



Dr. Robert Dean Taylor

August 22, 1954 - October 17, 2024

Dr. Robert Dean Taylor was born August 22, 1954 and died October 17, 2024. He practiced family medicine in Arab for over 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Robert Franklin Taylor; mother, Georgia Gore Taylor; sister, Kathryn Taylor McMasters; and brother-in-law, Mike McMasters.

He was married to Jo Ann Wilbanks Taylor, who survives him. He is also survived by his five children and their spouses; Stephen and Morgan Taylor, Crystal Taylor, Jeffrey and Allycia Taylor, Wesley and Morgan Taylor, and Scott and Jèvana Taylor. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; and niece, Melissa McMasters and nephews Daniel and Ira McMasters, and their three children; and one great granddaughter..

The funeral will be held at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20, 2024 with public visitation beginning at 12:00 noon. Officiating will be Brother Jamey Pruett. Burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers will include: Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Taylor, Wesley Taylor, Scott Taylor, Dylan Culbertson, and Daniel McMasters. Honorary pallbearer: Taylor Anderson.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ Starting going to see Dr Taylor in 1983. My one year old son was terrified of his current pediatrician. Whenever he saw a white lab coat he would cry so hard. I talked to Dr Taylor before he came in the exam room and told him of my sons fears. Since Dr Taylor was very tall and a burley of a man, I just knew my son would freak out when he saw him. Dr. Taylor told me him and my son would be best buds. He calmly came in the room handed my son his stethoscope and sat down beside him. He smiled at my son with that big bright smile. My son matched his smile! They did become best buds. He became all of my family's doctor, mother, father, sister, children and myself. He was a very caring and genuine man. I asked him one day how he handles when someone dies. He said because he knows there's a Lord and Saviour. He does the best he can but it's ultimately up to God when to carry them home. He was more than just a doctor to many, he was a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Our hearts are heavy to lose such a caring human being. I know he's in God's presence and God is telling him a job well done my son.

Debbie N - January 07, 2025 at 08:01 PM

AM

Dr. Taylor was the most Caring and helpful Dr. Such an inspiration to all his patients with his kindness and it was an honor to know him.

Anita Miller - August 29, 2025 at 05:40 AM

SH

“ Susan Hunt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor



Susan Hunt - October 21, 2024 at 11:57 PM

HB

“ My first visit with Dr Taylor was over 40 years ago and I was very sad when he had to step away from his practice . I will treasure the memories of Dr Taylor for the rest of my days. I am sad for his loved ones and hope their hearts will feel only the joy from his memory.

henry brewster - October 20, 2024 at 08:38 PM

SG

“ He delivered my daughter . She will be 4 in April. He was my PA for all those years. Had so many conversations with him about a lot of different things. Such a good man and he will be missed

Shirley J Goodno - October 20, 2024 at 05:51 PM

SG

She will be 40

Shirley J Goodno - October 20, 2024 at 05:52 PM

FK

“ Such a fine fellow and Dr. Took care of our family for many year, miss him alot.

Franklin Delano KNIGHT - October 20, 2024 at 05:32 PM

TC

“ What a wonderful doctor! He was a part of our family for 3 generations. He was so compassionate, so soothing! His sense of humor put you at ease. Unfortunately you don't find many good old - fashioned caring doctors. We have lost a true treasure.

Tammie Calahan - October 19, 2024 at 11:58 PM

MM

“ Harold and I and our family were honored to be cared for by Dr Taylor from the time he came to Arab! We always knew that we were getting the very best of care and that He would do everything he could to help us! He will always be remembered as a Good Man who really cared and as a Great Doctor! Prayers for the family. Look at that smile! Martha Mullican

Martha Mullican - October 19, 2024 at 11:14 PM

CG

“ Connie Greenstein lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor



Connie Greenstein - October 19, 2024 at 08:42 PM

ML

“ Melody Lusk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor



Melody Lusk - October 19, 2024 at 08:24 PM

PJ

“ I am so sorry for the family loss .He was a good and kind Doctor.Sincerely Polly Jex



POLLY Jex - October 19, 2024 at 06:50 PM

KC

“ Kathryn Cochran lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor



Kathryn Cochran - October 19, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor.



October 19, 2024 at 08:35 AM

JA

“ Jake and Rachel Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor.

Jake and Rachel Adams - October 19, 2024 at 08:35 AM

DH

“ Dr Taylor was our doctor for years, he was so so kind, really gonna miss him sending my condolences to all of his family



Dana Hardin - October 19, 2024 at 07:52 AM

AA

Dr. Taylor was my doctor for 43 years. He was so kind. Spent time with his patients. I sure do miss him.

Alece Alexander - October 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

BW

Dr Taylor was a friend and would talk to you if you had any kind of problem medical or not.....My Mom loved him as her Dr., he always called her "Miss Dimple"...He thought the world of her.....I miss him as my Dr...

Betty Whisenant - October 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

KH

Dr Taylor was a kind man. He will be missed

Kathy Mangum Smith Hawkins - October 20, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DH

“ *Dana Hardin sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor*



Dana Hardin - October 19, 2024 at 07:51 AM

DH

“ *Dana Hardin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor*



Dana Hardin - October 19, 2024 at 07:50 AM

JM

“ *Dr Taylor was my doctor for over 30 years. He was so kind & compassionate. He will be sorely missed. He was a burly man but so tender & gentle.*



Janice P Marsh - October 18, 2024 at 11:15 PM

MW

Was our family doctor for over 40 years . I came to really love him . Jo Ann my thoughts and prayers are with you and his family.

Mary Westbrooks - October 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM

TC

“ *Teresa Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor*



Teresa Calhoun - October 18, 2024 at 09:09 PM

NM

“ *Nalani Clements McNary lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Dean Taylor*



Nalani Clements McNary - October 18, 2024 at 07:44 PM

KA

“ I will forever be grateful and thankful to have called you my grandfather. I love you forever and always ☐



kaite A - October 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM

JF

So sweet! Thanks for sharing your special memories!

Jennifer R Folsom - February 28, 2025 at 12:27 AM



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AL

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Alcami - October 18, 2024 at 02:37 PM