



## **Taylor, Wayne**

1957-2023

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Celebration of life for Wayne Taylor, 65, of Bridgeport, was Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Hudson & Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport. He left this earth to enter the gates of Heaven March 14, 2023, at home with his wife and beloved pets, Patches and Sissy, by his side.

The seventh of ten children, Wayne was born on Sept. 3, 1957, to John Henry and Bessie Mae Kennedy Taylor in Kaufman. He was baptized at a young age and lived with the faith that one day, the Lord would call him home when He was ready. Wayne grew up in Camden, Ala., where he developed his love for fishing and spent many summers on the river in the houseboat his father built. Later, he moved to Montgomery, Ala., and attended Sidney Lanier High School. Wayne left school to join the United States Army and was soon stationed at Fort Hood near Killeen. There, he honed his mechanical skills while working on aircraft engines.

Upon his discharge from the military, Wayne moved to the Bridgeport area, where

he worked alongside his oldest brother, picking up yet another skill, welding. He met the love of his life, his sweetheart Dorothy Kay Taylor. They were married on Dec. 5, 1992. With this union, they gained a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde girl, Brittany Michelle. Together, they spent much of their time on the lake fishing.

Wayne started working for Smith Oilfield Services, where he became close friends with the owner, Rick Smith. They soon became more like family than friends.

Wayne had to leave the workforce due to many back surgeries and later was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis).

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dorothy K. Taylor of Bridgeport; daughter, Brittany Michelle and husband, Brennan Poer; uncle, A.E. Crawford of Moundville, Ala.; brothers JC Taylor and wife, Barbara, of Brandon, Miss. and Rick Taylor of Saucier, Miss.; sisters, Laura Diane Johnson of Clanton, Ala., Mary Beth Mercer and husband, Larry, of Gonzales, Rebecca Condel and husband, Alvin, of Gonzales, Jane Stephens and husband, Dale, of Heflin, Ala., and Carla Taylor of Heflin, Ala; grandchildren, Cayden Wayne Taylor, Bradley Newberry and Maci Jo Poer of San Angelo; sister-in-law, Edna Taylor of Chico; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, David Thompson of Wetumpkna, Ala., his caregiver Sara, and Rick Smith (brother-at-heart) of Bridgeport.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Franklin Taylor; sister, Christine Taylor Herbert Tripp; and nephew Jason Clark Stewart.

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