



James "Bus" Taylor

February 15, 1922 - January 1, 2016

James M. "Bus" Taylor, Jr., age 93, passed away at 6:35 p.m. Friday, January 1, 2016, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will begin at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, Bishop Dr. Andrew Robinson will officiate. The visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service begins. Interment will follow at Janesville Cemetery.

Born on February 16, 1922 in Humboldt Township, Coles County, Illinois, "Bus" was the son of James M. "Mike" Taylor, Sr. and Martha (Daily) Taylor. (His dad nicknamed him "Bus" because he was "a little buster" as a toddler.) He first married Betty Jean Barcus on February 15, 1948. She preceded him in death December 31, 1976. Bus and Betty Taylor raised three sons together: James M. "Mike" (Pamela Eastin) Taylor, III of Pooler, GA; Roland D. "Doug" (Wanda Winkler) Taylor of Mattoon, IL; and Jeffrey L. "Jeff" (Marilyn James) Taylor of Greenup, IL. Bus and Betty Taylor had seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Bus was a devoted husband to Betty and loving father to his boys.

Bus secondly married Wanda A. Sanders Lawyer April 11, 1981 and was fond of his step-children and their families: Debra Lawyer (Robert) Stokes of

Mattoon, IL; Lynn Lawyer (Chuck) Taylor of Monita, VA; and Ronald (Beverly) Lawyer of Austin, TX; Six step-grandchildren, and ten step great-grandchildren

James M. "Bus" Taylor, Jr. was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents; one brother, Merle Taylor; and one sister, Sylvia Juanita Taylor.

In addition to many years' farming in Hammond, IL, Bus was employed by G.E. for many years. Later, he worked for Young's Radiator and Calderwood and retired in 1987.

Bus and Wanda were members of Christ Temple in Charleston, IL and, previously, Bus and Betty with their sons were valued members of First Apostolic Church in Mattoon, IL for many years. Bus loved farming and the outdoors, especially enjoying mowing and lawn care. One of his favorite past times was tending the landscape at Helen Douglas-Hart Friendship Park. Bus was blessed with a wonderful tenor voice and departed this life having been heard beautifully singing "Rock of Ages" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus".

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family

Cemetery Details

Janesville Cemetery

Janesville, IL 62435

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ James M. "Bus" Taylor, Jr. was the son of James M. "Mike" Taylor, Sr. and his oldest son was his namesake, James M. "Mike" Taylor, III. He had a grandson, James M. "Mitch" Taylor, IV and a great grandson James M. "Micah" Taylor V.

The Taylor family of Coles County, Illinois, entertained at dinners in their home the parents of Abraham Lincoln. In 1602 John Taylor of Pennington Castle, Cumberland, England arrived in the colonies and began a long line of patriots including President Zachary Taylor. Their lineage includes William Tyndale, Charlemagne and has been traced back to Clovis, King of the Franks, Bus's 37th great grandfather. The Taylor family, whose French name was Taillefer, are related to all the royal families of Europe.

The most treasured Blood of Bus and his family is the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. James M. "Bus" Taylor, Jr. obeyed the Gospel by faith, confession, repentance, baptism in Jesus' Name, infilling of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in an unknown tongue as the Spirit gave the utterance and passed from this life singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus, because He first loved me." We'll see our dad, our grandpa, and our friend at Jesus' soon coming.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Taylor, III - January 04, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ Amy and Phil Roderick purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Bus" Taylor.



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