



Mr. Willie James Taylor

October 12, 1944 - May 6, 2016

Mr. Willie James Taylor, 71, of Peoria, IL passed away at 6:10 pm on Friday, May 6, 2016 at UnityPoint Methodist Hospital.

Willie was born October 12, 1944 in Brandon, MS to William James and Juanita (Hill) Taylor. He was an U. S. Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam Conflict. Willie retired from Caterpillar, Inc., in 1999 after many years of service.

Willie married the love of his life, Betty Mae Foreman and to their union five children were born. Left to mourn Willie's loss are his wife, Betty Mae Taylor; one son, Troy Taylor; four daughters, Brenda Hines, Wendy Taylor, Rhonda (Steve) Walker and Bridget Taylor all of Peoria; two brothers, Lymuell (Juanita) Taylor and Thomas (Annquinette) Taylor both of Peoria; four sisters, Shirley (Solomon) Taylor, Leola Taylor-Clark, Deloris Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor all of Peoria; 11 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends who truly loved Willie. He is preceded in death by his parents; and one brother.

Willie was the patriarch and backbone of the family. He truly loved his family and friends. He walked every day at the Northwoods Mall. He was also an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting. During his tenure at Caterpillar, Inc., he played with the company baseball team. Willie had many interest, but his passion was collecting muscle cars specifically Mustangs.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am, Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Mt. Zion M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Pastor Alphonso Lyons, Jr.,

will officiate. Willie will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery where U.S. Army Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
305 S. MADISON PARK TERRACE
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-4379

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie James Taylor*



Simons Mortuary - May 16, 2016 at 09:51 AM

AB

Sorry I couldn't be there. But everything was lovely on the video

alice turnage Beaty - May 16, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ *Mr. Willie James Taylor*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Willie James Taylor*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

KB

“ *To the Taylor family. I am very sorry for your loss. Your dad was truly the family backbone. May God bless you all.*

Keith Broomfield - May 19, 2016 at 06:35 AM

NN

“ *Willie was a close friend to my husband for many years. He was there when Paul passed and I am forever grateful . Sorry for your loss, My thoughts are with you. He will be missed.
Norma Noe and Family.*

Norma Noe - May 14, 2016 at 01:40 PM

BC

“ *BRENDA CAYSON lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Willie James Taylor*



BRENDA CAYSON - May 14, 2016 at 10:21 AM

BC

Sending my sympathy and prayers to the TAYLOR family.

BRENDA CAYSON - May 14, 2016 at 10:26 AM

DL

“ *Mr. Taylor, Willie to all who knew and loved him will be missed by all, especially his neighbors who lived in the area I was privileged to call him by his first name after living next to he and his family for 20 years. I will miss seeing him walking up the street or back home from one of his walks, his friendly wave and smile as I would pass by in my car, or just talking across the fence while he tended to his garden. My heartfelt prayers go out to the whole Taylor family; may you always find comfort in your time of need from Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*



Diana Lake - May 12, 2016 at 10:33 PM

SG

I had the privilege to know Mr Taylor for 39 years, he was a great man that will be missed by all. My passion for cars came from Willie and the rest of the Taylor family and influenced me very much. I cannot remember a time in my childhood or adult life without the Taylor's in it. I will miss the times he came to my house to fish, and he always asked how the pond was doing. I am having a plaque made in his honor and will be placed at our family pond.

Scott gauwitz - May 14, 2016 at 02:37 PM

WN

So sorry to hear of the passing of my friend Willie. His family will be in our prayers. James and Wilma Noel

wilma noel - May 26, 2016 at 06:01 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Taylor*



Annette Lewis - May 12, 2016 at 09:41 AM