



## Dr. John Brookins Taylor

April 7, 1927 - June 30, 2016

Bluefield, WV- Dr. John Brookins Taylor of Bluefield, WV, passed away at age 89 surrounded by his family on Thursday, June 30, 2016. He was born in Bluefield, WV on April 7, 1927 where he was a lifelong resident. He was the son of the late Ralph Brookins Taylor and Ellen Simpson Taylor.

Dr. Taylor, better known as Doc T or Brookie, attended Greenbrier Military School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during his freshman year at Washington and Lee University in 1945. He served with the U.S. 8th Army in Yokohama Japan. After returning home, he graduated from Washington and Lee University and then graduated medical school at The University of Virginia. He was drafted into the U.S. Air Force and served in Germany with the 8th Air Force. After returning home, he attended Vanderbilt University for his Internal Medicine internship and then The University of Virginia for his Internal Medicine residency. He began medical practice in Bluefield in 1960 where he practiced internal medicine for fifty years.

Dr. Taylor had a love of flying and began Appalachian Flying Service in the 1970's. The flying service was instrumental in training and recruiting many professional pilots in the Bluefield area. During his career he was also a certified Flight Physician.

Dr. Taylor was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Woods Taylor. Survivors include his two sons Peter Brookins Taylor and wife Patricia Hale Taylor, David Brookins Taylor and wife Dr. Beth Ann Taylor, granddaughters Ashby Taylor Perkins and husband Zane Patrick Perkins, Virginia Taylor

Mowery and husband Dr. Nathan Mowery, Kaitlin Brookins Taylor, and grandsons, John Brookins Taylor II, and Logan Brookins Taylor. Dr. Taylor is also survived by great-grandson Zane Anthony Perkins and great-granddaughter Halen Taylor Perkins.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 5th at Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield, WV to celebrate the life of Dr. Taylor, with the Rev. Chad Slater officiating. Interment will follow at Monte Vista Cemetery. Pallbearers will be David Kersey, Ed Davis, Tony Gilley, Joe Grooms, John Brookins Taylor, and Logan Brookins Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials for victims of the recent flood disaster in West Virginia be made to Christ Episcopal Church, in Bluefield, WV, and St. Johns Episcopal Church, in Wytheville, VA.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr. John Brookins Taylor.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church  
Bluefield, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. John Brookins Taylor*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My 4am buddy. How I loved to see Dr Taylor step on the floor in the morning. He was a good doctor and a good soul.*



**Kathy Torres** - February 07, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dr Taylor passing. I certainly enjoyed flying for him at Appalachian Flying Service! I remember a trip to UVA for a visit with Peter and David and Dr Taylor and he was so proud to show his sons around Charlottesville. And I remember a trip to drop off Peter in New York to catch a commercial flight out. And my wife and I always enjoyed the company Christmas party in Bluefield. It is a real pleasure knowing the Grace of all of such a fine family!*  
*Jim and Debie Wilson*  
*Wilsonappraisals@comcast.net*

**Jim Wilson** - December 05, 2016 at 02:00 PM

MG

“ One of my favorite people. I began seeing him as a patient at the age of 18 and continued until the time of his retirement. We worked in building A together for 29 years. Enjoyed getting to know him on the many occasions I was invited to his home, the country club and the cabin for dinners and parties. I will always treasure my memories of this fine man.

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**Mary Goodwin** - July 04, 2016 at 09:34 PM

BD

“ To the family of Dr. Taylor. I am so sorry for your loss. I am so thankful for the care he gave me and I told him often. The last time I saw him was in Food City with his caretaker. He was shopping and she was standing back. I went over to speak to him and as always his face lit up and he grinned that grin I loved. I missed him when he left his practice and will miss him more now. Again. Thank you Dr. Taylor for everything. A former patient. Barbara M. Dowell

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**Barbara M. Dowell** - July 04, 2016 at 06:08 PM

PK

“ Brookie was a great doctor and friend along with Charlotte, his wife. We had many wonderful times together at birthday parties, golf, and just talking. A special family. He was so nice to me when my family moved to Bluefield in 1963. I had met Charlotte in Tazewell when we were in High school in the 40's. Til we meet again. I have suffered a great loss. Puck Kiser

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**Puck Kiser** - July 04, 2016 at 02:52 PM

JL

“ John O. Lowe lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Brookins Taylor



John O. Lowe - July 04, 2016 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Doc T was a very special person to me from our Ballroom Dancing class to him singing Happy Birthday to me since we shared the same day. I could always hear the smile in his voice. I loved him and my prayers and thoughts are with the Taylor family.

Debbie Simons - July 04, 2016 at 07:45 AM

MH

“ I am very sorry to read of the passing of Dr. Taylor. He was a Great Man and Doctor! Former Patient. Marcellus Wayne Harman

M. Wayne Harman - July 03, 2016 at 09:11 PM

SP

“ I am so very sorry. My prayers to Peter, David and their families. I remember as a young nurse working nights in ICU, you could always count on seeing Dr. Taylor between 5:30 and 6:00 am. I don't remember ever seeing him angry. When he wS a patient... He was always the most gracious! He shaped me as a nurse, and I will alwYs be grateful.

