



DeWitt Taylor, Jr.

January 19, 1927 - April 28, 2014

Bloomington - DeWitt Taylor, Jr, 87, of Bloomington passed away at 10:45 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014 at Asta Care Center in Bloomington.

His funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. noon on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Loving Missionary Baptist Church in Bloomington with Pastor William L. Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Saturday.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Loving Missionary Baptist Church or to the Alzheimer's Association. The family of DeWitt has entrusted Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington to handle arrangements for their loved one.

DeWitt was born on January 19, 1927 in Fairfield, AL, a son of DeWitt and Lula Mae Strother Taylor, Sr. He married Gertrude Miller on November 21, 1957 in Bloomington. She preceded his in death on April 23, 2007.

Surviving are two sons, Stanley Taylor of Seattle, WA and Richard (Pamela) Taylor of Bloomington; two daughters, Crystal (J.D.) Curry of Bloomington and Teedra (Rodney) Wilson of Bloomington; six grandchildren, TeTiana Emerson, Rashad Wilson, Maya Wilson, Josiah Taylor, Mariah Taylor and Zachariah Taylor, all of Bloomington.

In addition to his wife, Gertrude, DeWitt was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sandra Taylor; a grandson, Derrick Taylor; and a brother, Benjamin Taylor.

DeWitt graduated from Fairfield High School in Fairfield, AL. After leaving Fairfield, Al., DeWitt worked for Thompson Bakery in Louisville, KY. prior to being transferred to the Thompson Bakery in Bloomington, IL. He worked for 35+ years at Bloomington Provision Co. as a meat packing foreman, better known as "Big D".

He was one of the founding members of Loving Missionary Baptist Church in Bloomington where he served as a deacon, a trustee and a Sunday school teacher. He was also a member of the male chorus and the Missionary Society. He trained candidates for deacon ship and he spent countless hours mentoring young men throughout the community.

DeWitt was a member of MAPP (Minority and Police Partnership), Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Home Association and NAACP. He was a trustee for many years at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington.

DeWitt was a very kind and sweet man with a loving nature. He didn't have a problem "telling it like it is". In a tactful manner. He served others by dedicating his time as a volunteer at numerous nursing homes. DeWitt and his late wife, Gertrude would host annual Christmas shopping trips for nursing home residents, through the Missionary Society at Loving Missionary Baptist Church. They truly enjoyed this annual event by bringing joy to others.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Dr. Kenney, Angela and Asta Care for the "special care" and consideration shown to our Daddy for many years. To the Loving Missionary Baptist Church family and friends, we thank you for your continuous prayers and visits to our Daddy throughout the

years.

Comments



“ My mother, Doris Shepherd, was Office Manager at Evergreen Cemetery for many years until her retirement in 1994. She always talked about both of your parents and had nothing but nice things. I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet both your mother and father. She was correct they were wonderful Spirit filled loving messengers of the Lord. So, it is with sadness and envy of the passing of your loved one. I'm sure my parents were there to greet him when he arrived.

Phyllis Shepard - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ I was a teenager when I worked at Thompson's. Mr. Taylor was doing the baking then. I spent time visiting with him in the kitchen. He was generous with his time and his friendship. No matter what else was going on, Mr. Taylor was always a gentleman, soft spoken, and kind. He will be missed. My sympathies to his family.

Pete Krueger - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ From: Karan S. Cronic Brown
I am so sorry for your loss of your father. May the good Lord be with his family in their time of sorrow. I worked with your father at Bloomington Provision Co. My parents also worked there(James & Mildred Cronic. Your father was so kind, gentle, a friend to everyone. What a good person he was. I know he's in heaven, we will all get to see him on the other side. Thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family.

Karan Cronic Brown - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ Please accept my sincere sympathy at the loss of Dewitt Taylor, Jr. I worked at Thompson's in the 50s when Mr. Taylor was employed as baker. Not only was he a superb baker, but he was a kind and loving man. He was the ultimate gentleman and professional at all times. Everyone who worked there appreciated his abilities, his kindness and his presence. I don't remember most of the people I worked with at that time, but I remember Dewitt so well. His character and demeanor made him stand above the crowd.

Leta Hamm - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ To DeWitt's loved ones, and especially to my old friend, Stanley...

I can't count the number of times I have thought of your father... and especially of all the gentle small talk we had over the years at the Provision Company. I always thought of him as touched by the kind of greatness that isn't always noticed in this world, but which will flower in Eternity. May our Lord comfort you in your grief, and may He provide a most fitting and everlasting mansion for your father!

With my love,
Mark Stevens

Mark Stevens - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM