

Mr. Tommy L Taylor

January 16, 1938 - July 19, 2019

Tommy Leland Taylor 01/16/1938 – 07/19/2019

Tommy Taylor, 81, passed away July 19 in Huntsville Hospital. He was born January 16, 1938 to Morris and Juanita Taylor in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was reared in Sheridan, Arkansas and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1955.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Henderson State, where he was honored in 2004 with the Henderson State University Distinguished Alumni Award. Tommy was a member of the 1959 Reddie Football AIC Championship Team. In 2016, the team was inducted into the Henderson Reddie Hall of Honor.

As an Aerospace Engineer with Marshall Space Flight Center, Tommy's career required him moving several times, including Houston, Texas with the Apollo 11 Moon Mission. In 1969, he settled in Arab, Alabama where he raised his family. His career then led him to the U.S. Missile Defense in Huntsville, Alabama and with the Israeli Defense Department.

Tommy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dian Nall Taylor, his daughters, Tammy Allen (Mike), Pamela Brady (David) and son, Tod Taylor (April); eight grandchildren, Blake Brady, Taylor Stewart (Zach), Natalie Norman (Juston),

Ross Allen (Leslie), Sara Byars (Brandon), Rebecca Hinds (Bradley), Rachel Camp (Clay) and Alexandra Taylor; great grandchildren, Jack Brady, Peyton, Maddox and Slade Stewart, Gunner, Gus and Gradi Norman, Luke and Emily-Ross Allen, Nate and Grant Byars, Carson, Harper and Hollis Hinds, and Dylan and Brooks Camp; his sister, Kati Wilkerson (Jerry), sister-in-law Susan Nall Perry, and a host of loving nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Preceding him in death are grandson Luke Allen and great-granddaughter Bennett Byars. Tommy is a member of First United Methodist Church. In previous years he served as a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church as well as being a Deacon.

A visitation will be held Monday, July 22 at Arab First United Methodist Church from 6-8 p.m. and the Funeral will be Tuesday, July 23, at 2 p.m.; followed by internment at Arab Memorial Cemetery, Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Blake Brady and Ross Allen and his grandsons-in-law Juston Norman, Zach Stewart, Bradley Hinds, Brandon Byars and Clay Camp.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Arab First United Methodist Church (Building Fund), Arab First Baptist Centennial Challenge or Grant County Museum, 521 Shakelford Road, Sheridan, AR 72150.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church
1058 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Service

JUL **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1058 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Tommy was a good person and a class act. Take care and God bless.

Casey Thrower - August 12, 2019 at 12:13 PM

TA

Thank you Casey.


Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:39 PM

PB

Thank you so much Casey!!

pamela taylor brady - October 25, 2019 at 06:24 PM


SH

“ Big T loved life and lived it well! What a blessing he and Grammy are to our entire family... sending our love from Oklahoma 

BD and Shannon Brady

shannon - July 23, 2019 at 08:02 PM

TA

Shannon we are so blessed to have y'all be here. Much love. 

Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:41 PM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss of Tommy. We enjoyed our co conversations about being Arkansans (sawyers). I enjoyed our time also talking about his time with Apollo 11. He will definitely be missed.

Brenda Reed - July 23, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.*



July 23, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ *Brianna and Kelsey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.*



Brianna and Kelsey - July 22, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ *Please accept our sincerest condolences. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.*



Please accept our sincerest condolences. - July 22, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ *tommy and I shared a lot of time when Todd was around ten years old*

Charles Thomas - July 22, 2019 at 03:45 PM



Thank you Mr. Thomas. He spoke well of you always.

Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.*



July 22, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *The first time I met Big T and Gram my life was blessed. They treated me like family immediately. The epitome of class. Memories are treasures worth more than gold, diamonds or money. Big T was a treasure to all.*

Marsha Raines - July 22, 2019 at 12:41 PM



We love you Marsha.

Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.*



July 22, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.



July 22, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.



July 21, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.



July 21, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ *Dian, so very sorry for your losing Tommy. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort as only He can. Sending love and hugs.*

Judy Workman Wetherington - July 21, 2019 at 04:10 PM

LM

Dian and family....I'm so very sorry for your loss !! Big T was a joy to be around . I feel blessed to have known him ! Sending hugs and love your way sweet Dian. Praying for comfort for the days ahead. You are blessed with such a wonderful family that will be there for you.

Letha McDaniel - July 21, 2019 at 08:50 PM

TA

Thank you so much!

Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy L Taylor.*



July 21, 2019 at 03:18 PM

KG

“ *Elwin and I were so saddened to hear of Tommy's passing. Our memories go back many years to our days growing up in Sheridan, Arkansas and then college at Henderson State. Tommy and Dian and family have always had a special place in our hearts. We send our love and heartfelt sympathy; may your beautiful memories be of comfort in the coming days and years. Love to you all.*

Kay Mosley Goolsby - July 21, 2019 at 01:34 PM

TA

Thank you Kay!❤️❤️

Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:44 PM

PL

“ I am so saddened to learn of Tommy's passing. He was not only a classmate of mine but also a good friend. As a teenager he was one of the boys that helped my dad build a swimming pool in our backyard. Then he and others came to swim in it on several occasions. Dian, you and your family have my prayers.. I feel for you in the loss of your husband and best friend. Love, Pat

Patricia S Lowrey - July 20, 2019 at 12:46 PM

TA



Tammy Allen - August 21, 2019 at 09:44 PM