



David Lusk Taylor Sr.

February 12, 1949 - March 23, 2020

SERVICE INFORMATION HAS BEEN UPDATED

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

David Lusk Taylor, Sr, 71, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away March 23, 2020. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 27, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Olive Branch Church of Christ. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Mike Hixson and Jared Rhodes will officiate.

David Taylor was born on February 12, 1949, in Coldwater, MS. He was a graduate of Senatobia High School Class of '67. Before his aviation career, Mr. Taylor was employed with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and was assigned to Olive Branch. Taylor's interest in aviation was born at the young age of 17 when he learned to fly. When he was a state trooper, and wasn't on the road, he flew a helicopter for the Mississippi Highway Patrol. In February, 1982, David answered the call from President Ronald Reagan and his administration to become a part of the Federal Aviation Administration during the Air Traffic Control strike. In 1984, David became Manager of the Olive Branch Airport until his retirement in 2014. In 2001, David was named General Aviation Manager of the year by the FAA for the southern region. He was a member of the Mississippi Airports Association and was an active member of Olive Branch Church of Christ where he loved to occasionally lead the

congregational hymns.

David Taylor leaves behind his wife, Kathy Taylor of Olive Branch, MS; sons, David Taylor of Bartlett, TN and Joel (Elizabeth) Taylor of Olive Branch, MS; brother, Joseph W. (Mary Jean) Taylor, Jr. of Senatobia, MS and four grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, Vivian Taylor Lincoln and Joseph W. Taylor, Sr. and sister, Linda Taylor Ray.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org or the Shriners Hospitals for Children at www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Olive Branch Church of Christ
9100 E. Sandidge Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Memorial Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of David Lusk Taylor Sr..*



June 23, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *We loved Uncle David so much! My first plane ride was in his airplane. I still remember flying over the Reservoir in Jackson. Years later, I flew with him from a field in Senatobia to Olive Branch. He was a kind, good, honest, and adventuresome man. He is missed so much!*

Alicia Kopf Crowder - June 21, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of David's death. He was a fine fellow and very well thought of. My uncle , Jim Gargus thought he was one in a million. He and my Aunt Betty always thought highly of David. David wrote a poem for Jim at his death and it was read at Jim's funeral. Prayers in the days ahead for Kathy, her boys and their families as well as Jody and extended family.*

Cherry and Ronny Smith, Strayhorn, MS.

Cherry Smith - March 28, 2020 at 06:59 PM

LJ

“ It is so coincidental that one of my employees and I were discussing David this very morning. Just a few minutes ago was I notified of David's passing. As we are in the airport lighting manufacturing and airport lighting support business, I had my first experiences with David many years ago. David and I were on the same wave length on many aviation related matters, and on occasion, I would call him for his ideas and support, even after he had left the employ of the Olive Branch Airport. David was a true friend and supporter, and he could always be counted on to stand up for the right thing. You will truly be missed, Dear Friend.

Leo Murphree, Jr., Greenwood, MS

Leo Murphree, Jr. - March 27, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JD

“ I knew David back in the day when his dad, Joe Taylor, was sheriff in Tate county. My dad was constable and we would go to the jail and David and his brother and sister would play around a little. We were small at the time. Those were some great memories. RIP David.

JANICE BURFORD DURDIN - March 26, 2020 at 11:20 AM

PH

“ Can't imagine him being gone. He was such a strong person when I was auditing in the OB Airport. Certainly enjoyed working with him. The entire family is special to me because Vivian Lusk Taylor and my mom, Virginia Fuller Franks were lifelong friends. Also, one of my favorite stories is: "I spent the night in jail!" It amazes many! I was friends with David's sister, Linda, and their father, Joe Taylor, was Tate County Sheriff. I spent the night with Linda & they lived in the jail! Vivian also was sheriff. Think she completed Joe's term. Special prayers to all the family especially to Jody and Mary Jean Yount Taylor, David & Linda's brother.

Patsy Franks Hensley - March 26, 2020 at 07:34 AM

JF

“ Kathy,
I am so sorry to hear of David's death. I was thinking tonight that I don't remember a time when I didn't know him. I remember when we had singings at Crockett that he would always lead a song when y'all were there. I always thought a lot of him and looked up to him. You and your family will be in my prayers. God bless!

~ Jimmy Ferguson

Jimmy Ferguson - March 25, 2020 at 11:14 PM

GW

“ David was a great man. My father Cecil Wray new him better than I, and was told that he had a hand in teaching David how to fly..Now he is soaring with all the angels..

Gary Wray - March 25, 2020 at 06:26 PM

CS

“ Sending healing thoughts during this difficult loss.

Conchita C Selvo - March 25, 2020 at 03:57 PM

EB

“ I am saddened to hear about David. David Taylor was a class guy, and a great friend. David worked hard and climbed the ladder step-by-step, from being a lawman to his ultimate calling in aviation. He was destined to be an aviator, a thorough and meticulous pilot. My condolences to the family of this good man, he will be missed. Godspeed my friend ! - Ernie Brents

Ernie Brents - March 25, 2020 at 11:41 AM

PB

“ Wayne and I are so sorry and saddened by David's death. Praying for Kathy and all the family.

Patsy Boren - March 25, 2020 at 10:03 AM

CM

“ David served his risen Lord Jesus and our living Creator God. He headed a loving family. May precious memories of David's active life flood the minds and hearts of those who grieve the loss.
Earl Manning

Clarence Earl Manning - March 25, 2020 at 09:26 AM

SM

“ My memories of Uncle David are all of him being kind and funny. He always made me laugh. He took me up in my first plane ride. Later he and Aunt Kathy took me in a tour of Memphis and the Airport that he ran. I will always remember the times with my Crockett family and he is part of those great memories. I will always remember his laugh.

Sheila McKay - March 24, 2020 at 09:26 PM

BK

“ Dave was a pillar of the aviation world. Let us remember with great fondness the memories we have of him and his legacy. Godspeed sir!

Bill Krieger - March 24, 2020 at 09:06 PM

TM

“ Prayers for those that David left behind, I only worked with him a short time when I joined the highway patrol, but he always treated me well every time I saw him, he was one of the good guys, RIP my friend...

MHP E-25 Retired


Terry Mills

Terry Mills - March 24, 2020 at 08:03 PM

BB

“ Keeping Kathy and family in prayer. Memories from Crockett, MS. Love to all.

barbara lewis barnes - March 24, 2020 at 07:48 PM

 Sharon Rone-Self

“ A wonderful classmate, a gentleman and professional. My prayers are uplifted for his family- Kathy, his sons, and his brother Joe...and all who loved him. May God bring you peace and understanding. Fly high my friend!

Sharon Rone- Self - March 24, 2020 at 07:29 PM

VW

“ David and I worked together as Highway Patrol Dispatchers in the early 70's for about a year and became good friends. David went on to become a trooper and served the agency and people of Mississippi with integrity, pride and professionalism. I recall him always bringing his aviation study manuals to work. He dearly enjoyed flying!

One heck-of-good guy

Vic Wardlaw

Vic Wardlaw - March 24, 2020 at 06:18 PM