



In Memory

March 14, 1928 - January 19, 2012

William E. Taylor, better known to most folks as "Mr. Bill" went to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday, January 19, 2012 in his home surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Bill was born March 14, 1928 in Fayetteville, Arkansas to William Pierce Taylor and Vera Mae Brewer Taylor. Mr. Bill was 83 years, 10 months and 5 days old. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Waldron, Arkansas.

Mr. Bill began his young life in the United States Navy. He served a tenure on the USS Alabama during WWII after which he received an honorable discharge.

On May 2, 1947 Mr. Bill married the most beautiful woman he had ever seen and the love of his life Ms. Betty. Mr. Bill and Ms. Betty made an earthly life together for 61 years now they are once again joined together.

As a hard working husband and father he provided for his family by working for Waldron Hardwood Company and Big Pine Lumber for many years in Waldron as a lumber inspector. Mr. Bill enjoyed fishing as a hobby. It is no secret that Mr. Bill loved to volunteer his time to help others. Mr. Bill as an upstanding member of the Waldron Masonic Lodge #132 F & AM. As a long time member of the Shriner's Clown Division, Mr. Bill would travel all across Eastern Oklahoma and the state of Arkansas, tirelessly any time someone

would invite him to an event. He became an annual event himself for some. You name it, parades, picnics, anywhere there were going to be children that's where he would be going. He would load up his go cart and hit the road. When he would arrive, you knew where he was because that's where the children would be. He would create balloon characters for each and every child who wanted one. He loved to see the children and the excitement in their faces. He stayed as long as the children did. Mr. Bill touched so many lives, even one's he didn't know about.

Mr. Bill has made many trips on Friday nights hauling the band instruments for the students in Waldron High School Band to ball games and Saturdays for contests and enjoyed every minute of it.

In June and October Mr. Bill could be found southeast of Waldron on Hwy 250 at Turkey Track. He was a driver of the shuttle bus called Turkey Track Express. He loved the music but the fellowship with the visitors was his forte.

Mr. Bill leaves behind to cherish his memory, one daughter, Diane Epperson and husband Alton of Waldron, Arkansas, one son Billy Taylor and wife Sharon of Natural Dam, Arkansas. Grandpa Bill will forever be missed by four grandchildren, Shawn Epperson and wife Heather of Waldron, Arkansas, Brandon Taylor of Natural Dam, Arkansas, Cheryl Snowden of Van Buren, Arkansas, and Vicki Golden of Coal Hill, Arkansas. The lives of five great grandchildren have also been enriched by Grandpa Bill. Mr. Bill is also survived by one brother, Freddie Taylor of Danville, Arkansas, and three sisters, Betty Lou Covley of Rover, Arkansas, Patsy Moore and Ruth Jacobs both of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Mr. Bill is preceded in death, in addition to his parents, by his loving wife and best friend, Ms. Betty, two sisters, Helen Taylor French and Ruby Blackmon, and one brother Troy Gale Taylor.

Mr. Bill's life celebration will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Pat Ray Biggs officiating. Interment will follow in Square Rock Cemetery near Waldron, Arkansas with Masonic Rites to follow. Arrangements are being entrusted to Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

Mr. Bill's visitation will be Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 2:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Bill's pallbearers will be Shawn Epperson, Brandon Taylor, Harold Scott, Paul Bronson, Judge James Forbes, and Bill Lovett. Honorary pallbearers will be Blue Lodge, Shriner's and Fort Smith Consistory.

Tribute Wall

VM

“ *In Memory*

Vernis an Deana McKinzie - August 27, 2013 at 09:19 AM

DD

“ *sorry for your loss were praying for you the family mr Bill was a very good man will miss him you are in our prayers.*

Doyle wayne and karen dickens - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Diane & family, so sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for you.*

Darla Phillips Williams - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a special person and will be missed by so many. Thinking of you all at this time.*

Ann Bingham - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *May your many precious memories of your Dad give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to you and your families.*

Neal & Paula Sparks - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We were so sad to hear of Bill's passing, he was a good neighbor for years and a good friend to our whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, we will all miss him so much.*

Randy and Midge Bottoms - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Loved Mr. Bill, always in a hurry. He is helping someone in Heaven now and Betty right there by his side. We miss them both, Oh how happy they are now.

