

In Loving Memory of



William Amory Taylor Jr.

January 23, 1918 - April 13, 2024

William “Bill” Amory Taylor, Jr., 106, of Winfield, KS passed away Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Cumbernauld Village.

Bill was born in Portage, WI to William and Zelia (Cooper) Taylor Sr. He received his education from local schools, and higher education from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Bill was drafted into the Army in 1941 and was stationed at Strother Field in Winfield as a Medical Administrative Specialist, and later he was transferred to the infantry and from there to Germany. After the surrender he was sent to England where he was part of a Strategic Bombing Survey group. While stationed at Strother Field he met, and in 1944 married Suzanne “Suzy” Martin. Upon discharge from the Army and returning from overseas in 1945, Bill and Suzy made their home in Winfield where they raised their four children. Suzy passed away in 2000 after 57 years of marriage. In 2002 he married Sharon (Skinner) Shetlar, and they enjoyed 22 years together. Bill was a loyal Green Bay Packer fan. He enjoyed golf, fishing, swimming, hunting, and collecting duck decoys. He delighted in poetry and music, especially “Dixie Land Jazz.” For many years he enjoyed being part of a morning coffee group. He was a long-time member of the Winfield Country Club, the Veterans of Foreign War and Grace Episcopal Church. Bill was a man of integrity, who loved his family, cherished his friends, and appreciated living in Winfield.

Survivors include his wife Sharon, son Martin (Theresa) Taylor, daughter Zelia (Randal) McDowell, his daughter-in-law Marilyn Taylor, his son-in-law Brad Pfeifley, grandchildren Adriene Taylor Marks, Stephen (Carey) Taylor, Taylor (Noelle) McDowell, Grant (Kieran) McDowell, and Alexandra McDowell, great-grandchildren Jack Marks, Katherine Marks, Schorr Taylor, William Taylor, Magdalena McDowell, Hanorah McDowell. Sharon’s family Robert (Alison) Shetlar, Shannon Shetlar Ryan, Melanie and Jaymin Lapointe, Ben Ryan, great-grandchildren Levi and Miles Lapointe.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, wife Suzanne, daughter Alexandra Pfeifley, son William A. Taylor III, brothers Clayton, Stewart and Donald Taylor, and grandson Clayton McDowell.

Memorial Service

10:00 A.M. Friday, May 24, 2024

Grace Episcopal Church - Winfield, KS

Final Resting Place

Highland Cemetery - Winfield, KS

Officiating

Priest - The Rev. Kathryn Swain

Deacon - The Rev. Karen Deal

Eulogists - Alexandra McDowell & Adriene Marks

Music

Organist - Chance Alquest

Prelude - Variations on "America" by Charles Ives

Opening Hymn - For All the Saints

Gospel Hymn - Lord of All Hopefulness

Special Music - Come Christians Join to Sing

by John A. Behnke

Communion Hymns - Just As I Am & I Come With Joy

Recessional - Abide With Me

Postlude - Fanfare on "St. Gertrude" by Gordon Young

Memorials

Grace Episcopal Church Endowment

Grace Episcopal Outreach Fund

Arrangements by

Shelley Family Funeral Home