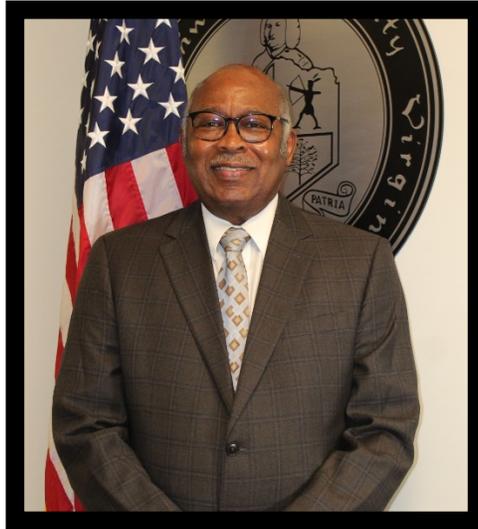


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**2024 Hometown Hero: Charlie J. Taylor**



Charlie Jackson Taylor was born on January 4, 1945 to Hobart, Sr. and Mae Taylor in Roanoke County, Virginia. He was the youngest of five children with three older brothers (deceased) and one sister. He graduated from Carver High School in Salem, VA in 1963. He attended Virginia State College now Virginia State University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, and later received his Master's degree in Administration.

His Elementary Education degree required a semester of student teaching and he was assigned to Southside Elementary School; which at the time was housed in the school adjacent to what was then Southside High School, now Historic Southside High School. On his very first day of student teaching, Mr. Taylor met a beautiful new teacher that taught French at Southside High School. After fifty-four years of marriage, Mrs. TheElla Taylor fondly remembers that Charlie would be waiting for her in the parking lot after school.

The couple was married in 1970, and they are the proud parents of two blessed and great children. Their son, Juan (Rachel), lives in Bunn, North Carolina, and their daughter, Keisha (Jamal), Atlanta, Georgia. Their granddaughter, Brianna Taylor, will receive her Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill this coming May.

Mr. Taylor spent his entire professional career in the Dinwiddie County Public Schools System. His first job was as a teacher at Sunnyside Elementary School in McKenney, VA. Afterwards, he became an assistant principal at Southside Elementary School, and later was named an assistant principal at Dinwiddie Elementary School. He was then, promoted to principal of Dinwiddie Elementary School. In 2000, Mr. Taylor retired as Director of Human Resources for Dinwiddie County Public Schools. Teaching was his passion, especially Math, and so in 2004 he returned to the classroom to teach math at Dinwiddie County Middle School. Mr. Taylor retired for good in 2008.

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In his free time, Mr. Taylor enjoyed bowling. He once bowled a 298 game with eleven consecutive strikes, getting only eight pins on his last roll. He also enjoys traveling and he and his wife have visited Hawaii, Italy, France, London, and Canada. His most memorable adventure, however, was a trip he took with his daughter to South Africa and Zimbabwe, where they went on safaris and even rode elephants. Mr. Taylor excitedly shared that for their next trip, they would love to go to the Caribbean.

Charlie Taylor is extremely active in his church and community. As a long-time member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, in DeWitt, VA, he has served as Treasurer, and presently as a Trustee, and Deacon. He is a member and past Treasurer of the Virginia Birdies Golf Club; served seventeen years as treasurer of the United Churches of Dinwiddie County and Vicinity; was a member and past president of the Dinwiddie Optimist Club; member of the Dinwiddie Retired Teachers' Association; and a member of the the Dinwiddie Chapter of the NAACP. He served many years as president of the Virginia State University Alumni Association–Dinwiddie Chapter, and was instrumental in establishing an annual scholarship for Dinwiddie High School seniors planning to attend VSU.

Mr. Charlie Taylor is well known, well respected, and well loved by the Dinwiddie community. We appreciate his contributions to Dinwiddie County in the areas of education, faith, and community service and are honored to recognize him as a 2024 Hometown Hero.