All my love and prayers,  
Sandy Payne

Sandy Payne - July 03, 2016 at 07:26 PM

AM

“ I worked with Dr. Taylor in the mid-70s. But what I remember most is how much my sister Goldie Bell, a lifelong patient of his, respected and loved him. She refused to see anyone but Dr. Taylor. My condolences and prayers for the family.

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**Anita Myers** - July 03, 2016 at 06:08 PM

LS

“ Thinking of the entire Taylor family during this time. I will never forget my Mom working for Dr. Taylor for many years in the 1970's. The experience that she gained in that office inspired her to become an RN. It was also her start which led to her spending her entire career in the medical field. Dr. Taylor will be missed.

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**Linda McLaughlin Scarborough** - July 03, 2016 at 09:59 AM

LP

“ My parents, as well as my grandparents, loved Dr. Taylor! He was a most involved doctor in their well being, and made a tremendous impact in their health. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

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**Linda Poff** - July 03, 2016 at 06:40 AM

RH

“ We are praying with you, feeling the loss of a man whose like we shall not see again ... prayers for our neighbors, with love always, Ran and Linda

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**Ran Henry** - July 02, 2016 at 03:40 PM

Sherry Swayne

“ Condolences to Dr. Taylor family. He was the best Dr. Warm, understanding, and caring.



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Sherry Swayne - July 02, 2016 at 01:47 PM

KW

“ Brookie I will miss you . You knew each one of your hundreds of patients and all their family. Even more, you really cared about anyone who was lucky enough to call themselves your patient . In the ED if we had someone of yours who was unstable , you would literally pace the floor , sincerely concerned . I never did and never will witness your like again



kathy Wides - July 02, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *Dr Taylor took fantastic care of my father in law. One fantastic doctor and friend. May he RIP.*



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**Teresa Derenge** - July 02, 2016 at 06:00 AM

MB

“ *He was my grandmas favorite dr. He was always so good to her. While I work with him @ BRMC I got to see he was good to everyone. Thoughts & prayers to his family...*



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**Michael A Beckner** - July 01, 2016 at 11:21 PM

DE

“ *Debbie Evans lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Brookins Taylor*



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**Debbie evans** - July 01, 2016 at 10:02 PM

ML

“ *Melissa Lucado lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Brookins Taylor*



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**Melissa Lucado** - July 01, 2016 at 07:15 PM

KJ

“ We could always set our clocks on nightshift when Dr. Taylor came in. He was always there at pretty much the same time every morning. I always said you knew you'd worked at BRMC a long time when you got to where you could read Dr. Taylor's writing...lol. He was the best!! Rest in peace Dr. T. Prayers for your family!!

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**Kerri Jackson** - July 01, 2016 at 07:13 PM

MM

“ Brookie you will be missed my neighbor, colleague and friend. You represented the golden age of medicine where everyone in the family was your patient and you knew every detail about all of them. You were always an example to the younger physicians who didn't understand the importance of bedside manner and bedside care. But true to the stereotype you absolutely had the most indecipherable physician handwriting I have ever seen! Love and prayers to your family.

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**Milly Vidot, MD** - July 01, 2016 at 06:09 PM

DE

“ To the best Dr and most friendliest caring man I ever met, rest in peace Dr Taylor

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**Debbie evans** - July 01, 2016 at 05:30 PM

MA

“ Martha Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Brookins Taylor



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**Martha Aldridge** - July 01, 2016 at 03:23 PM

MA

*I'm so sorry to hear of Dr Taylor's passing. He certainly loved and cared for his patients. Prayers go out to his family during this difficult time. He will truly be missed.*

Martha Aldridge - July 01, 2016 at 03:25 PM

KH

“ *David and Family,  
It deeply saddens me to hear about your dad. He was such a great man and doctor. I enjoyed the time that I got to know him at BRMC. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!!*

Karen Hoops-Simon - July 01, 2016 at 08:00 AM

RR

*This saddens me so much. He was a great Doctor. A wonderful person and he truly touched the lives who were blessed enough to know him. May God be with you in the next few days. Many prayers for the family and friends as they mourn the loss of a good man. God bless you.*

Rachel Riley - July 01, 2016 at 07:01 PM

CS

*So sorry to hear of Dr. Taylor's passing, he was a dear caring physician who had a great bedside manner. When I was in the hospital I often wondered if he ever slept because he would be there before sunrise and sometimes after sunset. I dreaded hunting for a new doctor when he retired. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Cheryl Sudderth - July 02, 2016 at 02:43 AM

EJ

*Our prayers are with the Taylor Family, We have not seen a Dr. that my father was more pleased with. Love the Duvall Family*

elizabeth jessie - July 03, 2016 at 05:43 AM



*You all have my sincere condolences.. Doc was a great friend of Dads and mine. Also a wound earful Doctor. Your Dad will be missed by lots of ppl. RIP Doc....*

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**Bill Kell** - July 03, 2016 at 09:44 AM



*Peter, David and family,  
Gary and I have so many wonderful, fun memories of "Doc" and Charlotte and your family's.  
Their influence shaped my career as a RN and furthered Gary's career as a pilot. Your family will always hold a very special place in our hearts.  
Our prayers and love to all.  
Elsie & Gary Jordan*

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**Gary & Elsie Jordan** - July 03, 2016 at 04:17 PM