

# Sabrina Benton

## Taylor's Boutique Manager



Someone once said, *"There's nothing more beautiful than the way the ocean refuses to stop kissing the shoreline, no matter how many times it's sent away."* Having spent most of my life growing up in Myrtle Beach, that saying brings up special memories. After all, it's where I became a Christian and where I met my husband, Eddie, of 47 years. My mother, three sisters and their families still reside there.

After marrying Eddie in 1977, his job moved us to many wonderful places. Two of our children, Hunter being the oldest and Spencer, our second, were born in Durham, North Carolina. Our third, Taylor, was born in Dallas, Texas. On May 7, 1991. Taylor had just turned one when Eddie was offered a job in Columbia, South Carolina. Wanting to move home to family, we eagerly accepted.

Once settled, I put my degree in Health and Physical Education to use, teaching at Ben Lippen School where our children were attending. There I taught the last fifteen of my twenty years as a teacher. In 2009, after our last child was graduated, I retired and filled my time gardening, painting and cake decorating. But my most fulfilling time has been the last fourteen years spent in Community Bible Study studying God's word. But I wanted to do more.

As Eddie was serving on the board at Daybreak I felt God's prompting to volunteer there. The idea of serving with others whose same goal was to share the Gospel with pregnant mothers and, hopefully, save the lives of their preborn child was inviting. Perhaps, I would start after Christmas.

There is nothing like family coming together at Christmas, especially when they have been living away. Seeing them again is a delightful gift to the soul. Taylor, in from California, was only with us two days when she died in a single car accident on December 23, 2015. She was twenty-four. Naturally, her death was a shock to our family. We asked that any monetary gifts be sent to Daybreak. The outpouring of love from our community was so sweet that we knew God had reached down and embraced us. Without my Lord, I would not have been able to endure the pain.



After Christmas, I began volunteering at Daybreak. Since that time, I have overseen donations and helped mothers shop in the Boutique. In October of 2016, Daybreak honored our family by changing the name of the Baby Boutique to Taylor's Boutique. After receiving her degree from USC in Fashion and Retail Management, Taylor had hoped to open a boutique in Columbia. Some have said they feel a special peace in the boutique. For me, it is a delightful gift to the soul. Romans 5:3-5