. Frank Hawkins as the Officiant

Jimmizine was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she grew up with an uncle and aunt, Robert and Lottie Beth. She was educated in the public schools of Little Rock and received her Bachelors degree in Social Science from Arkansas State in Pine Bluff. Her love of reading and for books led her to pursue her Library Science degree from Atlanta University.

Mrs. Taylor was a faithful member of St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church and served on the Hostess Committee and the Episcopal Church Women. Many civic organizations benefited from her membership, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Gamma Omega Chapter; the Prairie View Athletic Club, the Texas Library Association, and the American Library Association. In 2000, she was recognized by her colleagues for 55 years of service to the library and to the university. At the university, Mrs. Taylor served on the Homecoming, Historical and the Naming of Buildings and Other Entities Committees.

Mrs. Taylor, a “people person,” found her greatest reward in helping students fulfill their dreams of getting an education. Wherever you go in the educational arena and say that you are affiliated with Prairie View A&M University, someone will always ask, “Do you know Mrs. Taylor?” Jimmizine once said that “the people who come in your life always influence you.” She definitely influenced everyone she touched.

She will be missed by her sister, Mrs. Larvelle E. Domino, Oakland, California; nieces, Diane Jones, Hercules, California and Carol Woolfolk, Los Angeles, California; nephews, Willie Harrison, Las Vegas, Nevada, Ronald Woolfolk (Jane), Chattanooga, Tennessee, Everett Woolfolk (Michelle), Martinez, California, Wayne Woolfolk (Yvonne), Suisun, California, Lamar Woolfolk (Pamela), Long Beach, California; and cherished “son,” Stephen Thornton. She will be lovingly remembered by a host of special friends, and her University and library family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 246, Prairie View, TX 77446. Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Singleton & Sons Funeral Home, Inc., 627 New Orleans Street, Hempstead, TX 77445, (979) 826-2425.