



Doris Fay Taylor

October 23, 1920 - July 28, 2023

Doris Fay Taylor passed away Friday, July 28, 2023 at her home in Butte with her daughter, Robin at her side. She was born Saturday, October 23, 1920 in Medicine Lake, Montana to William and Irene Buchholz. Fay grew up there and graduated from Polson High School. She went on to get her degree in music education from the University of Montana in Missoula.

Fay's teaching career brought her to Butte High School, where she taught singing and directed the school's choral program. There she met fellow teacher Robert Thompson Taylor, and the two were married in Polson on June 3, 1958.

While she stayed home to raise her daughter Robin and son William, she also gave vocal and violin lessons privately and conducted choirs at several Butte churches. Once the children entered grade school, she became the travelling string music teacher for the Butte School System, teaching thousands of students to play violin, viola, cello and stringed bass. Before she retired in the 1980s, she returned to Butte High School to lead the school's orchestra program.

Fay and Robert were some of the earliest members of the Butte Symphony and played in that group until the 1990s.

Fay was a longtime and active member of Gold Hill Lutheran Church, where she directed the choir for many years. She also helped serve countless funeral luncheons and was active with the quilters at Gold Hill.

She loved animals and gardening and was fairly self-sufficient even at the age

of 98. Robin and her husband Dave moved in with Fay after she broke her hip in 1999, so she was able to stay in her own home, even at nearly 103 years old.

Fay is preceded in death by her husband Robert Taylor, her son, William Taylor and her son-in-law, Dave Jordan. She is survived by her daughter, Robin Jordan and many, many dear friends.

Fay's family would like to thank everyone at Senior Solutions Hospice for their wonderful care in her final days.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be conducted Tuesday, August 8th at 11 am in Gold Hill Lutheran Church and interment of ashes will be in Mount Moriah Cemetery. A reception will follow in Gold Hill Fellowship Hall. Memorials may be made to Gold Hill Lutheran Church or to the donor's charity of choice. Express condolences at www.wayrynen-richards.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Moriah Cemetery

2415 S. Montana Street
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

Gold Hill Lutheran Church
934 Placer Street
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

KW

“ I am so sad to hear of Mrs. Taylor's passing. She was my Orchestra teacher for many years through Blaine school and also a wonderful friend of my Mother Lois Weldon as they were both music teachers!!! Condolences to the family and God Love her for such a wonderful and long, enjoyable life! <3 Kyla Weldon Warner

Kyla Weldon Warner - August 11, 2023 at 07:55 PM

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“ Our sympathies to the family of Doris, as it sounds like she was a splendid person and enjoyed a life well lived. Not being musically inclined myself, I don't remember Doris when she taught at Butte High School from which I graduated in 1958. My family also were members of Gold Hill Lutheran Church, and I was confirmed there under the study of Pastor Fred Domer. My oldest sister, Geraldine Tabor, was his secretary at the time also. Just possibly some of Doris' family may remember some of us.

Theodore (Ted) Tabor
Midland, Michigan

Theodore Tabor - August 07, 2023 at 01:14 AM

YT

“ your former student--Dr. Michael Twomey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doris Fay Taylor.



your former student--Dr. Michael Twomey - August 06, 2023 at 04:21 PM

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“ your former student--Dr. Michael Twomey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Fay Taylor.

your former student--Dr. Michael Twomey - August 06, 2023 at 04:21 PM

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“ Rest in peace, Mrs. Taylor. I'm very lucky to have been one of your students. Thank you for your patience, advice, and everything I learned from you. You were so generous, always lending me books about music. You are one of the reasons I became a professional musician. I will always remember you. I send my thoughts to Robin.
--Michael T.

Michael Twomey - August 06, 2023 at 04:08 PM

RU

“ The Godtland girl Faith, Ruth, Susan and Naomi all express their appreciation to Fay for teaching them how to play string instruments many years ago. It made such an impact in our lives. Two of us, Ruth and Naomi still play in the Glacier symphony.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Robin.

Ruth - August 03, 2023 at 11:52 AM