



## Mr. A D Taylor

August 1, 1930 - June 15, 2017

Funeral services for A D Taylor, 86, of Gilmer formally of Mt. Pleasant will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Peter Sullivan presiding. Interment will follow at Kelsey Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8p.m. Monday, June 19, 2017 at the funeral home. Services are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Mr. Taylor was born Aug. 1, 1930, at the family farm in Cass County, Texas, the ninth of 10 children, to Andy Dixon Taylor and Laura Lee Carter Taylor and passed away on June 15 after a sudden illness.

He attended Hughes Springs schools before going to Sam Houston State University, where he earned his first degree in agriculture. Mr. Taylor was an educator with Mt. Pleasant Independent School District for nearly 30 years. A teacher at heart, he felt the calling to be an administrator, so while working full-time to support his family, he earned his master's degree in education administration. As a teacher, coach and administrator, he worked with students of all ages, and he loved every single one. He was serving as principal of Vivian Fowler Elementary when he retired. He was active in school district activities and was the voice of Tiger football for about 20 years.

Mr. Taylor was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served as a bishop. He especially loved being a home teacher. He was also proud to be a veteran; he served as a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He married the love of his life, Jean Chevalier, on November 23, 1955. The Taylors moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1960 and remained there until moving to Gilmer in 2016.

Mr. Taylor loved his family and was devoted to his immediate and extended family.

In addition to Jean, he is survived by two children, Jan Taylor of Fort Worth and Randy (Teri) Taylor of Klamath Falls, Oregon; one brother, Wesley (Doretta) Taylor of Nacogdoches, Texas; one brother-in-law, Azell (Patricia) Chevalier of Gilmer, Texas; and one sister-in-law, Thurza Blackshear of Carriere, Mississippi. Other survivors include grandchildren Erica (Tom) Jackman of Salem, Oregon; Kara Taylor of Denver, Colorado; Chase Taylor (Makay) of Eagle Mountain, Utah; Carly Taylor of Salt Lake City; Kelly (Jordan) Zabriskie, also of Sandy; and Shania Leeper-Blue of Klamath Falls, Oregon. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren: Harper, Jonah and August Jackman of Salem, Oregon, as well as a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Kelsey Cemetery or the Shelton-Rankin Cemetery.

Please visit A D's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Kelsey Cemetery

6380 Magnolia Rd  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
[info@mcwhorterfh.com](mailto:info@mcwhorterfh.com)  
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

## Service

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Pine St  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. A D Taylor*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - June 17, 2017 at 12:05 PM

GD

“ *Jan, I was sorry to learn of the death of your father. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I have always been grateful for your help and friendship at Eastman and hope you are doing well in Fort Worth.*

*Gene Dworsky*

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**Gene Dworsky** - July 05, 2017 at 07:03 PM

GB

“ *Our hearts are sad hearing about A.D. You all have been special to our family since being neighbors so long ago. AD was very special to mom. His smile always brightened the room. May the peace of Jesus cover you all.*

*Gary and Wanda Brown*

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**Gary Brown** - June 20, 2017 at 02:45 PM

SG

“ Jan, I am thinking of you today and my heart is heavy. From the obituary, which I'm sure you had a hand in writing, your Dad was obviously a special guy. Know that thoughts and prayers are coming your way.

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**Susan Green** - June 20, 2017 at 01:45 PM

FA

“ I never met Mr. Taylor, but I've heard so much about him from his daughter, Jan. And one thing that seemed clear to me from the start was how much she is, was, and always will be her Daddy's girl. Both seem to have the same sense of caring and laughter. Jan, I know you miss your Daddy--and you always will. So today I am holding you both up with prayers of strength and love. May you always have warm memories of your father, smiling, happy, and healthy, stored in your heart. Thinking of you.

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**Famin** - June 20, 2017 at 10:47 AM

KJ

“ Mr. Taylor was my principal at Vivian Fowler. I remember him as a very tall man with a big smile. Always welcomed us to school in the morning and said goodbye in the afternoon. I don't recall many of my principals or teachers, but I've always remembered him.

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**Kristy Colley Jackson** - June 19, 2017 at 09:15 PM

FS

“ Jesus comfort Jan and her Mother in the coming days. Guide her through her precious memories..let them wrap around her and ease the absence of her Daddy..hold her close Jesus. Love, Fleta Newsom Smith

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**Fleta Smith** - June 19, 2017 at 07:59 PM

 Tim  
Nelson

“ *Mr. Taylor was my principal from 1970 to 74 at Fowler. I've never forgotten the kindness he showed me when my dad took me to meet him a few days before my first day of school. I was even happier when he told me that he did not have the rumored "electric paddle"! My sincere condolences to all of his family members.*

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**Tim Nelson** - June 19, 2017 at 07:33 PM

JC

“ *May God give you peace. Joy Compton*

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**Joy compton** - June 19, 2017 at 02:42 PM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear of A.D.'s passing . May God give yoi peace. Daisy Watson*

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**Joy compton** - June 19, 2017 at 02:40 PM

BR

“ *Our children attended Vivian Fowler School. Very soon after school began, he called for a meeting of mothers to introduce himself, talk about PTA and others way we could help the school. However, his first sentence was "okay, I want to make a deal with you, I will not believe everything your kids come to school and tell me and their teachers about you, if you will promise to not believe everything they tell you about me." He was a great principal and good friend. Saw him for the last time a short time ago at the dermatologist office. We had a nice visit.  
Kenneth and Betty Reese and children  
Chris, Cissy and Candye*

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**Betty Reese** - June 17, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



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McWhorter Funeral Home - June 17, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. A D Taylor.



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June 16, 2017 at 06:01 PM