



# Darlene Taylor

*June 18, 1961 ~ May 21, 2015*

“Well done good and faithful servant, enter in to the joy of your Lord” is what Darlene Taylor heard Thursday morning, May 21, when she entered into her eternal home and saw the face of her savior Jesus that she loved so much and served so faithfully.

Born Darlene Witkowski in Philadelphia, PA on June 18, 1961 (Father’s Day), Darlene spent her early years growing up in Philly and moved to Old Bridge New Jersey when she

was five. After graduating high school, she attended Middlesex College and Rutgers University. Darlene worked in sales for Eastern Airlines and later earned both her cosmetology and massage therapy licenses, working at many of the top spas in New Jersey.

Darlene’s son Michael, born in 1991 from a previous marriage, was Darlene’s lifelong joy and crown. In 1998, Darlene met and married Stephen Taylor of Portland Oregon. In 2002, she and Steve moved to Battle Ground, Washington. Darlene’s Christian faith was always on display as she took the light of Jesus to every place that she visited, always being willing and happy to share the good news of Jesus and/or pray for any hurting stranger she encountered.

Since she had a singing father and dancing mother, Darlene also loved to sing and perform. Her most favorite expression of her talent was leading people in singing praises on worship teams to exalt her Lord and Savior. Darlene spent most of her career pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors and worked as a midday Christian radio host, vocalist, beauty consultant and Christian women’s speaker. For the past ten years, Darlene made people laugh as a frequent performer in her family’s theater company. Darlene was a Master Gardener and spent countless hours expressing her love of God’s creation through growing and tending thousands of plants and flowers in her Battle Ground backyard. She won several national gardening competitions with her backyard designs.

Darlene is survived by her husband Stephen, son Michael, stepdaughters Bethany and Caitlyn, two granddaughters, her mother Sonia, her brother John, and sisters Dianne and Deirdre. A public Celebration of Life will take place on Thursday June 4th 2015 at 11am at New Heights Church, Main Campus, 7913 NE 58th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98665. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Darlene’s name to The Pocket Testament League ([www.ptl.org](http://www.ptl.org)).

**“The Lord is my Strength and my Song, and He has become my Salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.” ~ Exodus 15:2**