



Walter Taylor

July 16, 1921 - November 18, 2008

Bluefield- Walter Merrill Taylor, 87, of 1018 West Cumberland Rd., Bluefield, WV, passed away Tuesday November 18, 2008 at the home of his daughter. Born July 6, 1921 in South Clinchfield, VA he was a son of the late John Taylor and Bessie McFarland Taylor. Mr. Taylor was retired as a Chief Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy after 24 years of service. He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. His most significant duty assignment was as a Chief Boatswain Mate on the U.S.S. Taluga A062. He was a member of the Riley Vest Post #9696 and the American Legion and was a member of Parkview Baptist Church. Mr. Taylor was also an avid WVU Mountaineer Football fan and was very supportive of his wife's coach career, following her with teams that she coached at Fairview School. In addition to his parents, Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Lee Ratliff Taylor in 1999; two brothers and one sister. Survivors include one son, John C. Taylor and his wife Ramona of Metropolis, IL; and two daughters, Terri A. Kelly and her husband Jimmy of Jacksonville, FL, Sandy O'Connor and her fianc? Keith Shrader of Bluefield, WV; five grandchildren, Michelle Kent, Christina Taylor-Lewis, Ryan Edward Kelly, Zachary Walter Kelly and Austin Taylor O'Connor-his little buddy; and three great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Friday November 21, 2008 with Gary Durham officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell where family and friends

will serve as pallbearers. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Council and the West Virginia Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Bible in the Schools, P.O. Box 543, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Walter Merrill Taylor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Taylor*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I was sorry to see of the death of your loved one and would like to share a verse that has brought many comfort during times such as this: John 5:28, 29--"The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out. Those who did good things to a resurrection of life." May you find hope in knowing your loved one is in God's memory.*

Ramona Hertzell - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss. If there's anything we can do, just call. We wish there could've been more time. Our Condolences.*

The Hamilton Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sandy and Austin, We are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Take care and please let us know if there is anything we can do.*

Jamie, Guy, Tori, and Allison Winterbotham - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy and sincere condolences, you are in my heart and prayers.*

Charles E. Ratliff - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM