



Rupert Coleman Taylor

November 24, 1935 - April 1, 2017

Rupert Coleman “Pete” Taylor died April 1, 2017, with his family by his side. Pete was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Kathryn Lynn Taylor; first born daughter, JoAngelyn Marzano; son-in-law, Tony Marzano; father, Rupert C. Taylor; mother, Mary Smith Taylor Maddox; and step father, Ross Maddox. He is survived by his two daughters, Rebecca Taylor and Cathy Taylor Sowell (Randy); three grandchildren, Taylor Marzano, Katie Sowell, and Hank Sowell; sister Barbara Taylor Mattis; and several wonderful cousins, nieces and nephews.

Pete was born November 24, 1935 in Dothan, Alabama, where he grew up and married his high school sweetheart Kathryn Lynn in 1954. He joined the Alabama Department of Public Safety in 1959. During his 32 years of devoted service to DPS, he moved through the ranks, serving as Captain of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and retiring as Major in the Administrative Division in 1991. Major Taylor was an integral figure throughout the State of Alabama and will be remembered as a well-respected, loyal, and honorable man.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, a celebration of his life will be held at the Millbrook Church of the Nazarene, 3251 Browns Road in Millbrook Alabama. Visitation will take place from 12 noon until 2 p. with a service to follow at the church. Afterwards, a graveside service will take place at Prattville Memorial Gardens,

841 Fairview Avenue, in Prattville.

Pallbearers will be the Alabama State Trooper Honor Guard. Honorary pallbearers will be the Alabama State Troopers past and present; members of the Alabama Peace Officers Association; and law enforcement alike.

Cathy and Rebecca would like to express their sincere gratitude to the many special relatives and friends who visited, called, and prayed for their father during his illness. Special recognition and thank you to the Taylor cousins; William Thames, Harold Hammond, Carl Wade, Glenn Foster, Betty Hagan, The McHenry Family, Pastor Jacob Snyder; friends and staff of The Gables Assisted Living; friends of Turtle Trace; and wonderful caregivers Shantell, Janice, Ella, Maxine, and Patricia, for their loyalty, kindness and respect for our most deserving father. Baptist Hospice we thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Together on earth, forever in Heaven.

Memorials may be sent in care of Rupert C. "Pete" Taylor to the Millbrook Church of the Nazarene or Baptist Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Millbrook Church of Nazarene
3251 Browns Road
Millbrook, AL 36054

Service

APR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary B. Mattis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rupert Coleman Taylor.*



Mary B. Mattis - April 04, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rupert Coleman Taylor.*



April 03, 2017 at 06:33 PM

LC

“ *I met Pete almost 40 years ago in Selma when I worked at the District Attorney's Office there. I remember he was always smiling and laughing. He was a pleasure to know and be around. I always admired him. He was a good man and friend. Larry Miller*

Larry C. Miller - April 03, 2017 at 03:35 PM

TB

“ *The family of Jim Boyd purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rupert Coleman Taylor.*



The family of Jim Boyd - April 03, 2017 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ Cathy and Becky, I am very sad to hear Pete has passed. Please know I am thinking of you today. Have comfort to know he is now with our families that have already received the "something better" we are all expecting to receive in our after life here on this earth. I know he was a great person and leaves many memories for. He had a wonderful career, family and leaves his girls and grand children to carry on his memories.

Jerrie Thames Burdette - April 03, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ I am Jim Boyd. I retired in 1993 after 35 years in law enforcement, 25 years of which was with the Criminal Investigations Command (CID), Department of the Army. I have known Pete Taylor for about 46 years. In 1970-1971, Pete and I were highly instrumental in pulling together the first organized multi-agency multi-department operation dedicated to the suppression of drug-related criminal activity. Our operations covered virtually the entire southern half of the State of Alabama and was very, very successful. The on-the-job training that we provided to the many city and county police departments paid high dividends. I maintained contact with Pete until just a month or so before his death. During my last visit, about 4-6 weeks before his death, Pete and I both knew that he had just a short time left in this life. I stressed to him that we can be Thankful that we can look back on our accomplishments during our career in law enforcement and know that WE MADE A DIFFERENCE. Pete concurred with that statement, and there is no doubt that his totally dedicated efforts will be fully recognized, when he enters the Gates of Heaven. Rest in Peace, My Brother, and I thank you for your service and your friendship.

James B. (Jim) Boyd - April 02, 2017 at 09:24 PM

WC

“ *With love, Mary Jo and Brian Collie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rupert Coleman Taylor.*



With love, Mary Jo and Brian Collie - April 02, 2017 at 02:59 PM