



Theodore "Ted" Taylor

December 9, 1938 - April 27, 2016

Theodore Roosevelt (Ted) Taylor, Jr., age 77 of Willow Springs, Missouri passed from this life April 27, 2016 at his home.

Ted was born December 9, 1938 in Springfield, MO to Theodore Roosevelt and Rita (Payne) Taylor, Sr. He had one brother, Joseph Scott Taylor. Ted attended school in Willow Springs through his junior year of high school. He then transferred to Rolla High School, graduating in 1956. Following high school, Ted joined the United States Navy, serving from June, 1956 to January, 1960.

Ted married Jo Anne Longnecker on September 22, 1963 in Willow Springs. Ted and Jo Anne lived for a short time in O'Fallon, Missouri, but soon returned to Willow Springs, where they resided for 52 years.

Ted was a retired highway construction worker, having retired from Clarkson Construction Company of Kansas City, Missouri in 2000.

Ted enjoyed antiquing, story-telling, woodworking and gardening. He had throughout his life enjoyed several outdoor activities that included fox hunting and quail hunting.

Ted is survived by his wife, Jo Anne Taylor, of the home, their three children and four grandchildren: John Taylor, wife Teri and children Austin and Zane, of Perryville, MO; Jim Taylor, wife Sandi and children Reese and Hadley of West Plains, MO; and Lisa Taylor of Mountain Grove, MO.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents Theodore Roosevelt, Sr. and Rita (Payne) Taylor and his brother, Joseph Scott Taylor.

A visitation for Ted will be held at the funeral home from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, May 2, 2016. Graveside services will be held at the Nease Cemetery, on Howell County Road 1070, at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Project Aware of Willow Springs, The Willow Springs Historical Society or a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home in Willow Springs, MO. On-line condolences may be left for the family at www.willowspriingsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Graveside Funeral Service

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Nease Cemetery
County Road 1070
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Jim and family, I'm sorry for the loss of your father.

Dustin W Mahan - February 17, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ John and family - our sincerest sympathies to your family on the loss of your Daddy.

Randall and Teresa Romans

Teresa Romans - May 05, 2016 at 10:05 AM

RS

“ May the "hearer of prayer" continue to strengthen your family during this most difficult time. The days ahead will get easier, as those close to you provide the support and encouragement you need to stay strong. Share your memories they will be a source of comfort that can help you and your family to cope and grant you peace.

Roderick&Desiree Sigler - May 05, 2016 at 07:39 AM

KR

“ My heart goes out to you and your family. So sorry for your loss.
Karen Ryburn

Karen Ryburn - May 03, 2016 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ So sorry for the family's loss. No words can express how it feels. Bless uou and praying for you. Joyce Melby



Joyce Melby - May 02, 2016 at 04:47 PM

RP

“ We never saw Ted when he wasn't surrounded by friends or telling stories and laughing. Whether he was at a flea market or an auction or just around town, he was the kind of man that everyone liked and admired. That is how we will remember him.

God rest his kind, witty soul.

Gene and RoseAnna Prater

RoseAnna Prater - May 02, 2016 at 07:52 AM

LB

“ Didn't know this man, but I kown some of his family. To each of you, I wish my sincere condolences! May God look afteryou and provide you comfort.

Lois Boykin - April 30, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ to JoAnne & families- so sorry to hear of your loss. TR was always so friendly & shared his time & smiles with everyone. Was such a shock. Even tho we have left WS will always miss his smile & visiting about bluegrass! Loyd & Connie Waybill

Connie Waybill - April 30, 2016 at 12:18 PM

CP

“ I was so sad to hear of Ted's passing. Such a great guy and great family. Will lift you all up in prayer. God keep you in his arms of mercy at this time. Charlene (Rakestraw) Piatt.

Charlene Piatt - April 30, 2016 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. May God Bless you and keep you in His care. James and Jeanne Murrell

James Murrell - April 30, 2016 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ There are simply not enough words to express my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your husband and father. Although I didn't know Ted very well, I liked him and I loved his smile, which he shared freely. May God bless you during this time of sorrow with peace.

Jo Anne, I am so sorry. It seems only yesterday that we were kids and now you are facing a new, difficult change in life. May God help you as you mourn. I love you.

Deanna

Deanna Casebeer - April 29, 2016 at 09:42 PM

MG

“ Dear JoAnn and Family, I am so very sorry to hear the news of Ted's passing. He was a jewel of a man for sure. Blessings, Sweet Memories, Strength, and Peace to everyone in the family, the community, and especially to you, JoAnn. Mary Gainey

Mary Gainey - April 29, 2016 at 07:51 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of you loss, my prayers and thoughts are with your family.

Judy Pruitt

Judy Pruitt - April 29, 2016 at 03:13 PM

NY

“ Our deepest sympathy to you & your family at this most difficult time. Ted was a favorite son of Willow Springs and he will be missed by all that were privileged to know him. I can remember watching him dance on the Ozark Jubilee many years ago. It seemed like we waited all week just to watch him dance.

Royce & Netta (Harris) Yardley

Netta Yardley - April 29, 2016 at 02:29 PM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Taylor family during this difficult time. I pray for God to send peace and rest to you all. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Marie Head



Marie Head - April 29, 2016 at 08:25 AM

JK

“ JoAnn and family, I am so sad for your sorrow. Ted will be missed by the whole community of friends and family. May he RIP.

Jayne LeBaron Kane

Jayne LeBaron Kane - April 29, 2016 at 08:11 AM

DG

“ *Jo Ann and families*

Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your families in this time of sorry. Our hearts go out to you. Remembering Teddy, he always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by so many people. Keeping all of you in our prayers and sending love.

