



Rayburn "Abe" Taylor

September 23, 1927 - March 15, 2016

Rayburn "Abe" Taylor, 88, of St. Joseph died on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at Noon on Friday, March 18, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial will follow in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Lincoln Township. The visitation will be held from 5 PM to 7 PM on Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to Hospice at Home. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Abe was born on Sept 23, 1927 in Minturn, AR to Frank and Edith Taylor. He was a veteran of WW II serving in the Air Corp of the US Army. Abe was a foreman at Paramount Die Casting and retired in 1991 after 39 years of employment. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to garden. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting. Abe was an unselfish individual who was very gentle and never raised his voice. He loved his family and always enjoyed having his grandchildren come over to have fun with them.

He leaves behind his wife, Elaine; his children, Pamela (Mark Porrier) Taylor of Church Point, LA, Franklin (Christina) Nails of Stevensville, Lynette Thomas of South Haven, and Brian (Kimberly) Thomas of Bridgman; his brothers, Jack (Betty) Taylor of Indianapolis, IN and Jerry (Helen) Taylor of New Port, AR; his sisters, Lorene Graham of Dowagiac, and Donna Stark of New Port, AR; his brother-in-law, Harold Gaddie of St. Joseph; his 20 grandchildren, his 22 great grandchildren; his 2 great great grandchildren and his numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wives, Earlene and Velma, his daughter, Donna Larcade, his brothers, Troy, Raymond, and Bobby Joe, and his sisters, Nevada and Frankie.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Bluff Cemetery

4312 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you all. Wish we could be there with you. We loved and enjoyed every minute we spent with Uncle Abe and wish there could have been many more. Let us know if we can do anything for you.
Love Jean and Larry Smothers

Larry Smothers - March 18, 2016 at 10:09 AM

CG

“ Elaine,k
So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was one of our favorites and thought of very highly by us. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time. Heaven surely gained a wonderful person.

Chuck & Marilyn Groat

Charles & Marilyn Groat - March 17, 2016 at 05:22 PM

JC

“ Judith & Perri Crider lit a candle in memory of Rayburn
"Abe" Taylor



Judith & Perri Crider - March 17, 2016 at 01:34 PM

TS

“ Teresa (Gaddie) Schueneman sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rayburn "Abe" Taylor



Teresa (Gaddie) Schueneman - March 17, 2016 at 06:34 AM

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Teresa (Gaddie) Schueneman - March 17, 2016 at 06:28 AM

TS

My prayers go out to Aunt Elaine and Uncle Abe's Family. I know how hard it is to loose a loved one. My Mom, Frankie, is Abe's sister whom we lost 1 1/2 ago and Aunt Elaine and Uncle Abe was there for us. May he rest in peace and be in the comfort of the Lord and many loved ones in heaven.

Teresa (Gaddie) Schueneman - March 17, 2016 at 06:33 AM

KS

“ *Dear Elaine and Family.
Our hearts are broken at the news of Ray's death. We will never forget how good of a friend you were to Daddy and the three of us as we dealt with his last days on earth and during our early days of grief. May you feel God's embrace more now than ever.*

*With love,
Keith, Trina, and Amber Sliter*

Keith Sliter - March 16, 2016 at 10:24 PM

KR

“ *Kelly Rodolph lit a candle in memory of Rayburn "Abe" Taylor*



Kelly Rodolph - March 16, 2016 at 06:55 PM

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“ *My pa pa meant the world to me. I use to go over there every weekend and we would play checkers, eat ice cream, and watermelon. Then we would watch the news, Hee Haw, and momma's family. I miss him so much and he was loved by so many people. At least I will take comfort knowing that he is in heaven with my mom and grandma. I love you!*

Kelly Rodolph - March 16, 2016 at 06:49 PM