



Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor

December 5, 1939 - July 25, 2017

Appalachia, VA

Andrew Jackson Taylor, Sr., 77, left his earthly home to be with the Lord on Tuesday (July 25, 2017) at Norton (VA) Community Hospital.

"Andy," as he was affectionately known, lived most of his life in Appalachia, VA. He was a retired Lieutenant of the Wise County Sheriff's Department, with 20 years of service. He was a member of the Appalachia (VA) Pentecostal Church.

Andy was civic minded and following are some of his accomplishments. He was a member of the Appalachia Masonic Lodge #229, A.F. & A.M., Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 50th Masonic District, Lonesome Pine Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star #134, the Appalachia Lions Club, a Kentucky Colonel, and a former Appalachia Town Council member.

He was most proud and instrumental in the cleaning, upkeep and fundraising of American Legion Cemetery for many years. Andy took great pride in helping others in locating someone's loved ones for them. Andy was a diehard Appalachia Bulldog fan, loved the Washington Redskins and the Atlanta Braves.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Letha (Vance) Taylor; and two brothers, Robert and Walt Taylor.

Surviving is his wife of 56 years, Lucy Faye (Yeary) Taylor; one son, Andrew Taylor, Jr. of Kingsport, TN; three daughters, Dianah (Chuck) Baird of Appalachia, Sabrina Taylor (Robert) Sturgill of Big Stone Gap, VA, Janice Lisa Taylor (Gary) Hampton of Norton, VA; seven grandchildren, Chelsea Taylor, Madison Baird, Julie Kennedy, Ryan Baird, Amber Baird, Abigail Buchanan and Hannah Hampton; one great grandson, Jackson Kennedy; four brothers, Jim Taylor, Chuck Taylor, John Taylor and Randy Taylor; three sisters, Wanda Yeary, Jackie Bickings and Anne Scott; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday (July 29, 2017) at the Appalachia Pentecostal Church (340 Oak Street) in Appalachia, VA.

A masonic service, by the Appalachia Mason Lodge #229, will be conducted at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary with Dr. Roy Smith officiating.

Committal services will follow at the American Legion Cemetery in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Pallbearers will be: David Carter, Ryan Baird, Tony Taylor, Troy Taylor, Gary Hampton, Shawn Bush, Brian Ball, Steven Cline and Andrew Cline.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Appalachia Pentecostal Church, c/o Evelyn Lee, P. O. Box 127, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving Mr. Taylor's family.

Cemetery Details

American Legion Cemetery

5001 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Appalachia Pentecostal Church
Oak Street
Appalachia, VA 24216

Masonic Service

JUL 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Appalachia Pentecostal Church
Oak Street
Appalachia, VA 24216

Service

JUL 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

Appalachia Pentecostal Church
Oak Street
Appalachia, VA 24216

Burial

JUL 29 (ET)

American Legion Cemetery
5001 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Tribute Wall



“ Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM

WS

“ Lucy, I am so saddened by Andy's passing. I knew him my entire life and will miss him

Wilby Sturgill



Wilby Sturgill - July 29, 2017 at 09:12 AM

DL

“ Dianah & Sabrina..I am so sorry for the passing of your beloved father. My thoughts & prayers are with each of you on this very difficult day & in the future.
Darlene Light

Darlene Light - July 29, 2017 at 08:16 AM

RB

“ Lucy , Randy and all of the family:
The Thunder is loud and the Rain is hard as I sit here. The Angels must be celebrating and shedding tears of Joy as they Welcome home a traveling warrior. Not only will Andy be missed by the family but The Town of Appalachia and Wise County will miss him greatly. We , his friends , at David's Tabernacle Church will miss his kind smile and co-operation. He was our Land Lord for over 30 years. A kind and genial man.

Pastors

Billy and Freda Bowen



Rev. Billy Bowen - July 28, 2017 at 10:10 AM

JR

“ Every Christmas one had to get in line to get a piece of his special cakes, oh my how good they were. Some time ago Andy and his brother would make a seafood restaurant in Richmond wish they had not offered an all you can eat meal for one price. The restaurant manager offered to pay them to stop. God Bless you Andy Taylor.

Joe D. Rasnick - July 28, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ *Always a Very Good Friend to Me, My Father as Mother!
We Will Miss You, Andy!*



Dona Akers - July 27, 2017 at 11:46 PM

HM

Manny cook me some chicken and dumplings on many occasion yes it was a good man

harry moore - July 28, 2017 at 06:38 PM

JH

“ *Andy and I went all over Va. doing transports for Sheriff Oakes. We always enjoyed the ride and the companionship. Later my friend.*

Joe Herron - July 27, 2017 at 10:05 PM

JA

“ *Janet Lovell Akens lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor*



Janet Lovell akens - July 27, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peggy Myers lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor*



Peggy Myers - July 27, 2017 at 07:28 PM



ANDY WAS ONE OF THE BEST MEN I HAVE EVER KNOWN . I HAVE KNOWN HIM SINCE I WAS A KID. HE WAS SO GOOD TO ME N MY FAMILY. REST IN PEACE ANDY!!!!

Peggy Myers - July 27, 2017 at 07:29 PM

CR

“ *Carla Richardson lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor*



Carla Richardson - July 27, 2017 at 07:26 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Farmer Jones lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor*



Linda Farmer Jones - July 27, 2017 at 11:28 AM

LJ

R.I. P Andy and may the Lord Bless your family at this time of healing.

Linda Farmer Jones - July 27, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor.*



July 27, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor.*



July 27, 2017 at 09:06 AM



Frankie Price

“ Frankie Price lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor



Frankie Price - July 27, 2017 at 07:09 AM



DP

“ Rest In Peace God has taken you home May he wrap his loving arms around you and keep you safe..God Bless your loving family..You were always a proud father and husband .May God give your family the understanding and peace they need at this time..Love and Prayers for all of the near and far..

God Bless..
Doris Powell..

Doris Powell - July 27, 2017 at 07:07 AM



LC

“ Lynn Cline lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor



Lynn cline - July 26, 2017 at 09:01 PM



SC

“ Steven Cline lit a candle in memory of Andrew Jackson "Andy" Taylor



Steven cline - July 26, 2017 at 09:00 PM



DB

“ I am sorry to hear of Andy's passing. May all your memories of him sustain you all in this time of sorrow
Dennis Bickings

Dennis Bickings - July 26, 2017 at 05:44 PM

TC

“ I have known Andy Taylor all of my life, at one time he was my landlord he was a great one, Prayers for all who knew him, and his Family. you will be missed my Friend...Rip



Teresa L Cross - July 26, 2017 at 05:08 PM