



Clarence Junior Taylor

August 21, 1926 - October 25, 2014

Clarence Junior Taylor was born August 21, 1926 in West Point, Arkansas to the late Clarence Taylor and Myrtle Ridings Taylor and entered into rest on October 25, 2014 in St. James, Missouri at the age of 88.

Clarence was united in marriage to Donna Dooley on December 1, 1990 and to this union they became the parents of nine children. In 1941- 1945 Clarence owned and operated a 80 acre general farm in Torch, Missouri. January 24, 1945 he joined the United States Army. He served as a Rifleman, and a Squad Leader; he served overseas with the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in Japan; supervised and directed the activities of 12 men in the rifle squad; was responsible for the security and safety of the men; assisted in maintaining records for the platoon. He departed the military with a honorable discharge October 27, 1946 earning Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, a Victory Medal for Good Conduct, and Army of Occupation Medal of Japan. After leaving the military Clarence returned to his home in Torch, Missouri and farmed for a year before moving to St. Louis, Missouri where he was a millwright and a welder. Later he moved to Salem, Missouri and continued his welding business and drove a school bus for Dent Phelps R-3. Clarence enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Clarence is survived by his wife Donna Taylor of the home; children, Archie

Taylor and wife Judy of Winona, Missouri, Leslie Taylor and wife Martha of Warrington, Missouri, Larry Taylor of Bunker, Missouri, Rick Taylor of Winona, Missouri, Gale Westerman of Rolla, Missouri, Toby Westerman of Salem, Missouri, Renee Greenshields and husband David of Salem, Missouri, Bryan Westerman of Salem, Missouri; 23 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents Clarence was preceded in death by his wife Sybil Taylor, brothers, Lonzo Taylor and Melbourn Taylor; sisters Alma Vandivor, Geraldine, infant sister; one son Gary Westerman.

Funeral services for Clarence Junior Taylor will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, October 30, 2014 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Joe Hubbs officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to service from 11:00 AM to service time at 1:00 PM at the chapel. Internment will be held in the North Lawn Cemetery in Salem, Missouri.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ James & Gahr Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarence Junior Taylor



James & Gahr Mortuary - October 28, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ Clarence Junior Taylor

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ Clarence Junior Taylor

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Clarence was a great "Papa" to our girls. We had many fun family trips and dinners over the pas 25 years. You will be missed.

David & Renee Greenshields - October 29, 2014 at 03:49 PM

DR

“ *Dave And Beth Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Clarence Junior Taylor*



dave and beth rhodes - October 29, 2014 at 04:29 AM

DR

archie, was so sorry to hear about your dad, i remember going to your mom and dads house when i was little with my parents and listening to you all play music

dave and beth rhodes - October 29, 2014 at 04:32 AM

GB

“ *George & Bev Benecke lit a candle in memory of Clarence Junior Taylor*



George & Bev Benecke - October 28, 2014 at 01:04 PM