



## Donald Ray Taylor

March 3, 1938 - March 31, 2017

Donald Ray Taylor passed away March 31, 2017, of complications after hip surgery. He lived 79 full and rich years. He was born March 3, 1938, in Palestine, Texas, to Malcolm and Kittie Taylor. He was a gentle and kind man with a sharp mind and interest in many things. He and wife Shirley loved to travel, having traveled to 26 countries. They walked on the Great Wall of China, saw where Jesus was baptized, the statue of David in Florence, the Rosetta Stone, the Mona Lisa, dined in Paris and walked the halls of Versailles, kissed the Blarney Stone, saw David Blaine suspended high in London, and ate dinner in Morocco. They went to Hawaii and Alaska a couple of times, and every other state except Connecticut. In addition to traveling, Don was also interested in classical music, trains, photography, and learning about the creation of the Universe. He could have been dropped anywhere on the planet and he would have known where he was. He jumped out of airplanes, and visited the battlefields of the Revolutionary and Civil War. Don was a letter carrier for 35 years, 24 years in Conroe. After early retirement he worked for America West Airlines for a few years. More recently, he worked at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, having retired 2 years ago after 10 years. Don was active in Christian women's equality in the church and in the home. Don is now on the greatest adventure of them all, having arrived, as our Christian faith teaches, safely in the presence of God. He was preceded in death by his 3 year-old daughter, Andrea Taylor, and his mother, father, and infant sister. He will be lovingly remembered and sorely missed by his wife of

55 years, Shirley Taylor; his sons Stanley Taylor and wife Kathleen of Harker Heights, and Curtis Taylor of Willis. He is survived by his brother Bob Taylor and wife Bernadine of Willis; by his best friend, Billy Weemes, Shirley's brother who introduced them. He is survived by granddaughters Leilani, Memorie, and Britney. Greatgrandchildren: Nathanael, Kolohe, Sabrae, Xavier, Dominic, Makana and Isaiah. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 4 from 6-8 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 5 at 11:00AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, with Rev. David Lindwall, pastor of Montgomery United Methodist Church officiating. You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

## Funeral Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Ray Taylor*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Taylor.*



April 04, 2017 at 01:53 AM



“ *I am so glad I recently got to see Uncle Donnie while he was in the hospital. He will be missed. Prayers to my precious Aunt Shirley, Stanley , Curtis and my Dad, Bobby Taylor.*

*Vicky Taylor McKenna*

**Vicky Taylor McKenna** - April 04, 2017 at 01:04 AM



“ *Dear Shirley,  
Bill, Megan, and I are saddened to hear of Don's passing. I remember Don long before I met you. Don was singing in the First Christian Church choir just because he wanted to sing. Don was a sweet, caring, and loving man. He will be missed by many. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.*

*Peggy Schneider*

**Peggy** - April 03, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Taylor.*



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April 03, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ *I will miss seeing Uncle Donnie occasionally walk by my house or out working in his yard. We built our house about 10 years ago a couple of doors down from Uncle Donnie and Aunt Shirley. When we were going through the 9 months of building I would see Uncle Donnie taking pictures of our progress from time to time. I know that he always liked taking pictures so I didn't think much of it until we moved in. He made us a photo album of our house being built from start to finish. It was so sweet and thoughtful. I will never forget it and I will cherish the album forever. God bless you, Aunt Shirley, Stanley and Curtis and of course, my dad Bobby Taylor.*  
*Love,*  
*Terry Fluellen*

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**Terry Fluellen** - April 03, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Taylor.*



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April 03, 2017 at 11:41 AM

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“ So sorry for the loss of such a gentle man who I called Uncle Don.  
Always kind to everyone.  
You will be missed .  
Prayers and hugs to Aunt Shirley and Stanley and Curtis.

Love y'all  
Terri Weemes Barbo

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**terri weemes barbo** - April 03, 2017 at 10:45 AM

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“ My Precious Uncle Donnie! My love and prayers go out to Aunt Shirley, Stan and Curtis and my Dad, Bobby. I have so many wonderful memories. You will be greatly missed!  
All my love, Sheryl

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**Sheryl Taylor** - April 03, 2017 at 10:31 AM

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Shirley, Our hearts go out to you and your children and grandchildren. We have kept you all in our thoughts and prayers, and will continue to do so.  
With all our love,  
Tony and Helen Self .

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**Tony and Helen Self** - April 03, 2017 at 06:19 PM