



## Mr. Benjamin "BJ" "Bear" Taylor

October 16, 1931 - July 10, 2025

Benjamin "B.J." Taylor was born October 16, 1931, in Marvell, Arkansas, to Shedric and Sarah Hall Taylor, the youngest of their children. Raised in a devout Christian home, he accepted Christ at an early age and remained a faithful servant throughout his life. Educated in the Marvell public schools, B.J. was a self-made, humble man who began working immediately after school to provide for his family. His industrious spirit led him first to farming in Marvell, then to positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Helena, Arkansas, and later with the Chicago Mill Company, before he devoted his later years to serving as a foster grandparent at J.F. Wahl Elementary School.

A true country gentleman, B.J. cultivated beautiful gardens, raised hogs, and embraced the rhythms of rural life. He served faithfully for many years as a deacon of New Hope Coffee Creek Missionary Baptist Church, where his quiet strength and gentle wisdom blessed all who knew him. In his youth, he famously rode a horse to court the love of his life, Cremolia Scott. They married and shared over fifty years of devoted companionship before her passing.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Cremolia; his parents; daughter Frances Taylor Young; grandsons Marcus Demond Taylor and Levon Sales Jr.; granddaughter Ashandle Paige; and siblings Vegiele Taylor, L.T. Taylor, Lee Henry Taylor, Nemiah Taylor, and Charles Taylor. B.J. passed

away peacefully at his home in Marvell on July 10, 2025, at 7:45 p.m.

He leaves to cherish his memory eight children—Johnny (Izetta) Scott of Little Rock, Arkansas; Patricia Taylor Paige of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Brenda (Wallace) Ewing of Poplar Grove, Arkansas; Douglas (Kathy) Taylor of Little Rock, Arkansas; Wanda Taylor Millbrooks of St. Louis, Missouri; Calvin (Cynthia) Taylor of San Marcos, Texas; Sharon Frazier of Forrest City, Arkansas; and Charlotte Taylor (Fayzell) Mosley of Houston, Texas; nineteen grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; grandchildren Ardell Farr Jr. and Cortez Gould; special cousins Robert and Betty Gibson of Chicago, Illinois; special nephews and niece Chris Taylor, Ezzard Charles Taylor, Chris Taylor, and Vivian Stewart; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and devoted friends.

B.J.'s legacy of faith, hard work, and love of family will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed by his presence.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Saint Matthew Church  
15537 Highway 49  
Marvell , AR 72366

## Service

JUL 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

Saint Matthew Church  
15537 Highway 49  
Marvell , AR 72366

*The family will line up at 8352 Highway 316, Marvell, AR 72366 on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 11:30 AM*

## Repast

JUL 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

M.M. Tate Elementary  
407 Willis Drive  
Marvell , AR 72366

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ God, Dad, where do I begin? I loved you, and I am certain that you also loved me. You fought as long as you could. I know you are rejoicing in heaven with God and my godmother. I find comfort in knowing that you are at peace and free from pain. You will truly be missed. I love you always and forever.

*To the family, I pray for your strength during this difficult time. His spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew him, reminding us of the joy and laughter he brought into our lives. May we carry forward his legacy of love and kindness as we navigate the days ahead.*

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**Danita** - July 18, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JK

“ Praying for the Family, our hearts go out to you all In your time of grief. Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy, comes in the morning. May the Peace of God rest upon each one of you.

*Dear Friends from Houston of GrandDaughter Shontel*

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**Jonathan Kelly** - July 18, 2025 at 05:14 PM

ST

“ Condolences to your family and friends. Praying for comfort strength and peace today and the days ahead 🙏



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - July 18, 2025 at 01:36 PM

TW

“ Tereasa Lewis Washington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Benjamin "BJ" "Bear" Taylor.

Tereasa Lewis Washington - July 17, 2025 at 08:08 AM

TW

“ Tereasa Lewis Washington purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Benjamin "BJ" "Bear" Taylor.



Tereasa Lewis Washington - July 17, 2025 at 08:08 AM

BM

“ Barbara McKnight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin "BJ" "Bear" Taylor



Barbara McKnight - July 15, 2025 at 06:25 PM

GF

“ Geraldine Taylor Frison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin "BJ" "Bear" Taylor



Geraldine Taylor Frison - July 15, 2025 at 08:50 AM

PD

“ Rest in love and peace, Cousin BJ. You were definitely a great pillar of the community. You will be missed. Hugs and prayers for the family! Love always, Phylesia "Vet" Frazier-Davis



Phylesia Davis - July 15, 2025 at 07:50 AM

M-

“ Sending up prayers to the family as you navigate through this difficult process. May God give you strength and peace to press through. Your Dad is free from all pain and suffering and now he's singing in the heavenly choir . Look to the hills and watch how God will heal you . Marcella Towne-Winston



Marcella Towne -Winston - July 15, 2025 at 07:07 AM

VM

“ Grandpa I'm going to miss you I couldn't ask for a better grandpa I love you I won't ever forget about you and the wise words you said to me about the good lord I'm going miss you on this earth like crazy but zGod love you more get your rest grandpa until we meet again

victor millbrooks - July 14, 2025 at 11:45 PM

JP

My condolences to the Taylor family

Juanita page - July 15, 2025 at 07:04 AM

OB

Sending prayers to family nothing but love especially to you preach like a brother in love preach and buck God is able to make right

Oretha bonds - July 16, 2025 at 04:40 AM

SP

*May God be the Glory, MR. BJ I WILL MISS YOU, I REMEMBER WE WENT IN YOUR GARDEN AND YOU LET ME PIC THE BIGGEST CABBAGE IT WAS OUT THERE, and I took them bac to CALIFORNIA, we talked and laughed for a while, O WHAT GOOD MEMORIES,RIP MY NEIGHBOR AND MY FRIEND 🙏❤️*

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**sharon pike** - July 16, 2025 at 10:43 AM

BS

*Many Prayers with strength during these difficult days for the family of Mr.B.J.*

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**Barbara Ann Smith** - July 18, 2025 at 03:05 PM