David and Georgia Garrett

David Garrett - April 28, 2016 at 11:11 PM

TF

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Taylor family in this difficult time. May God bless and keep you in all the coming days.*
- Tori (Adams) & Scott Forsberg

Tori Forsberg - April 28, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you guys in my prayers.*



Ronda Kupitz Anderson - April 28, 2016 at 09:09 PM

MB

“ *TR was one of the nicest people I ever met. I truly enjoyed the time I spent with him at the Junkshun Barn. He will be missed greatly.*



Misty (Kight) Brewer - April 28, 2016 at 08:48 PM

EM

“ *Etta Faye Mueller sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodore "Ted" Taylor*



Etta Faye Mueller - April 28, 2016 at 08:33 PM

AJ

“ *Jo Anne and family,
I was shocked and saddened to hear of Teddy's passing and pray for you in this heartbreaking time. I know Teddy will be missed by so many and pray you may find some measure of comfort through a supportive community. God bless you!*

Annette Tetrick Johnston

Annette Tetrick Johnston - April 28, 2016 at 08:31 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Scarbrough lit a candle in memory of Theodore "Ted" Taylor*



Lisa Scarbrough - April 28, 2016 at 08:22 PM


Shawna
Rose

“ *Shawna Rose lit a candle in memory of Theodore "Ted" Taylor*



Shawna Rose - April 28, 2016 at 08:15 PM

SP

“ *Ted never failed to act happy to see me! He was always friendly, happy, funny and interested in others. We will miss him. God speed, Ted.*

Sadie Burns Pruisner - April 28, 2016 at 08:01 PM

JW

“ *James And Jean Worley lit a candle in memory of Theodore "Ted" Taylor*



James and jean worley - April 28, 2016 at 07:06 PM

TD

“ *The Taylor and Longnecker families go back a long way in Willow Springs roots, heritage. Ted will be missed by the Willow Springs community. Ted always had a smile and was genuinely friendly. Condolences to the entire family. God Bless.*

Tony R Duddridge - April 28, 2016 at 03:22 PM

TB

“ *Toni Boyle lit a candle in memory of Theodore "Ted" Taylor*



Toni Boyle - April 28, 2016 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ To Joanne an Family, So sorry to hear about Ted, he was a great person a big loss to us all, we will keep you in our prayers. Mary Sue an Tammy Meal



Mary Sue Meal - April 28, 2016 at 10:12 AM

DJ

“ My condolences to all of you. T.R. was always a special friend. We had a lot of laughs in the café. Served him lots of coffee years back. Always enjoyed it when he played music with all the guys. Loved to listen to that banjo when he picked it up! Ted always had a smile and something to say when I saw him. He will be missed.

Diane F. Jeffery - April 28, 2016 at 12:04 AM

LB

“ Prayers to all loved ones and family.
Lisa Budd and family

Lisa Budd - April 27, 2016 at 11:00 PM

FC

“ T R was such a great guy knew him for over 40 years. If I ever wanted to buy calves he was the one I would call. So sorry he had to leave so soon. May God comfort and strength each one from this day forward.

Freda Carr and Family

Freda Carr - April 27, 2016 at 10:20 PM

RN

“ Dear JoAnn and Family, We are so saddened at Ted's passing. He was such a nice man. I always enjoyed seeing him at Junction Barn and working in his yard or around the Historical Society. Terry got me one of his bird feeders last year and I will treasure it even more. Words are so inadequate at a time like this, but please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We and the rest of Willow will miss him. Fondly, Rhonda and Terry Newton

Rhonda Newton - April 27, 2016 at 07:16 PM

SZ

Please know your family is in our thoughts and prayers. The Zorn Family.

Stacy Zorn - April 27, 2016 at 08:36 PM

RF

Prayers for your family our hearts are broken for you & your family what a wonderful Man

Reda Foster - April 27, 2016 at 08:38 PM

LC

I will miss all the information that Ted use to share with me about downtown Willow Springs. He new so much and I always looked forward to him coming to my office. I will miss him beyond words.

Lea Christopher - April 28, 2016 at 08:56 AM

GK

A special, special friend. Leon and I are heart-broken. He was at our house last week getting a load of rich dirt for his garden and had gotten one the week before. He seen some blue birds and brought us a couple of bird houses. Only God can comfort all of his family and friends at this time.

Glenna Kentch - April 28, 2016 at 11:35 AM

DG

Another one of the good guys has left us. Buster and I can barely comprehend that T.R. Ted , as I usually referred to him, is gone. I will always miss his friendly wave, conversation, and smile. His legacy is great, I pray he knew that. He and Joanne have a wonderful family and they did so very much for our community. We will forever miss him but I personally know some guys who welcomed him home yesterday. Peace and rest, T.R. Ted.

donna graves - April 28, 2016 at 12:24 PM

NR

I am so sad to hear of Ted's passing. I haven't seen all of you for many years but the fun and the memories of raising our kids together is as fresh as yesterday. You all will be in my prayers.

Nancy (Curtis) Rensch - April 28, 2016 at 04:02 PM

LL

JoAnn and family. We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Even though we are so far from each other, know that you are loved and prayed for. Ken and Lisa Longnecker

lisa longnecker - April 29, 2016 at 01:15 PM


Edward
Morris

The Morris family is saddened to hear of the loss of Ted. Though we weren't close for many years, we pray God's peace over your family.

Edward Morris - May 01, 2016 at 01:29 AM