Who Needs Friends That Treat You Like An Enemy?



Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Have you ever heard this probem before? My so-called friends Treat me like garbage. One of my friends, whom I have known for years, now shows me disrespect. This person used to respect me Dut, now, the opposite is true. Every time I visit her, she tells me about something negative that she has told someone about me. Then she calls me names you wouldn't even call an enemy. She acts impatient with me like she wants me to leave. Yet, I have always been cour-

BEASLEY'S FUNERAL HOME LONG & SON MORTUARY

Mr. Robert H. Taylor, of 2403 Marlone Ave., Charlotte, NC died July 23, 1989, in Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. July 23, 1989 - at Union Chapel Baptist Church, in Elizabeth City, NC. Burial will be in church cemet-

Survivors are his wife, Mrs.

Johnnie Christian Taylor of

No. sons. Mr. Robert Charlotte, NC; sons, Mr. Robert Jerome Taylor, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Darryl Taylor all of Jer-sey City, NJ; daughters, Mrs. Robin Shaw of Atlantic City, NJ, Ms. Vivian Taylor, Mrs. Virginia Holland, Ms. Kitty Taylor all of Jersey City, NJ; mother, Mrs. Louise Taylor of Brooklyn, NY; step-daughter, Mrs. Lenora Brown of Charlotte, NC; 1 grand-

> DEATH NOTICE King's Funeral Home

Mrs. Lucille Dorthy Wright, died July 15, 1989, in Mercy Hospital. Funeral service was held July 20, at Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church in Wilksburg, SC.

Mr. Parrotte Wade, died July,

1989, in Chester County Hospital. Funeral service was held July 19 at Zion Pilgrim Baptist

Mr. Napoleon Craig, died July 15, 1989, at his place of residence. Funeral service was held July 21 at Mt. Hopewell

Baptist Church, York Co.

Mrs. Kathleen Payne Harris, of 3000 Morning Dr. died. Funeral service was held at King's Funeral Home Chapel.

MORTUARY

Mr. Willie James Belk, died July 15, 1989, in Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Funeral service was held July 22 at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church.

Mr. Willie Fetherson, Sr., died July 16, 1989, in VA Hospital in Columbia, SC. Funeral service was held July 21 at Marvin AME Zion Church in Waxhaw. NC

BEASLEY'S FUNERAL HOME

Mr. John Lewis Howie, 42, of 3515 Jonquit St. died July 11, 1989, in Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Funeral service was held at Beasley's Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Beasley's Memorial Garden.

Mr. Grant Little, Jr., of N. Davidson St. died July 7, 1989, in VA Hospital (Salisbury, NC). Funeral service was held in Beasley's Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Beasley's Memorial Garden in Beasley's Memorial Garden, Mt. Holly, NC.

Mrs. Minnie R. Price, of 1823 New Castle Rd. died July 13, 1989, in Mercy Hospital. Funeral service was held at Stateville Presbyterian Church USA. Burial was in Pinewood Cemetery.

Mr. Ural Covington, of 837 N. Wood Dr. died July 7, 1989, in Maryland General Hospital. Funeral service was held at Our Lady of Consolation. Burial was in Beatties Ford Memorial Gar-

Grace

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AME zion Church will sponsor a Fish Fry on Saturday, July 29th from 11a.m. until 7 p.m. Sandwiches will cost \$2 and

dinners will be \$3.50. The public is invited. The church is located at 1929 St.

Luke Street. BIBLEWAY

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her like a friend. I'm afraid to visit her because she is always

There was another so-called friend who I really used to respect. Even though I disagreed with some of his ideas, which I thought were stupid, I never told him that I didn't agree with him. I always treated him with respect. After a while, however, he started doing little disrespectful things like telling me that somebody else didn't like me. He even started criticizing things I did. Three times he took sides with people who (he knew) had treated me unfairly. Over a period of 18 months, he did many, many negative things to me that one would only do to an enemy. Yet, I have never, never been rude or disrespectful. What am I doing wrong? Why do my friends act like my enemy? Mr. K., Tampa,

They appear to be using you to release their own frustrations.

In other words, when people are aggravated by someone else, they become frustrated and tend to abuse another person. The person they choose to abuse is usually someone who won't fight back. Your so-called "friends" are taking their frustrations out on you because you won't fight back. You won't challenge them. You let them abuse you but you

cause you are nice. they think

that you are weak.

If it is not necessary for you to be with them, don't ever contact them again. If you must contact them, do so only when necessary. Be nice only when they are nice, otherwise, act nonchalant (do not be rude). Don't make any sudden or drastic changes in your behavior, but if they inquire about your mildly different responses, simply say that you are unhappy. When they ask you the

reasons for your unhappiness, tactfully tell them the truth. Be honest and do not be surprised if they attack you verbally (you have been their emotional outlet for a long time and they cannot bear to lose your masochistic tolerance). Try to get a mutually respected friend to tactfully explain the problem to them. Don't be afraid to hurt them. The sudden jolt will do them good. After all, they are enemies, not friends.





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