



"B. H." Barksdale Holmes Taylor, Jr.

July 4, 1949 - March 5, 2016

Barksdale Holmes (B. H.) Taylor, Jr., 66, of Bald Knob passed away on March 5, 2016, from respiratory complications related to cancer. B. H. was born on July 4, 1949, in Harrisburg, Arkansas, to Barksdale H. (Bart) Taylor, Sr., and Earlene Cobble Taylor. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Connie S. Jones Taylor; one son, Bart Taylor III (Jennifer); one daughter, Jennifer Massey (Shawn); three grandchildren, Taylor Massey, Jackson Massey, and Hudson Taylor; and his parents, Bart and Earlene Taylor. He is also survived by his brother, Michael (Cynthia); four nieces, Jacqueline Cox (Joseph), Andrea Mason (Shawn), Lindsey Haagenson (Chris), and Hannah Jones (Abdullah); and many extended family members and friends.

B. H. graduated from Bald Knob High School in 1967 and was valedictorian. He was drafted into the army and was an infantryman from 1969 to 1971. He served in the Vietnam War before and during the Parrot's Beak Operation in 1970 in Cambodia. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

Following his service in the army, he returned to college, earning a Master's Degree in Agronomy from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He attended Russell Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a longtime member. B. H. was a lifelong farmer, having grown up on the family farm near Russell. He and his brother, Michael, farmed side by side, along with their parents, for 39 years. They raised mainly rice, soybeans, and wheat.

A memorial service will be held March 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Baptist

Church in Searcy, Arkansas. Interment will follow at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Unity Health Foundation at 1200 South Main Street, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Thinking of you and your family at this sad time. Sending hugs across the miles.

Robbie Pettit - May 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

DC

“ May God be with the wonderful Taylor family at this sad time of BH's homecoming to his Heavenly Father's home. Many memories flow through my mind as I think of the years we shared good times together. Calvin sent his love and prayers. Such a loss for us and a gain for heaven. God bless and be with you all. All my love and prayers. Danna Corbitt

Danna Corbitt - May 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Taylor family. Andy & Denise Caldwell

Denise CALDWELL - May 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

DJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Know that many prayers are being said to help you though this time. Dianna

Dianna Jourdan - May 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

BS

“ Worked for this man on his farm in my younger days wonderful man was an honor to have know him may God wrap his loving arms around your family

Bud sellers - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JD

“ Oh Connie and Kids, my words cannot help with your loss, but just remember we are here for you. God be with you.

Judy & David - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

DC

“ Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and carry you through this sorrow.

Debbie Collie - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

AW

“ My heart is breaking today. Was always good to Bill and I. Love prayers to Bark Earlene Mike and family

Aunt Geraldine Weed - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

SH

“ Connie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Sue Huskey - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

TD

“ To Connie and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your very special loved one. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. BH is no longer suffering and is resting in the bosom of our Lord, that you can rest assure.
May God bless you and your family with peace and comfort, I pray.

Teresa Dale - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

SW

“ Connie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sheila Wood - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JB

“ I want to send my condolences to your family. I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I knew the Taylor family from school and growing up in Bald Knob and loved Earline and the whole family. May God comfort you and love on you during this challenging time.

Judy Brooks - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM

MD

“ Connie, Bart, Jennifer, Michael, Cynthia, Jacqueline, Andrea, and all the family...Bill and I are so sorry for your tremendous loss. BH was such a fine man and you are all such good people, and special to us and many others. Our prayers are for your strength and comfort during this hard time and the days ahead.

Margaret Davis - March 30, 2016 at 10:47 AM