

Blanche (Kiser) Taylor Moore



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Date	Age	Life Event
02/17/1933	0	Born in Concord, North Carolina to Parker D. and Flonnie Kiser. She was the fifth of seven children.
1942	9	The Kiser family moves to Burlington, North Carolina
1952	19	Married James Taylor.
1953	21	Daughter, Vanessa Dale Taylor, is born in Alamance County, North Carolina
1954	21	Began working as clerk at Kroger
1956	23	Blanche's father, Parker, abandons the family to find a younger woman
1959	26	Daughter, Cynthia Dawn Taylor, is born in Alamance County, North Carolina.
1959	26	Blanche's mother, Flonnie, files for divorce from her husband, Parker
1959	26	Blanche is promoted to head cashier at Kroger
1960	27	Blanche reconciles relationship with father, Parker, by going to see him
09/18/1966	33	Blanche's father, Parker, dies with symptoms of arsenic poisoning at the age of 62
11/25/1970	37	Isla Taylor (WF, 83), James Taylor's mother, dies in similar way that Blanche's father died
1971	38	Raymond Reid, assistant manager of Kroger have open affair.
9/1973	40	James Taylor starts to show flu-like symptoms
10/02/1973	40	James Taylor (WM, 45) died 'under mysterious circumstances'
1973	40	Blanche moves to Burlington, North Carolina
1/1985	52	Blanche's house in Burlington burns down
1985	52	Blanche bought a trailer home with the insurance money she received from the house fire
2/1985	52	Blanche's trailer home burns down
1985	52	Blanche received more insurance money
1985	52	Blanche received a \$275,000 settlement from Kroger as part of a sexual harassment suit

1985	52	Blanche met Reverend Dwight Moore
April, 1986	53	Raymond Reid is admitted to the hospital and doctors initially diagnose him as suffering from shingles.
10/07/1986	53	Raymond Reid (WM, 50) dies in a Winston-Salem hospital. Doctors list the cause of death as Gullain-Barre syndrome. It is later discovered that Reid died from arsenic poisoning.
04/21/1989	56	Blanche marries Rev. Dwight Moore
05/13/1989	56	Test results positive for arsenic in Dwight Moore
1989	56	Investigation into the poisoning of Dwight Moore began and the bodies of Parker Kiser, James Taylor, Isla Taylor, and Raymond Reid are exhumed to test for arsenic. All four were found with elevated levels of arsenic.
07/18/1989	56	Blanche is arrested and charged with assault for attempting to kill Reverend Dwight Moore. Charges for the murder of Raymond Reid are later added.
10/21/1990	57	Blanche's trial begins for the murder of Raymond Reid
11/14/1960	57	Jury finds Blanche guilty of murder in the first degree
11/17/1990	57	Jury sentences Blanche to death
01/18/1991	57	The judge agrees with the jury and sentences Blanche to death.
1993	60	A book, <i>Preacher's Girl</i> , and a television movie, <i>The Black Widow Murders</i> , about Blanche Moore are released
11/18/2012	79	Still alive and in prison as of November 18, 2012

General Information

Sex	Female
Race	White
Number of victims	4 suspected, 1 convicted, 0 confessed
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	North Carolina
Cities where killing occurred	Greensboro, Burlington
Counties where killing occurred	Forsyth, Durham
Type of killer	Black Widow
Height	

Childhood Information

Date of birth	February 17, 1933
Location	Concord, NC
Birth order	5 of 7
Number of siblings	6
XYY?	n/a
Raised by	Father and mother
Birth category	Middle child
Parent's marital status	Married
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	No
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	No
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?	No
Did serial killer ever live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	
Speech defect?	
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	

Psychologically abused?	Yes
Sexually abused?	Yes
Father's occupation	Minister
Mother's occupation	Mill worker
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Alcohol
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	Kroger Head Cashier, Tupperware saleswoman, independent entrepreneur
Employment status during series	Unemployed/ self-employed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	2
Lives with her children	Not at the time of the murders
Living with	Husband
Triad	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	Suspected of arson for insurance on home and then trailer in 1985
Spent time in jail?	
Spent time in prison?	
Killed prior to series? Age?	
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	3
Number of victims (confessed to)	
Number of victims (convicted of)	1

Victim type	Husband, boyfriend, father
Killer age at start of series	40
Killer age at end of series	53
Date of first kill in series	September 18, 1966 (suspected)
Date of final kill in series	October 7, 1986
Gender of victims	3 men, 1 woman
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	45, 50, 62, 83
Type of victim	Family or significant others
Method of killing	Arsenic poisoning
Weapon	Arsenic laced food or drink (Anti-Ant insect poison- 2% arsenic)
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
How close did killer live?	Lived with, or within driving distance
Location of first contact	
Location of killing	In home and hospital
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Intentionally went out that day to kill?	Yes
Overkill?	
Quick & efficient?	Efficient but methodical
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	Collected insurance payouts
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, hidden	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	No
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	July 18, 1989

Date convicted	November 16, 1990
Sentence	Death penalty
Killer executed?	Pending
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Did serial killer confess?	Confessed after conviction and then recanted
Name and state of prison	
Killer committed suicide?	No, yes, attempted
Killer killed in prison?	No, yes, attempted
Date of death	
Cause of death	
Victim 1	
Name	James Taylor (suspected)
Date killed	October 2, 1973
Date body was found	October 2, 1973
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	45
How killed	Arsenic poisoning
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Burlington
County killed	Alamance
Type of target	Family - Husband
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No
Victim 2	
Name	Raymond Carlton Reid
Date killed	October 7, 1986
Date body was found	October 7, 1986
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	50
How killed	Arsenic poisoning
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Winston-Salem
County killed	Forsyth
Type of target	Boyfriend/ lover
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes
Victim 3	
Name	Parker Davis "P.D." Kiser (suspected)
Date killed	September 18, 1966
Date body was found	September 18, 1966
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	62
How killed	Arsenic poisoning
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Mebane
County killed	Alamance
Type of target	Family - Father
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No

Victim 4	
Name	Isla Taylor (suspected)
Date killed	November 25, 1970
Date body was found	November 25, 1970
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	83
How killed	Arsenic poisoning
State killed	North Carolina
City killed	Burlington
County killed	Alamance
Type of target	Family – Mother-in-Law
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No

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