



Thomas Eugene 'Gene' Taylor

September 27, 1931 - September 12, 2024

Gene Taylor, age 92 of Conyers, died Wednesday, September 12, 2024, two weeks shy of his 93rd birthday, after a battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his wife of over 66 years, Willie Mae Carter (Billie) of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Gene is survived by sisters Nina Gaddis of Jackson and Zelma Turner of Milledgeville, sons Stan Taylor of Atlanta and Steve Taylor of Madison, daughter Cathy Wilson of Covington, grandsons Victor Taylor of Clarkston and Taylor Wilson of Adairsville, granddaughter Whitney Wyrick and her son, Cayson Stewart, Gene's great-grandson, of Covington, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

Thomas Eugene Taylor was born on September 27, 1931 in Crawfordville, Georgia, the oldest son of Felton and Ruth Kelly Taylor, and graduated from Alexander Stephens Institute in 1948, having received honors as a member of the Beta Club and Future Farmers of America. He went on to serve in the

United States Army in U.S. occupied Germany during the Korean war, having the honor of winning competitions as the Guidon Bearer of Fox Company, Artillery Infantry.

Mr. Taylor became a grocer in his teen years and spent over 50 years in the grocery business until his retirement in 1997. He had worked his way up from stock clerk to Manager and Supervisor with Alterman Foods, then on to head

buyer and CEO of independent chains Super Valu and Piggly Wiggly.

He married the former Willie Mae Carter (Billie) in 1955 and went on to raise their three children in Decatur and Conyers.

A strong man of faith, Gene was a former member of Glenwood Hills Baptist Church in Decatur and a current member of Rockdale Baptist Church in Conyers, and taught Sunday School for many years.

He was a master gardener and for decades grew a large, plentiful garden of flowers and almost every vegetable one can think of, which his wife would can and freeze. Both were featured on the front page of the Rockdale Citizen newspaper as gardening aficionados.

Gene and Billie are buried in the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia, Section 10, grave 1781. An interment for Gene with full Military honors was held on September 30th, managed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

A memorial service will be held at Rockdale Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 with visitation at 1:00 pm and service at 2:00 pm with Pastor Billy Moss officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society online at standuptocancer.org or in person at the local office at 1552 Shoup Ct, Decatur, GA 30033. STAND UP TO CANCER.

Condolences may be submitted online at www.scotward.com - Scot Ward Funeral Services - 699 American Legion Rd NE, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rockdale Baptist Church
1295 Smyrna Rd SW
Conyers, GA 30094

Service

OCT 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

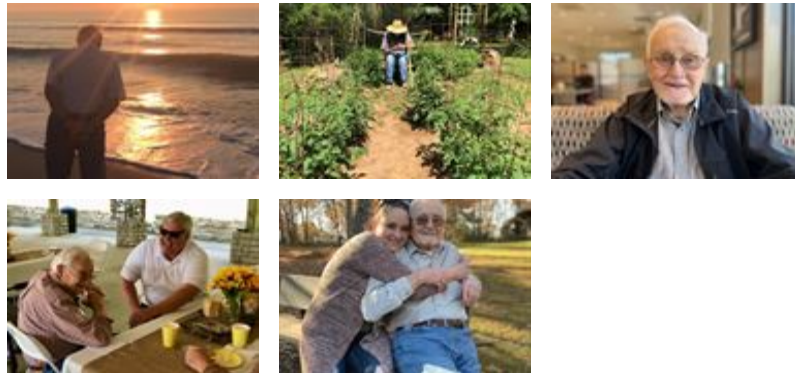


“ We have lost a good man, friend and mentor with the passing of Mr. Taylor. He was our manager when we met in 1964 at the Big Apple Supermarket in Decatur, GA. He was fair, kind and a wonderful leader. He and Billie were always an ideal couple to us. We hoped to make a family and life like theirs when we married. His determination and expertise in gardening was admirable and Billie was the ultimate in decorating, sewing, cooking, homemaking and child rearing. We will miss the presence of Gene and Billie Taylor for now, but we have faith we'll feel that presence again. With sincerest sympathy and love to Stan, Steve and Kathy and their families.
Jerry and Sheryl Causey

Sheryl Causey - October 30, 2024 at 05:33 PM



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“ Gene was genuine: a kind soul and a true gentleman. To me, he and his late wife Billie were the embodiment of Southern Hospitality. I only got to know them after Gene's retirement, and as a transplant to Georgia from New York, that is how I saw them. Good folks! They were always very welcoming, indeed. I'm an old friend of their son, Stan, and came to visit them in their home in more recent years. What a garden! What a green thumb! Both Billie and Gene are already greatly missed. I salute them both. RIP. -SFSewell, Atlanta

Stanton F. Sewell - September 27, 2024 at 06:58 PM

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Gene Taylor was a prince of a man and a Southern Gentleman! I called on him for several years in his Conyers office at 994 Institute St and he always treated everyone with respect and was fair in all his dealings with people. I was a rep for McCormick Spice Co and proud to have known him! RIP Gene and Billie. You made the world a better and kinder place! Patrick Greaber

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“ What a fine Godly man Gene was. He and my Fred were good friends and church builders for many years. He and Billie were friends I will always remember and thank God for. Dotti Covington

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