



Leslie "Neil" Taylor

August 22, 1922 - February 18, 2017

Leslie "Neill" Taylor, 89, of Mounds, passed away peacefully in his sleep the morning of Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 at his home.

Born Leslie McNeill Taylor on Aug. 22, 1927 he was one of 3 sons of J. Curtis and Fern Marie (McNeill) Taylor.

Neill was a licensed funeral director and embalmer for 25 years, having worked at the former Ryan Funeral Home in Mounds. He was owner and operator of Taylor Lumber in Mounds until his retirement in 1998. He built many homes in the newer part of Mounds, including his own, where he lived for over 60 years. He had also worked as a part time mail carrier. In his words, he could "deliver your house plans in the mail, sell you the lumber for it, build it for you, then bury you."

He was always active in the Mounds community, being a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served in numerous capacities. He golfed for many years at Egyptian Country Club, was a member of the Cairo Elks, and was an avid dancer and belonged to many dance clubs.

He served over 60 years on the Mounds Public Library Board. For many years he and his wife Jeanne read and entertained the children at Mounds Head Start and got many of them familiar with using the library.

Survivors include his wife, Carol "Jeanne" Taylor of Mounds; 2 daughters, Leslie (Robert) McMillan of Rock Springs, WY and Terri (Reece) Leray of Cape Girardeau; sister-in-law, Alta Mae Taylor of Mounds; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Helen in 1990; and 2 brothers, Jack (Frances) Taylor and Donald Jean Taylor.

Visitation will be from 11-1 Wednesday, Feb. 22 at First United Methodist Church in Mounds, where funeral services will be at 1:00pm with Rev. Doug Atkins officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Spencer Heights Cemetery in Mounds.

Memorials may be made to the Mounds Public Library. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Crain Funeral Home of Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com

Previous Events

church service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo
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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie "Neil" Taylor*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *While I don't remember your Dad working at Ryan's funeral home at all, I do remember the Ryan home very well. I loved coming into your Dad's store. Often it was just to say hello because I was bored at my grandfather's store. I can't remember your Dad ever without a smile on his face. I hope all your wonderful memories of him bring you comfort.*

Susan Connell Fischer

Susan Connell Fischer - May 14, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ *So sorry I just found out while doing family history. I will never forget visiting Aunt Fern and meeting all my IL cousins.*

Tammy McNeill - April 26, 2017 at 06:02 AM



“ *Through my involvement with the Mounds Lions Club that meets at the library it was a real pleasure to experience Neil's wonderful sense of humor and amazing love for the library and especially the children it served. He and Jeanne gave so generously to the children. He will be missed by all who knew him. Special condolences to you Jeanne.*

Jani Robinson - February 22, 2017 at 08:46 AM

LM

“ Our phone conversations always began this way: ring.. ring..
"Hello." "Is the party to whom I'm speaking?" "This is your darling daughter." "This is your dear old dad."
My mind is full of cherished memories . They make me smile and I know they will continue to show me the way.
My dear dad passed peacefully in his sleep . God is holding him in His arms now. My dad is 89 and has lived a long wonderful life. If any one on earth will go to Heaven it is him. His Christian example has helped me live more Christlike and I am forever grateful for everything my dad has done in helping me become who I am today.
With love D.O.D from Y.D.D.

Leslie Taylor McMillan - February 20, 2017 at 11:38 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Neil was a wonderful man. It was a pleasure to know him through Smiles. He always had a smile for everyone.
Prayers for the family

Sue Steers - February 20, 2017 at 09:04 PM

NS

“ Nancy Shearer lit a candle in memory of
Leslie "Neil" Taylor



Nancy Shearer - February 20, 2017 at 08:27 PM

DP

“ Dave And Judy Petermichel lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Neil" Taylor



Dave and Judy Petermichel - February 20, 2017 at 06:46 PM

GF

“ Genny and Mark Tassin and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Leslie "Neil" Taylor.



Genny and Mark Tassin and family - February 20, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leslie "Neil" Taylor.



February 20, 2017 at 06:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leslie "Neil" Taylor.



February 20, 2017 at 03:49 PM

MM

“ *Rest in peace Neil. You were a great boss and a good friend.*

Mike McAllister - February 20, 2017 at 11:36 AM