



Joe Allen Taylor

May 4, 2022

Joe Allen Taylor passed away peacefully at home at the age of 91, in Flower Mound, Denton County, Texas. He was a native of McAllen, Texas, but his military service took him all over the world, returning home to settle in McAllen after retirement. Throughout his lifetime, so many lives were touched by his service to his country and his community. It is said about Joe that he never met a stranger – he loved contact with one and all!

Joe spent many of his earliest years living in Hidalgo, Texas, where his father worked for the U.S. Customs Department at the international bridge between Hidalgo, Texas and Reynosa, Mexico. As a youth, Joe was a very active, lively child and spent much of his time outdoors.

While living in Hidalgo, Joe loved fishing along the Rio Grande River with his father, and was known to supply much of his neighborhood with fresh-caught fish. Joe loved to swim in the river and in the trenches dug along the river during WWI. Being too young to serve his country during WWII, he was very proud of his efforts when he and his friends collected materials to be recycled during the war effort.

Joe attended Lincoln Primary School, Lamar Junior High School and McHi where he played football for the McHi Bulldogs. He went to Texas Tech University on a football scholarship, and received a BS in Agriculture Education. While at Texas Tech, he married his high school sweetheart, Julia Lee Chisum of McAllen, Texas.

While attending university, Joe participated in the ROTC program, then

attended Officer Candidate School. Joe proudly served his country as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. During the Vietnam War he served in the 39th Combat Section. After leaving active duty, he did reserve duty in the Alamo Wing in San Antonio, and retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel.

Joe returned to McAllen for a second career as a teacher and coach for 25 years, at Lamar and Morris Junior High Schools. After moving to Pasadena, Texas, he served many years as a substitute teacher in the Pasadena school district, and volunteered his services as a discus and shotput coach, and as a swim official.

Joe was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church, both in McAllen and Pasadena. One of his greatest loves was singing in the church choir. After developing Alzheimer's Disease, singing gospel music continued to be one of his favorite things. His family is greatly moved that the disease did not rob him of the love of singing.

Throughout his lifetime, he was an avid fisherman and fierce card and domino player, things that he loved doing with his mother and endeavored to pass on to his children. He loved all sports, whether as a participant or a spectator. He even gladly joined his daughters on stage in their ballet performances of The Nutcracker and Coppelia.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Alvis Carbry Taylor and Myrtle May DeLisle Taylor, sisters Patricia Jean Taylor and Carol Sue Taylor, and wife Julia Lee Chisum Taylor. He is survived by his brother Malcom Gordon Taylor of LaPorte, Texas. He is also survived by his seven children: Deborah Lee (Dwen) Duke of Fleming Island, Florida; Janice Sue (Richard) Krusemark of Bossier City, Louisiana; James Lewis (Karen) Taylor of Pasadena, Texas; Kathleen Ann Taylor of Houston, Texas; Patricia Jean (Nat) Ruiz of Harlingen, Texas; Carolyn Alice (David) Cade of Flower Mound, Texas; and Laura Taylor of Brooklyn, New York.

Joe was the proud grandfather of ten grandchildren: Tanya Lee (Matthew) Christian, Jennifer Susan (Cory) Gray, Jessica Marie Taylor, Jenna Michelle Taylor, Jamie Lynn (Noah) Adams, Justin Taylor (Sara) Jacobs, DeLaney Lee

(Zac) Dickinson, Christopher Allen Metzger, Jonathan Andrew Metzger, and Julia Marie Heyman. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren: Chloe Lee Christian, Maxwell David Christian, Madison Taylor Bateman, Ashton James Gray, Paisley Jo Gray, Aiden Sonny Acevedo, Stella May Sanchez, Joe Allen Jacobs, and Ophelia Lynn Jacobs.

Honorary pallbearers include Matthew Christian, Cory Gray, Noah Adams, Justin Taylor, Zac Dickinson, Christopher Metzger, and Jonathan Metzger.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 9th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 104 South 12th Street, McAllen, Texas, preceded by a family visitation at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Roselawn Cemetery, 1201 South Main Street, McAllen, Texas.

Joe passed quietly in his sleep following a brave battle with Alzheimer's Disease. The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to charities that the family is supportive of: the Alzheimer's Association, the Wounded Warrior Project, the Susan G. Komen Foundation , or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Previous Events

Visitaion with family

JUL 9. 9:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church McAllen

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial will follow

JUL 9 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Allen Taylor*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



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November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM