



## Johnny Durward Taylor, Sr.

May 5, 1941 - March 20, 2010

Johnny D. Taylor, Sr., 68, Russellville, passed away at his residence on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2010 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2010 Spry Memorial Chapel. Officiating will be Bro Mike Sparks and Vernon Keys. Interment will be at Dempsey Cemetery. He was born May 05, 1941 to Harry D. Taylor and Janie Elizabeth Johnson Taylor. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Patsy Higgins Taylor; son, Johnny D. Taylor II (wife, Angela); daughters, Vickie Black (husband, Danny), Kim Green (husband, Brett); 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; sisters, Verna Hyde Bradley, Betty Freemon (husband, Cecil), Pat Williams (husband, Bill); and 28 nieces & nephews. Pallbearers will include son, Johnny Taylor II; grandsons, Cody Black, Trey Taylor, Sean Taylor, Dakota Crosslin; and nephews, Daniel Higgins, Brian Higgins, and Chris Higgins. Johnny will be remembered by many for his hard work and dedication to help others recover from alcohol and drug addiction. He was site manager at Sunrise Lodge and remained with Riverbend as an outpatient counselor until his retirement in 2009. He has touched many lives and without knowing it, he has created his own ?RIPPLE? that will last a lifetime. Our daddy taught us that no one had the power to make us feel bad, however, looking back on his life, we now realize that we all have the power to make others feel good. He never came into contact with anyone that he didn?t make feel special. He believed everyone deserved the best and was worthy of love. He was many things to

many people and will be cherished as a wonderful husband, loving father, greatest granddaddy, and a dear friend to all. We will miss you JT. Friday nights at the Tiger Stadium will never be the same. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To sign the register book and offer private condolences to the family, go to [www.sprymemorialchapel.com](http://www.sprymemorialchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marina and The Black family,*

*We are so sorry about the passing of your grandfather. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.*

*Juliann, Stan, Emma, Rachel and Harrison*

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**Juliann Riley** - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of Johnny's death.He was not only a great counselor but a wonderful man.I had not seen him since I retired from Riverbend in 1999 but I have many wonderful memories of him.....he taught me a lot about substance abuse that I never would have learned in school*

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**tommy pirkle** - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear about your father, Vickie and your brother, Pat. We will remember you in our prayers during this time of sorrow.*  
*Billy and Donna Entrekin*

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**Donna Entrekin** - March 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the family of Johnny Taylor, please accept my sincere thoughts upon the loss of Johnny whom I found to be with much humor and laughter, especially during his time at Riverbend; as he was already employed when I came on board.I shall always recall his kindness towards me in the work place.*  
*Natalie Gordon*

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**natalie Gordon** - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM