



Elmer Carlton Taylor

February 9, 1929 - November 12, 2013

Elmer Taylor, 84, of Arcadia, formerly of Sarasota, died on November 12, 2013. Elmer was the son of Ivy and Georgia Taylor of Sarasota. He graduated from SHS in 1948 and served until retirement as Battalion Captain of the Sarasota City Fire Department. He re-entered fire service in DeSoto County and served as Fire Chief until 2004. To his family, Elmer was their special example of faith, friendship, and fatherhood.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 61 years, Shirley; four children, Jimmy Peters (Kathy), Debi Gilmore (Donnie), Cathleen Roberts (Richard), and Teresa Stone; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and counting; two sisters, Helen Jane Pridgen in Gainesville, FL and Ivalene Spivey in Ft. Worth, TX. He was preceded in death by his brother, Willis; and was also loved by nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 17th. Friends and family will be welcomed at the Taylor home after the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to All Children's Hospital or Ronald McDonald House.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
1509 E. Oak St.
Arcadia, FL 34266

Tribute Wall

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“ *The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council offers its deepest sympathies to the family of Elmer Taylor. His widow, Shirley Taylor, is a valued member of the arts community in DeSoto and ran the Children's Art Program at the library for many years. May your wonderful memories of Elmer, and the love of family and friends, sustain you in the coming days.*

DeSoto Arts & Humanities Council - November 19, 2013 at 08:59 AM

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“ *Many of the members of the Sarasota Municipal Retired Employees Association remember Elmer with fondness and appreciation for working and being a friend with him for so long. Our deepest regrets goes out to each of his family and friends. With good memories and sympathy to each of you. The members of SMREA.*

DORIS AVERILL - November 17, 2013 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Elmer, your friendship and love of my Dad will never be forgotten. You are one in a million. You and Shirley are the example every couple should emulate. Love, respect and faithfulness are the words that best describe you, Love to you and your family at this time as you go home. XOXO*

Susan Thompson-Paramore - November 16, 2013 at 10:04 PM

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“ *Dear Shirley, After all these years together it is time to say good-bye to Elmer who is safe in the arms of Jesus and basking in His love. We have fond memories of our many visits together and send our love and prayers to you and your family. Loving you all. Your Canadian friends, Bob and Pat*

Bob and Pat Carruthers - November 15, 2013 at 07:13 PM