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## In Memory of Harry E. Taylor

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### In Memory of Harry E. Taylor

Harry E. Taylor passed away peacefully on October 26th, 2021 at Cypress Point in Dexter, MO. He was 107 years old. Harry was born at home, on the banks of the St. Francis River in Fisk, MO on November 12th, 1913 to Alice (Lee) and Zachary Taylor.

He was one of nine children. Harry loved to share stories about his experiences as a young man struggling to find work during the Great Depression, hopping freight trains and traveling around in search of work.

He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps to earn money and traveled across the West working as a firefighter, digging potatoes, crushing limestone, picking apples, and doing construction work so that he could send money back home. After the Depression, he worked as a gandy dancer for the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

In 1940, Harry moved to Toledo, OH seeking a good paying job. He was hired by Spicer Manufacturing Corporation, which later became the Dana Corporation, as a gear cutter. In 1941, he met and married Evelyn McGowin. They raised three children together: Alice Orzechowski (Ron Chvala) of Toledo, OH; Larry Taylor (Judy) of Gardner, KS; and Timothy Taylor of Toledo, OH. While living in Toledo,

Harry and Evelyn were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church where Harry served as an usher and church councilman. He also served as a Boy Scout Leader, president of the Dorr Street Exchange Club, and was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge for 72 years.

Harry retired from Dana in 1978, and he and Evelyn moved to Dudley, MO in 1983. Over the years, Harry and Evelyn helped countless people, generously supporting family, friends, and neighbors. They purchased groceries and clothing for neighbors in need, generously supported their church, and contributed to several grandchildren's educations.

Harry loved to play checkers and the guitar and purchased musical instruments for anyone in the family who was interested in learning to play.

Harry is survived by his three children, his youngest brother Kenneth (Ruth) of Broseley, MO, 9 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank his special niece Deborah Madison, friend Sue Tippen, Kay Seiler of Elara Care Hospice, and the staff at Cypress Point for their kind and loving care.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 6th at White-Sanders Funeral Home in Fisk, Missouri.

Funeral services will follow at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Steve Tippen officiating.

Burial will take place at Dudley Cemetery in Dudley, Missouri.

Condolences: [www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com)

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# In Memory of Morris Karnes

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## In Memory of Morris Karnes

Morris Karnes, son of the late Lester and Fannie Turner Karnes was born on January 4, 1951 in rural Bell City, Missouri and departed this life on October 28, 2021 at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 70.

Coach Karnes was a member of the Bernie Church of Christ. He was a retired school teacher and coach. He ran a successful lawn care business and had been in charge of Bernie City Cemetery since 2012.

He was blessed with a great baseball career in which he was an NAIA All American Baseball player at Oklahoma Christian College, followed by a great career in education. He was able to have a positive impact on students from Scott County Central, Nell Holcomb, Twin Rivers, Richland, and Bernie Schools. A two-time Hall of Famer, being inducted into the Oklahoma Christian Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994, and the Bernie Schools Hall of Fame in 2021, highlight his professional life.

His favorite Bible verse was Galatians 6:9, which tells us “And let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap our reward, if we do not lose heart.” He spent his life serving others and “doing good.” Whether it was his career in education, raising money and working on the Bernie baseball field, opening the gym on Sunday nights for students and community members, providing lawn care to the community and Bernie Cemetery, or providing for his family. He always served others without wanting or needing recognition or acknowledgement. He played such a positive role in the lives of his family and the students and community members he served. Most importantly, he served the Lord, and we are thankful we were blessed to have him in our lives.

On March 19, 1972 he was united in marriage to Beverly Ann Greenwood in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Karnes survives of their residence in Bernie.

Other than by his wife, Beverly, he is survived by one son, Jason Karnes and wife Casey of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Jennifer Brown of Bernie, Missouri and Kacie

Cotta and husband Nick of Lebanon, Missouri; by two brothers, Ival Gene Karnes and wife Geraldine and Joe Karnes and wife Becky both of Sikeston, Missouri; by one sister, Debra Shelton and husband Gary of Searcy, Arkansas; by six grandchildren, Skyler Brown, Raigen Brown Conner Brown, Cason Karnes, Cooper Karnes and Sadie Cotta.

