



Taylor, James “Daddy-O”

1946-2019

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Services for James ‘Daddy-O’ Taylor, 72, of Decatur, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 23 at Bible Baptist Church in Bridgeport, officiated by Pastor Dale Webster. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Decatur.

Pallbearers are Micheal Taylor, Scotty Taylor, Paul Taylor, Hunter Brandon, Jack Stockton and Kenny Thomas.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 22 at Hudson and Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

James passed away Thursday, July 18, 2019, in Decatur.

James was born Aug. 8, 1946, in Vernon to Walter Ray and Maggie Sue (Palmer) Taylor. On June 19, 1971, he married his wife of 46 years, Joann Taylor in Muleshoe.

He went into the Navy when he was 18. He was in a submarine for six months at a time. When he wasn’t there, he was on the USS McKean (DD-784) Naval Destroyer.

James was a master electrician for Texas Instruments for many years. He then transferred to UNT where he retired in 2010. He had a passion for music. James went to broadcasting school in the early ’80s to become a disc jockey. He worked at KWCS, later known as KBOC in Bridgeport, playing everything from gospel music to oldies music for all of Wise County, where he earned the name “Daddy-O.”

James was an ordained minister who had a passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others, which led to his publishing of “The New Believer’s Guide to The Christian Life.” When he wasn’t writing, you could often find him singing for the nursing homes ministry or the talent shows at the Wise Heritage Museum.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Joann Taylor; parents; and sister Jolene Taylor and husband, Jerry.

He is survived by his daughters, Crystal Hoots and husband, Adam, of Decatur, Dedra Stockton and husband, John, of Decatur and Tina Hatfield and husband, Joe, of Muldrow, Okla.; son Paul Taylor and wife, Amber, of Alvord; grandchildren Alex Lambert, Anna Lambert, Kolbi Davison, Addison Taylor, Jolie Taylor, Ashlynn Hoots, Selah Hoots, Justin Hatfield and Kristina Green; great-grandchildren Malikai Davison, Anslee Green and Gage and Hank Hatfield; and many nieces and nephews.