

Cancer Research Hospital for his weeklong treatments for the bone cancer he battles.

At 23, Michael, like his grandparents, enjoys a strong family and many friends. He works for Chautauque County Family Court Judge Judith Claire.

"He is the joy of our lives," the Taylors said, "along with our granddaughter who lives in North Carolina."

Through the 1980s, Councilman Taylor worked to improve neighborhoods and received honors like the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Prize and was listed in the publication *Who's Who Among Black Americans*.

He got tough with the city, the slumlords and bad tenants.

"At that time, they didn't even plow the streets," he said. He also tried to save Jamestown City Hospital from closing its doors, so people would have a choice in their medical care, he said.

He sponsored legislation to support the effort to make Jan. 15 a national holiday in honor of Dr. King and retired from Martin Rockwell, Taylor remained active in local politics after a 16-year run as City Councilman.

He is a pilot and builds miniature airplanes for fun. Mrs. Taylor was elected to lead the Democratic Party in the city in 1988 and served on the Chautauque Opportunities board, in addition to many other affiliations as a member, organizer and leader.

In 1991, she decided to run for a seat on the County Legislature, representing District 11. If she won, she'd be the only African American female county legislator in the

record.

Though she did not submit the letter, Mrs. Taylor told legislators, "I know (by her name) that she is one of my constituents and I would not want her letter to be ignored."

County legislator Joseph Trusso, D-Jamestown, said, "I have known both of them since they came to Jamestown in 1950. I used to represent their district. I still have breakfast with Vivian on Saturdays. Lula is one of the finest ladies I have ever known. She is a gentle woman, honest and forthright."

Jane Fagerstrom, D-Jamestown, chairwoman of the legislature, said, "Lula talked to me about her life in North Carolina and it brought tears to my eyes. She's gone beyond that to come to the top branch of county government. I love her dearly.

The Taylors have seen their world turn on the issues of human, civil and equal rights, during their lifetimes. They have seen the last slings of slavery-era, attitudes to African American presidential candidates, top military leaders, Supreme Court justices and lawmakers, they've seen every area of American life racially shared by law and by creed.

"The problems of poverty, drugs and social differences still exist, but I believe we can overcome them too," Taylor said. "If we can only strengthen our families, give them the good jobs they need, support our churches and make ours a city of opportunity again like it was for us."

Mrs. Taylor said they began their seventh decade of life still in service to their community because, "Jamestown has given