Visitation will be conducted on Monday, November 1, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Coach Karnes requested all memorials be made to the Bernie Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 605. Bernie, Missouri 63822 or 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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## In Memory of Douglas Michael Scott

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## In Memory of Douglas Michael Scott

Douglas Michael Scott of Puxico, Missouri was born to the late Alvin and Mildred (Smith) Scott on May 17, 1955 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and passed away on October 27, 2021 in Jonesboro, Arkansas at the age of 66 years.

Doug had been a resident of Puxico, Missouri most of his life. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Puxico, Missouri. He owned and operated Skot Kraft Woodworks building cabinets.

Surviving Doug is one son Nathan Scott of Puxico, Missouri; one daughter Christa Scott of Dexter, Missouri and one Aunt Marge Rittenhouse of Chesterfield, Missouri. Doug was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Mildred Scott and one brother Barry Scott. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Friday October 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be Saturday October 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel with Minister Justin Miller officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rock Hill Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Marion Lee Adams

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### In Memory of Marion Lee Adams

Marion Lee Adams of Puxico, Missouri born to the late Edward and Myrtle (Baker) Adams on March 28, 1934 in Lowndes, Missouri passed away on October 26, 2021 in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the age of 87 years. Marion had been a resident of Shawnee, Oklahoma for the last three years. He lived in Puxico, Missouri; St. Charles, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; and Lowndes, Missouri.

Marion was a committed Christian and served faithfully as a teacher and deacon at First Baptist Church of Harvester (1962-1993); and First Baptist Church of Puxico, Missouri (1994-2019). He served in the United States Army, stationed in Germany. Marion was an accomplished carpenter and owned a small construction company in St. Charles, Missouri, building homes for many residents in St. Charles County. He retired to raise cattle on a small farm in Puxico, Missouri. He enjoyed serving the Lord, participating in Mission projects to build or remodel churches, helping his friends and family, and camping and fishing. He loved God, his family and friends deeply and was well loved.

On November 07, 1959 in Lowndes, Missouri Marion married the love of his life Orpha Bernice Barks.

Surviving Marion is two daughters Sonia (Scott) Vicars of St. Peters, Missouri and Tonia (Robert) Kellogg of Shawnee, Oklahoma; four grandchildren Samantha (Elisha) Gardner, Zachary (Amy) vicars, Andrea (Jonathan) Johnston and Lucas (Lauren) Vicars; nine great grandchildren.

Marion was preceded in death his parents Marion and Myrtle Adams; four brothers Ivan Adams, Junior Adams, Orvas Adams and Denver Adams; two sisters Eunice Walton and

Stella Ward; four siblings who passed away at young ages and one grandson Reagan Kellogg. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Sunday October 31, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri and on Monday November 01, 2021 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Service will be held on Monday November 01, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri with Minister Justin Miller and Minister Zachary Vicars officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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# In Memory of Thomas Bernard Mekan

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## In Memory of Thomas Bernard Mekan

Thomas Bernard Mekan, son of the late Lawrence Albert Mekan and Mildred Marie Arnold Mekan, was born In Powe, Missouri on January 10, 1953 and departed this life in Arcadia Methodist Hospital in Arcadia, California on October 24, 2021 at the age of 68.

Mr. Mekan was a veteran of The United States Marines, and was a mechanic. He was of Pentecostal faith, and a resident of Temple City, California.

He was united in marriage to Yolanda Olivares on March 23, 1985. Ms. Mekan survives in their home in Temple City, Ca.

Other survivors include, one son, Thomas Mekan Jr. of Temple City, California; by one daughter, Ruby Mekan of Temple City, California; by three brothers, David Mekan of Winona, Missouri, Gene Mekan of Bernie, Missouri and Ivan Mekan of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Carolyn Mekan of Bernie, Missouri and Violetta Mastilovich of St. Louis, Missouri; by four grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one brother, Bill Mekan; by four sisters, Launita McNeal, Margaret Parks, Ava June Armes and Francis Mekan.

Friends may call on Monday, November 1, 2021 at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Gary Gilbert officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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