



Preston James Taylor

April 4, 1941 - April 19, 2009

Preston James “Country Pumpkin” Taylor, 68, of Girdletree, died Sunday, April 19, 2009, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born April 4, 1941 in Girdletree, a son of the late Thomas Lee and Louise Eva (Ward) Taylor.

Preston served in the Maryland National Guard in the early 1960’s and was a member of the American Legion Post 67 in Snow Hill. He worked as a truck driver, first for Perdue, then drove a truck for himself for many years. He was proud of the fact that he drove over 1 million miles. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating and cherished memories made with his family at Taylor’s Landing boathouse in Girdletree. He was a 45-year member of the Girdletree Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Worcester County Farm Bureau. He was also a member of the local round table, which met daily at My Sister’s Place in Snow Hill. He was especially fond of his beloved dogs, “Jake” and “Buddy”.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Ruth R. (Baker) Taylor; two daughters, Debbie Carter of Delmar and Lisa Fletcher of Berlin; five step daughters, Polly Darby of Snow Hill, Mary Wootten of Snow Hill, Linda Martin of Berlin, Joan Bunting of Snow Hill and Jean Culver of Eden; eight grandchildren, Ashley Fletcher, Mandi Fletcher, Tina Grazulis, Brandy McMillin, Lisa Williams,

William Parsons, Adam Parsons and Brian Knapp,; two brothers, Earl Taylor and his wife Sherry of Girdletree and Edward and Linda Taylor of Snow Hill; and a sister, Betty Northan of Pocomoke City. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Girdletree United Methodist Church, where family and friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00. The Reverend Donald Bailey will officiate. Interment will follow at Springhill Cemetery in Girdletree.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802, or to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Girdletree United Methodist Church
Girdletree, MD

Service

APR **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Girdletree United Methodist Church
Girdletree, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Ruth,
Sorry we could not be there, he will be missed. Our blessings and prayers are with everyone.
We would like to express our sincere condolences to your entire family. He was a wonderful friend, and we will never forget his wonderful kindness he shared with us through the years. We are thankful we had this opportunity to know him and share a small part of his great path of this wonderful earth. He will be truly missed but always remembered in our hearts. May God be with each of you providing comfort in your time of loss. With Warmest & Sincere Regards###imported-begin##Ray and Tammie Mendez of Austin Texas###imported-end##

April 24, 2009 at 07:11 PM



“ Ruth and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm grateful for knowing you and your family. Preston will be in my memories forever.###imported-begin##Ann Lovely###imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 07:56 AM



“ Thinking of you in your time of sorrow. Our prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Riggin & Kay Johnson###imported-end##

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Marvin & Jayne##imported-begin##Marvin & Jayne Smith, Snow Hill, MD##imported-end##

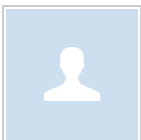
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“ *Sherry and Earl -*

My condolences on your loss. While I did not know him, from the information in the Daily Times I can see he played a large role in the community, and was a member of a large and loving family. I am sure he will be missed.##imported-begin##Patricia Tiger##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 07:17 AM



“ *Ron and Family,*
I am sorry for your loss, I lost my Father a few years ago and it was very hard on me. I know that he is in a better place now. I wish you and your family well.
Your friend,
Randy Davis##imported-begin##Randy Davis##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ *Ruth, Ed. & Earl.*

Preston was a friend I had not seen in awhile and am sorry to hear of his illness and passing. I know he will be greatly missed by all. We had alot of good times in our younger years. I know he is not suffering now and that is a good thing.

Lee##imported-begin##C. Lee Davis##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 09:34 AM