



James Harold Taylor

July 7, 1953 - March 6, 2026

James Harold Taylor, age 72, of Russellville, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2026, at his home.

Harold was truly a one-of-a-kind man. He loved his family fiercely and was a devoted husband, father, PawPaw, and great-PawPaw. Above all, he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and was a faithful Christian. He was a longtime member of Frankfort Baptist Church, where he served for many years as both a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

As a young man, Harold proudly served his country in the National Guard. He later retired from Norfolk Southern Railway after 35 years of service as a bridge tender.

Harold had a way of fixing just about anything with black tape, zip ties, and his iconic smile. He never met a stranger, and anyone who stopped to talk with him would likely leave knowing his entire life story — especially his medical history.

During retirement, he enjoyed filing and organizing his retirement, insurance, and medical records, although his spelling sometimes left a little to be desired.

For such a country boy, Harold had little interest in hunting, sports, or music.

Instead, he proudly held the title of “the nerdiest redneck you ever met,” enjoying a good science-fiction movie or nature show whenever he could.

In his final days, some of his greatest joy came from spending time with his great-granddaughter, Kennedy. He loved making “pretend soup” with her and taking her for rides on his scooter and golf cart.

Harold was also proud of his ability to recite many things from memory. Given the opportunity, he would gladly recite the Gettysburg Address, the alphabet backwards, or the books of the Bible.

Visitation will be from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2026, at Spry Memorial Chapel. There will be no graveside service; however, burial will follow at Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his father, Percy Taylor; his mother, Austell Taylor Terrell; his stepfather, L.G. Terrell; his brothers, William Taylor Jr., Ray Taylor, and Terry Taylor; and his sister, Margaret Taylor Everett.

Harold leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 53 years, Glenda Taylor; his daughters, Lisa Marsh (Kenny), Amanda New (James), and Jamie Lindsey (Tommy); his granddaughters, Emma Armstrong (Will), Suzanne Marsh, and Sarah Smith (Elijah); his grandson, Cameron New; his great-grandchildren, Kennedy Mae Armstrong and William Alexander “Alex” James Armstrong; his brother, Tracy Terrell (Nancy); as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Pallbearers will be Will Armstrong, Cameron New, Tracy Terrell, Chris Hutcheson, Brannon Hutcheson, and Mitch Moore.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Clearview Home Health,

Helen Keller Infusion Center, the many first responders, and the friends and neighbors who helped Harold and our family along the way. Your care, kindness, prayers, and visits meant so much.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To leave private condolences, please visit www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel/ Funeral Home
907 Jackson Ave S
Russellville, AL 35653-2625
(256) 332-1122

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



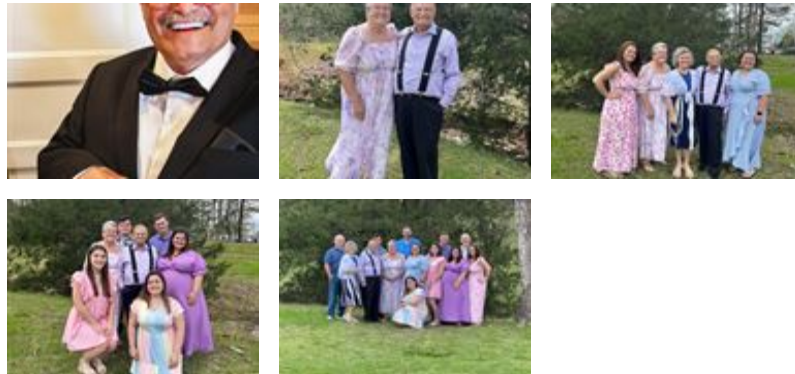
“ *Spry Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of James Harold Taylor*



Spry Memorial Chapel - March 11 at 03:01 PM



“ *201 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Spry Memorial Chapel - March 11 at 02:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Harold Taylor.*



March 11 at 01:30 PM

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“ *Brenda Willingham and family purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of James Harold Taylor.*



Brenda Willingham and family - March 11 at 12:39 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James Harold Taylor.*



March 10 at 05:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Harold Taylor.*

March 10 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Harold Taylor.*



March 09 at 02:58 PM