Our prayers go out to the family, and God Bless all of you.

Richard & Pat Sehorn - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Diane and family we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bill was such a sweet man. Love to all.

John David, Brandee, Kayelyn and Jordyn Brown - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Mr. Bill was such a special man and will missed by many ! You are all in my thoughts and prayers !

Teresa Johnston Culpepper - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Bill&Lida Taylor From Van Buren,Ar.I didnt get to meet you but have heard great things about you from Pansy Plummer.When I was younger I do remember your grandfather my greatuncle John Taylor.Sorry for your loss.

Bill Taylor - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. He was a very special man. He will missed by all.

lindagoodner - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Darrell & Wanda Smalling - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Diane and family, Our thoughts

and prayers are with you all.

we will surely miss Mr. Bill at Forester.

Bill & Paula Smalling - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ What a great man and neighbor. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave & Patti Roets & Family - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Bill was a good man, he will surely be missed.

Bill Luttrell - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Our thoughts & Prayers are w/ Mr. Bill's family. He was a most kind & thoughtful man. I doubt he had a clue just how many people w/ miss him. We admired him so much for the loving Husband he was, not to mention how proud he was of his Kids & Grandkids. He was a true Gentleman in every sense of the word. I can see him smiling down from Heaven, telling his Family, "everything will be alright, I'm at home now." He will be sorely missed.

Colmon & Kathleen Haga - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To the family, we are so sorry for your loss. we will miss Bill,I often think of Betty, now they can be together again.

Larry & Deloras Horn - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Grandpa Bill, you've been missed since the moment you left, but knowing you're with Granny Betty makes all of our hearts happy. No matter the amount of time or distance, we'll always love & remember you.

Heather Epperson - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mr Bill. We loved him dearly and he will be missed. Rick & Gayla Hudson

Gayla Hudson - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr. Bill's obituary is a tribute to his life. May God Bless you and keep you in his care today and the days to follow until you can be with your loving Father & Grandfather again.

Jerry & Judy Montgomery - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Diane & Family,

So many good things to say about such an upstanding man. We always enjoyed seeing him whether it was while he was working, or we just happened to run into each other when we were out and about. We will never in this lifetime know how many lives he touched, but thank God we have the promise of seeing him again someday in Heaven. He certainly touched our lives. He was one of a kind. A blessing to all who knew him. We are praying for your family. See you on the "Other Side" Mr. Bill!

Gerald & Joni Essman - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ He was a wonderful man & will be greatly missed.....

Kevin Smalling - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Diane, Shawn and family: My sincere sympathy is extended to all of you at this sad time. God bless each of you.

Keith Holleman - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are sorry to hear of Mr. Bill passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

Debbie & Waymon Sparks - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Robert&Linda Jett - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Mr. Bill, Where do I begin??? I am so thankful that God allowed you and Miss Betty to be a part of my daughter's life. You were the grandparents that Heather needed. God does only send the best!!! You were everything a grandparent should be and I know that your memory will forever live in her heart. I know you have longed for this day to come. I remember driving by the cemetery and watching you sit by Miss Betty's grave, day after day. Now you are together again and one day we will join you. I hope you know how much you were loved and how much you will be missed.

Donna Brown - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Brother Mr Bill i'll always remember the rides we took together going to different events you'll be missed. give Miss Betty a hug for me. our love and thoughts are with you and our prayers are with your familey Jerre and Cindy Cox

Jerre Cox - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I have so many fond memories of Bill when I was a teenager and especially of working for Bill on the green chain at the stave mill in the mid-1960s. I really loved this man and looked up to him. He had such an incredible impact on friends of Billy and Diane. More than they will ever know. I know the family will miss him and I thank God that he placed Mr. Bill on my path. What a great guy he was.

Maurice Thompson - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We were sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a very giving and caring person. We were proud to have Bill and Betty as our friends. May they rest in peace. The family is in our prayers. Our Love To All, Jerry and Jo

Jerry & Jo Parker - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Mr. Bill is with his Betty. Don't you know they are rejoicing!!! Find comfort in your good memories.

Jjoann Dozier - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM