



Joseph "Joe" P. Taylor

April 22, 1944 - April 4, 2023

Joseph "Joe" Porter Taylor, 78, passed away April 4, 2023.

A native of Marietta, SC, and longtime resident of Easley, SC, son of the late James Edgar and Grace Darnell Taylor, whom were not only great parents but his friends, and husband of Methel Bright Taylor.

Mr. Taylor was a graduate of Slater-Marietta High School class of 1962, and a graduate of North Greenville Junior College (Tigerville, SC) and John Marshall School of Law (Atlanta, GA), he also played basketball while at Anderson College, and completed professional certifications and coursework at Furman University. He won several awards while playing basketball and other sports and won multiple state high school basketball championships. Mr. Taylor retired from South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company as their Senior Field Supervisor in 2007 after 37 years in claims service. He worked for the Upper Greenville County developments by serving 2 years as the President of the Slater-Marietta Elementary School PTA and the Lions Clubs. He was a Mason for 50 years and a member of Ebenezer Lodge 101. Mr. Taylor was a member of Providence Baptist Church, Greenville, SC for over 20 years. He served the Lord as a Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Director, Deacon, and Trustee for many years. He had a nursing home ministry serving Carriage House (Taylors), Stroud / Falls Creek Assisted Living (Marietta), and Oakmont Assisted Living / Heartland (Greenville). He had a heart, love, and passion for the elderly and friends around him, and serving those in need. Mr. Taylor is survived by three children, a son, Joseph "Jody" P. Taylor, Jr.

(Sandy) of Marietta, SC, and their sons, Will and Grayson Taylor; a daughter, Leigh Ann Rafalski (Ryan) of Greenville, SC, and their children, Anna Grace and Benjamin Rafalski; and son, Levi Taylor (Blake) of Inman, SC, and their sons, Jameson and Jonathan Joseph Taylor.

He was married to and survived by a great lady, Methel Bright Taylor (née Price) for nearly 25 years. She stood by him with love, support and encouragement throughout their marriage. He had three stepsons; Rickey Bright (Cheryl) of Irmo, SC, and their children, Jordan, Garrett, Evan, and Emily; Gary Bright (Karen) of Piedmont, SC, and their children, Shelby, and Joshua; and Tommy Bright of Hartsville, SC; and two great-grandchildren, Samuel and Noah.

Mr. Taylor is also survived by one brother, Powe Taylor (Merilus) of Myrtle Beach, SC; two sisters, Atha Hancox of Marietta, SC, and Ruth Hollingsworth (Billy) of Whitmire, SC; and three living sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Taylor of Marietta, SC, Lib Taylor and Carolyn Taylor, both of Travelers Rest, SC.

Mr. Taylor was predeceased by five brothers, John Taylor, Shields Taylor, Bud Taylor, Aaron Taylor, and Charles Taylor; and one sister, Ellon Ramey.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm Saturday, April 8, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel. Entombment will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park Mausoleum in Travelers Rest, SC.

Visitation will be held 12:00-1:45 pm Saturday, April 8, 2023, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 950 W. Faris Rd., Greenville, SC 29605 or Providence Baptist Church, 8515 White Horse Rd., Greenville, SC 29617.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park Mausoleum (formerly Grandview)

7 Duncan Road
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
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Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Joe" P. Taylor*



The Wood Mortuary - April 13, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Joseph "Joe" P. Taylor*



The Wood Mortuary - April 08, 2023 at 11:24 AM

SS

“ *Worked claims with Joe at SC Farm Bureau for many years. He was a true professional and dear friend. Joe was old school and one of a kind in our business. He will be missed. Our Love and Prayers to his family.*

Mitch and Lib Hardwick

S. Mitch Hardwick, Sr. - April 12, 2023 at 01:03 PM

JL

“ Joe was a coworker for many years. He had a big heart and a unique personality. He never met a stranger and was a friend to all. He will be missed.
Judy and Byron Livingston

Judy Livingston - April 08, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RL

“ Worked with Joe at Farm Bureau. He always had a big personality and a big heart. Will always remember those days. Thank you Joe for sharing life and Taylor wisdom. We learned much. Prayers for the family. May this Holy Week give you peace.
Blessings
Rick and Lee Anne Lamar

Rick Lamar - April 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He will be sorely missed in our community.
Such a great guy. Always looked forward to meeting with him while walking our dog's every night. May God comfort and bless the family during this hard time. Wes & Cathie

Wes Triplett - April 08, 2023 at 07:57 AM

FL

“ Farron Lily lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Taylor



Farron and Lily - April 07, 2023 at 06:39 PM

BS

“ Prayers go out to entire family. Shared many good memories with Joe. He took good care of my Farm Bureau clients in Oconee county. Bill Sloan.

Bill Sloan - April 06, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" P. Taylor.



April 06, 2023 at 09:16 PM

NB

“ Nathan Gaynell Bayne lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Taylor



Nathan and Gaynell Bayne - April 06, 2023 at 03:50 PM

RU

Thank you

Ruth - April 07, 2023 at 03:36 AM

JB

“ Our family had a great love for Joe and had got to spend some time with him lately Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss Sending hugs and prayers



Janet Peterson Bridges - April 06, 2023 at 02:51 PM

LP

“ *Sorry for your loss ! Praying for comfort in the days to follow!*



Loretta Price - April 06, 2023 at 12:58 PM