



Cleo "Curly" V. Taylor

August 20, 1921 - October 24, 2018

CLEO V. (CURLY) TAYLOR
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Curly Taylor, 97, formerly of New Harmony, Indiana, born August 20, 1921 to Riley and Laura Taylor in Franklin County, Illinois, passed away peacefully, October 24, 2018 at the home of his step son in Miami, Florida.

Curly was a WW II veteran, serving in Germany and receiving the bronze star and Purple Heart among other medals. Despite being a disabled, combat wounded WW II veteran, Curly was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, serving as a small arms instructor at Redstone Arsenal in Maryland. He was an active member of the Disabled American Veterans of Live Oak, Florida, volunteering many hours at the Veterans Hospital in Lake City, Florida.

Using the G.I. Bill, Curly completed his education and taught math for a few years at Griffin High School.

A lifelong love of horses led him to build and open an arena and Western store located between New Harmony and Mt. Vernon, Indiana. After he and Fern married they bought a farm in Live Oak, Florida where they raised, trained and raced thoroughbred horses. The farm became a summer gathering place for the family and many happy hours were spent there, swimming in the pond and giving city grandkids a taste of country life. After Fern's death in 2007, Curly has lived with his stepson and daughter-in-law

Brenda Taylor.

Surviving are his three step children: Michael Taylor (Brenda) of Miami, Florida, Shari Rueger (Edward) of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee and Cynthia Lyke of Aurora, Colorado; six grandchildren: Jeff Rueger, Rick Rueger, Ryan Lyke, Kara Peters, Bryce Taylor and Kevin Taylor; two loving care-givers: Grace and Lucia; a sister: Fern Cox of New Harmony, Indiana.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife of 33 years: Fern Williams Taylor; brother: Leonard Taylor and grandson: Jon Rueger.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony, Indiana.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road
New Harmony, IN 47631

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cleo "Curly" V. Taylor*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Cleo "Curly" V. Taylor.*



November 15, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *One of our classic Taylor cowboys has gone on his final trail ride into heaven. What a character he was! Thanks Mike, Sheri and Cindy for your years of care and devotion to him. RIP Curly. Tell all of our cowboys hello.*

Kathy Taylor L'Hoste - November 15, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *My sympathy and prayers are with you and family. Curly was certainly blessed to have each of you in his life as he in turn was a blessing to you all-a good man.*

Ruth Ann Hames Grebe - November 13, 2018 at 11:48 AM

RF

“ Prayers for everyone I learned a lot fromuncle Curley he want me to take a picture of one of his horses for a magazine and he worked with me until we got it right . I was proud that I could do this for him!
Love Ruth

Ruth Mcdonald Fulwider - November 13, 2018 at 09:04 AM

MS

“ So sorry... RIP! I had him as a teacher in school at Griffin, In. We had lots of great teachers in our school.



Mary Ann Stone - November 13, 2018 at 08:34 AM

DT

“ I've had many memories of Curly the one that I remember first was Curly was living with me and my sister and my family I had even I had just started school at the time the war ended and I lived on Kentucky and Monroe in Evansville and Curly was living with us and it was around Christmas time when your overcoat style back then it was the big patch pockets on the outside and he walked in the front door with a little puppies face and front feet sticking out at overcoat pocket and I will never forget it it was my first puppy dog Tony what is his name I spent many a day and many years with him , at that time Curly was the greatest person in my life any I will never forget him RIP Curly

Donald (Sonny) Taylor - November 12, 2018 at 06:08 PM