



AMBASSADOR RUSH WALKER TAYLOR JR.

Ambassador Rush Walker Taylor, Jr., age 75, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 of cancer at Capitol Hospice in Arlington, Virginia. Ambassador Taylor was the son of Rush Walker Taylor, Sr. and Hallie Nuckols Taylor, long time Crockett residents. He graduated from Crockett High School in 1952 and received an AB from Harvard University in 1956 and a JD from the University of Virginia in 1959.

After serving two years in the US Army, he joined the Foreign Service of the US Department of State as a career diplomat. In addition to assignments in Washington, his tours included Cameroun, Gabon, Italy, Portugal, Bahamas and Guinea-Bissau. His last assignment was as Ambassador to Togo, West Africa.

After retiring from the State Department in 1990 he became the CEO of a bauxite mining company in Guinea, West Africa. Ambassador Taylor also worked for the Angolan Chamber of Commerce and Equator Bank.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Joanna Bellows; three daughters Ann Taylor, of Alkmaar, The Netherlands, Charlotte Taylor, of Providence, R.I. and Emily Taylor, of New York City; one son Patrick Mensah, of Woodbridge, Va.; and nine grandchildren.

At his request services will be held in Corinth, MS later this summer.

Memorials contributions may be made to either the National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, Washinton, DC 20016, for either music or preservation, or to Capital Hospice, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042.