



## Barksdale Holmes Taylor

February 25, 1926 - May 14, 2021

Barksdale Holmes Taylor, 95, of Bald Knob passed away Friday, May 14, 2021, at his home. Bart was born February 25, 1926, in Duck Hill, Mississippi, to the late Maut Adrian and Josie Lee (Herman) Taylor.

He is survived by one son, Michael Taylor (Cynthia); daughter-in-law, Connie Taylor; four grandchildren, Bart Taylor III (Jennifer), Jacqueline Taylor Cox (Joseph), Jennifer Taylor Massey (Shawn), and Andrea Taylor Mason (Shawn). He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, Hudson Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Keeley Cox, Katee Cox, Taylor Massey, Jackson Massey, Aubree Mason, and Parker Mason; two sisters, Alice Collins, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Olivette Stock of Lakeview, Arkansas; and many extended family members and friends.

Bart loved the Lord and reading his Bible. His goal was to read through the entire Bible at least once a year. This past year he completed his goal two and a half times. He was a long-time member of Russell Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as deacon. In addition, over the years he served as Sunday School superintendent and as a Sunday School teacher.

His wife, Earlene, was the next greatest love of his life. They had been married 72 wonderful years when she was called home. Together they raised two sons, B. H. Jr. and Michael. They raised their boys to value hard work and the Lord. He often said that he really enjoyed working, and that made life better. Bart was a life-long farmer and particularly enjoyed working side by side with his wife and his sons on their family farm near Russell. After he retired from farming his own land, he continued to help his sons.

The grandchildren were a wonderful addition to his life. Papa liked nothing more than taking the four of them on an adventure. He was their best play mate. When one of them would say, "Papa will you carry me?", he would reply, "I'll carry your hand."

In addition to being active in Russell Missionary Baptist Church, Bart was a Boy Scout

leader, a community leader, and he served on the White County FSA Committee.

Bart was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Earlene (Cobble) Taylor; one son, B. H. Taylor Jr.; and nine siblings (six sisters and three brothers).

Graveside services will be at Carter Cemetery in Russell, Arkansas, on May 18, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Gideons or Russell Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Events

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**MAY** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR, US

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 17, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ Two of the best people I have ever known. The kind of people you don't see for years and still know they are great friends.

**Jerry and Linda Hagar** - May 17, 2021 at 06:54 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barksdale Holmes Taylor.



May 17, 2021 at 08:48 AM

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“ We would always look forward to go and visit Aunt Earlene and Uncle Bark and the boys for our summer vacation. They would take us to the creek for a swim on hot summer days . We would take day trips to Dogpatch. They always kept us busy. Then we would have the best meals with them. Aunt Earlene was a wonderful cook. Mike and BH would always find things to entertain us. It has been a long time since I have been down to their house but there are some wonderful memories that I will never forget ! They are lived and are very much missed ! Love Karen

**Karen Jury (niece to Earlene and Bark)** - May 16, 2021 at 10:32 PM

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“ Eugene and June Jones purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Barksdale Holmes Taylor.



**Eugene and June Jones** - May 16, 2021 at 09:04 PM

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“ Some of BEST memories are with Uncle Bark and Aunt Lene! When she was milking she would say, Wanna see a star? and when I looked down she would squirt me in the face with cows milk! Uncle Bark would show us how to get water out of the well in front of their house. When the chain got up in the pulley, he would say, This could cause a preacher to cuss. It's a GOOD thing I am not a preacher!! I loved both of them so much!!

**William Weed** - May 16, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ What a wonderful and caring family. Growing up we would always look forward to visiting Aunt Lene and Uncle Bark on our annual family vacation. Such great memories sharing this family time together. You are missed and loved.

**Donna Rompf** - May 16, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ A beautiful and caring family. Kelvin would always talk about the fun times you all had growing up. Whenever we visited it was always a great time and they always made me feel so welcome and loved. Uncle Bark you are so loved and missed.

Kelvin and Lori Weed

**Lori Weed** - May 17, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ Michael and Cynthia, I know Mr. Taylor is greatly missed. His life though was greatly blessed by having such a caring son and daughter-in-law. He was a man of integrity. He and Mrs. Taylor both led a remarkable life. Prayers and many caring thoughts to you all and all in the family. Dean and Linda Brimer and Patsy Pearrow-Cox

**Linda Brimer** - May 18, 2021 at 04:38 PM