



Earle Richard Taylor Jr

December 29, 1930 - February 19, 2014

Earle Richard Taylor, Jr., age 83, died on February 19, 2014. Born on December 29, 1930, he was a native and life-long resident of Greer and the son of the late Earle Richard Taylor and Thelma Barbare Taylor. He received a B.S. in Horticulture in 1953 from Clemson College and served in the Sixth Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956, where he achieved the rank of First Lieutenant. He joined his family's business, Taylor's Orchards, in 1956, where he grew and packed peaches, raised beef cattle, grew apples and other crops, and developed real estate until his retirement. He served on the Agricultural Commission of South Carolina from 1977 to 1982, on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Peach Council for many years, as President of the Greenville County Farm Bureau, as President of the Greenville County IPTAY Club from 1969 to 1970, and as an IPTAY Representative for many decades. He was a member of the Greer Lions Club for 56 years and received recognition for his service to the Lions Club by being made a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karolyn Kendrick Taylor; his son and daughter-in-law, Earle Richard Taylor, III and Christine Gaffney Taylor of Atlanta, Georgia; his son Charles Kendrick ("Ken") Taylor of Greer; and three grandchildren: Earle Richard Taylor, IV, Mary Gaffney Taylor, and Luke Kendrick Taylor.

The family will receive friends at the home.

Funeral services will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 100 School Street,

Greer, South Carolina, on February 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 100 School Street, Greer, S.C. 29651 or Greer Community Ministries, P.O. 1373, Greer, S.C. 29652.

The Wood Mortuary Inc.

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

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“ Richard was one of the finest gentlemen I ever knew. The J. S. Robinson Sunday School Class and I will surely miss his presence and knowledge, not to mention his unwavering love of those Clemson Tigers! May God grant peace and comfort for all of his family at this time. You are in our hearts and our prayers.

Sarah McIntyre - February 23, 2014 at 08:03 PM

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“ Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Earle Richard Taylor Jr



Sarah McIntyre - February 23, 2014 at 08:00 PM

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“ Karolyn,

I am so sorry, he will be missed by many. Richard was one of the real good guys!

I wish I could be there, but I am in Mississippi visiting with my grandsons.

*With love,
Jimmy Taylor*

James Taylor - February 21, 2014 at 06:26 PM