



Fred Ray Taylor Jr.

November 22, 1930 - February 12, 2025

Fred Ray Taylor, Jr was born November 22, 1930 in Marlow, Oklahoma and reunited with our beautiful mama in Heaven February 12, 2025 having attained the age of 94+ years.

He grew up on a farm in Oklahoma, entering into the Army in 1952. He became a pen pal to Netha Newman and they married September 21, 1954. They were married 68 years before she passed away in October 2022.

Numerous deployments and change of stations didn't stop them from having a large family. They had seven children within 10 years, all in different states/countries. He did a couple of stints in Vietnam and finally retired in 1974. Afterward he worked for some time with Civil Service and then as a contract employee at Fort Leonard Wood.

Prior to retiring, he took some courses in cabinetry and learned to pour concrete. He would make pieces of furniture and always tried to figure out how to make a secret compartment within the piece. We'll never find all the secret places he had in his shop! His passion was pouring concrete (yeah, we know it's weird). He had sidewalks that led to nowhere and concrete pads in the weirdest places. He always etched the names of his wife, children and grandchildren into the final product.

Dad loved a good nap. As a family we'd often go fishing. Mom would wrangle all of us kids and help get our lines in the water and dad would put the biggest, fattest worm on his hook, throw it as far out as possible, then sit in his comfy folding chair with his hat pulled over his eyes. When it was time to go home hours later, he'd reel his line in, lament the fact that he didn't catch anything and drive us all home.

He tried to stay as active as possible but after our mom passed away, he couldn't get around as much due to health issues. He still drove around town and lived on his own. He had many days where he ate sardines and crackers (gross), and he learned how to cook his own cornbread. He was always looking for someone to make him chicken and dumplings the way mama did.

He was always quite ornery and a bit of a jokester. One thing we will miss is his low, gravelly chuckle when he thought he was pulling one over on someone.

Our dad is survived by a bunch of children and grandchildren: Danny, of Dallas, GA Gerald (aka Tom), Curtis and Mike of St. Robert; Deb Savoie (Bill) of Fort Myers, FL; and Steve (Chong Ae) of Clarksville, TN. His six grandsons: Brett (Sarah) Basford, Cody (Michele) Basford, Tim (Kiara) Taylor, Geoff (Jasmine) Taylor, Jared Taylor and Fred (Kayla) Taylor. Great grandchildren Huck, Ophelia and Lincoln; Archer, Katherine and Marri; Ayden and Thaddeus; Eliana and Emilia; and Isabella, Victoria, Helen and Alondra. He is also survived by his sisters Kathaleen (Bob) Simmons of Hernando, MS and Elizabeth Ford of Duncan OK and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Netha, oldest son Donny Taylor, and brothers Ervin, Bert, Pinky and Charles.

We miss you so much dad but take comfort in knowing you're with mama now, hopefully enjoying some chicken and dumplings and having your endless

political discussions with Don. We love you to the moon and back.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Burial with military honors will follow in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Fred Taylor and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Fred, your humor and laughter made working with you at lawn & garden at Walmart a great time. I will never forget the time you said you were going to put in a pig farm by your house. I still laugh at that when I remember that heck you even made the news and Waynesville's paper with that statement. Fred you may be gone but you are not forgotten. Rest in peace Fred

Daniel

Daniel Cerda - March 12, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DC

“ Daniel Cerda lit a candle in memory of Fred Taylor



Daniel Cerda - March 12, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 12, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ 92 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM

SO

“ *Fred, your cheerful smile, humor, and laughter will deeply be missed here at Phelps in Waynesville. You consistently arrived with pockets full of peanuts to share with all of us PSRs, and your thoughtful holiday treats brought joy to our days. May you find eternal peace in God's loving embrace. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family for their healing and comfort. You led a remarkable life. Rest in peace, dear Fred.*

Sofai

Sofai - February 21, 2025 at 12:04 PM

ST

“ *Stef lit a candle in memory of Fred Taylor*



Stef - February 16, 2025 at 08:31 AM

AG

“ Amy Gregory lit a candle in memory of Fred Taylor



Amy Gregory - February 15, 2025 at 04:55 AM

JC

“ We are so sorry Deb. Our sympathy to all your family Jim & Bonnie

James Cronan - February 14, 2025 at 09:33 PM

MH

“ Many a fun time at the Taylor house. I think of Mrs Netha when I see Cardinals in my yard. I will think of Mr. Fred when I see the woodpeckers. These wonderful people are gone from Earth but never forgotten. Lots of love and prayers for the family.



Mary Haas - February 14, 2025 at 08:38 PM

DE

“ We will miss you, Fred! I will always remember you, thanks for all the peanuts, the jokes, your cartoons, and most of all your smile. Deanna

Deanna - February 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM

DE

“ *Deanna lit a candle in memory of Fred Taylor* ”



Deanna - February 14, 2025 at 04:43 PM