



Carl Grant Taylor

January 14, 1934 - May 24, 2026

Carl Grant Taylor, 92, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, May 24, 2026. He was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma on January 14, 1934 to Lewis Grant Taylor and Cordelia (Schulte) Taylor. He traveled the United States with his parents and brother, Charles, while their dad worked the pipelines. He graduated from Oktaha High School in 1953.

Carl met the love of his life, Shirley Long, at Erma's Drive Inn and the Blue Grill in 1955. They married in Muskogee, Oklahoma on June 29, 1957 and settled south of Muskogee where they raised three boys, Billy, Jeff, and Steve.

Carl worked at Reed/Wagner Buick for 24 years. He then went to Muskogee Indian Capitol Vo-Tech where he taught diesel mechanics and auto body repair for 17 years. He retired from teaching in 1995.

Carl loved to sing. He started singing in a quartet at the age of 16. He sang in 4 different quartet groups for 65 years! They traveled all over the state of Oklahoma singing gospel music at many churches. He had the best bass voice you've ever heard.

Carl was a devoted family man whose greatest joy was his children and all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of whom he was deeply proud. He loved the Lord wholeheartedly. He cherished the simple blessings in life;

caring for his cattle, tending to his homestead, and working with his hands. He was known for his loyalty, kindness, and generous spirit. He had an ornery streak that kept everyone on their toes and a sense of humor that could make a room burst into laughter. Above all, he will be remembered for his loving heart, strong faith, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. His legacy of faith, laughter, hard work, generosity, and living a full life will live on in all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Taylor and Cordelia Taylor; and his brother, Charles Taylor.

Carl is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley; his children, Billy Taylor and wife Kristi, Jeffrey Taylor and wife Donna, Steve Taylor and wife Dawn; grandchildren, Kelsey Martinez, Kyle Taylor, Justin Taylor, Dustin Taylor, Dally Lovett, Dually Taylor, Dawson Keeton, Denym Serna, Leslie Lester, and Wes Lester; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren who loved him dearly.

A celebration of Carl's life will be at 3PM, Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Danny Barks officiating. Interment will follow at Brushy Mountain Cemetery with Justin Taylor, Dusty Taylor, Kyle Taylor, Edward Martinez, Dually Taylor, and Gunner Taylor serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Hager, Mitchell Smith, Wendell Davis, Don Cash, Darwin Tackett, Aaron Jones, and Bill Hatfield.

Cemetery Details

Brushy Mountain Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Celebration of Life

MAY 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Charles & Janet Thompson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.



Charles & Janet Thompson - May 28 at 08:56 AM

DT

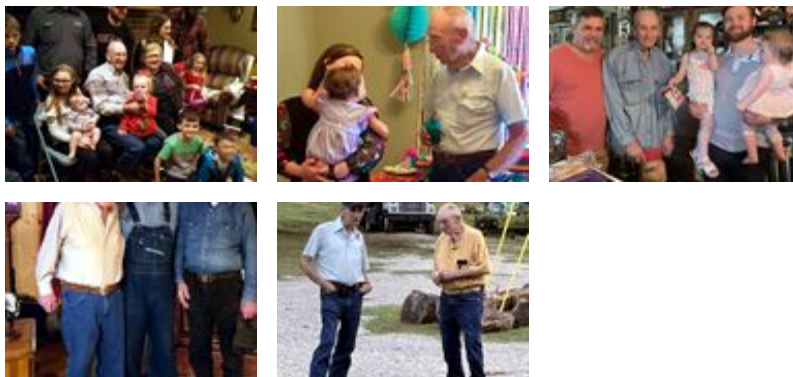
“ Mr. Taylor was one of the kindest men I ever met. He taught with such compassion. Not to be dramatic but he was the first person to show me that I had intrinsic value, intrinsic worth. He impacted my life in such a profound manner that I never forgot him and what he did for me. I'll never stop being grateful for him.

Dr. Charles (Charlie) Thompson

Dr. Charles Thompson - May 28 at 08:45 AM



“ 9 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 27 at 05:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



May 27 at 02:51 PM



“ *Phyllis Sloan purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



Phyllis Sloan - May 27 at 01:53 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



May 27 at 01:49 PM



“ *When our family moved to the area, Carl and Shirley became quick friends and Carl was always there to help. They would sometimes sit with my folks and various school sports events and Carl and my dad could talk for hours on the old times, farming and related subjects. Will miss him but he's home.*

Ray - May 27 at 11:40 AM

CC

“ *Connors State College purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



Connors State College - May 27 at 10:54 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



May 27 at 09:23 AM

VD

“ *Carl asked Wendell to play for the quartet in 1997. They met in our home every week to practice. It was a privilege to hear them sing. It was a blessing to go to different churches, Pleasant Valley for Santa to pass out the presents to the residents. We will have a family reunion in Heaven.*
Wendell and Vicki Davis

Vicki Davis - May 27 at 01:13 AM

MF

“ *Michael Richardson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



Michael Richardson and family - May 26 at 11:30 PM

MF

“ Michael Richardson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Grant Taylor.

Michael Richardson and family - May 26 at 11:30 PM

BH

“ Billy & Dena Hughes lit a candle in memory of Carl Taylor



Billy & Dena Hughes - May 26 at 07:57 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 26 at 06:27 PM



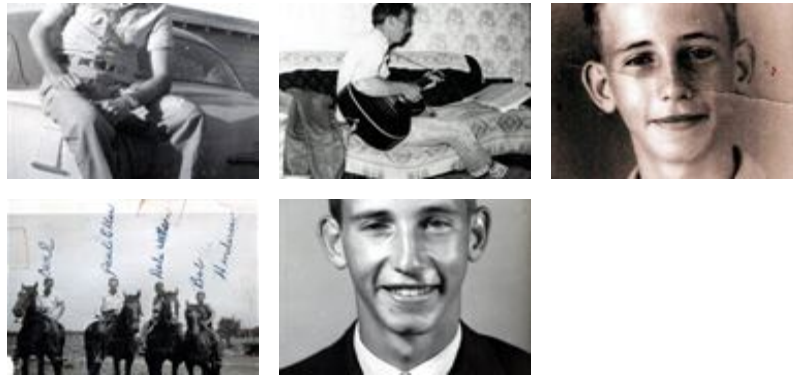
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Grant Taylor.*



May 26 at 05:50 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 26 at 05:16 PM



“ *Shirley, I just now read about your precious husband. So sorry, seems the older we get the more of our generation is going on to heaven and I am sure that's where Carl is. Love, Polly*

Polly Morgan Hatcher - May 26 at 04:11 PM

PC

“ *Pleasant Valley Health Care Center lit a candle in memory of Carl Taylor*



Pleasant Valley Health Care Center - May 26 at 03:45 PM