



Harvey Raymond Taylor

August 28, 1934 - May 17, 2012

Harvey R. Taylor

Age 77, of Wayne City, IL, formerly of Braidwood, IL, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Franciscan St. Anthony Health Center in Michigan City, IN. Born August 28, 1934 in Chicago, IL. After graduating high school in 1952, Harvey went to St. Louis for one week of baseball training and in March of 1953, he was drafted into Major League baseball by the St. Louis Browns as an outfielder. Due to a ligament injury, he was dismissed from the team in April. In 1954, he married Martha "Martie", they had four children and were married until Martha passed away in 1980. Harvey was mayor of Braidwood from 1998-2002. Harvey was a member of the Braidwood Lions Club and helped deliver food baskets. Harvey loved baseball, and was a lifetime Chicago Cubs fan. He attended the World Series game in 1945 (we think he described himself sneaking in somewhere near or under the scoreboard) and had his own seat in the flower box. He coached little league teams for 15+ years, leading several of his teams into championships. He was the President of the BBSA (Braidwood Baseball Softball Assoc.) for two years. Harvey enjoyed fishing at the cooling lake or at Lake Michigan. He would often wake Lynn and Aaron up at 3am to go get bait and Dunkin Donuts before we'd set up camp behind McCormick Place to catch a cooler full of lake perch. Harvey was instrumental in forming a group of parents who had children serving in Desert Storm. He helped organize the biggest welcome home parade in Braidwood history (an army tank was even in the parade). It always seemed that wherever we went - Harvey ALWAYS knew someone there. Whether it was a restaurant, longer trip, there was always someone he bumped into that he knew. To this day, whenever any of us go out and happen to see someone we know, we say we "pulled a Harv." Harvey and Sandy moved to Wayne City, IL in 2003, where Harvey retired to watch paint dry. Surviving are his wife, Sandra (nee Gustafson) Taylor, whom he married October 20, 1984; his mother, Lillian Taylor of CA; one daughter, Lynn Bailey of Chicago, IL; son, Aaron Bailey of Virginia Beach, VA; sister, Arlene Lawrence of Beecher, IL; also surviving are son, Bill Taylor of Hometown, IL; two daughters, Debbie Taylor of Blue Island, IL and Jane (Richard) Kohlmann of Plainfield, IL; and seven grandchildren, Jeremy, Heidi, Holly, Ryan, Karen, Lauren, and Bob. Preceding him in death was his father, Harvey Taylor; and one son, Russell Taylor. Cremation rites

have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. until time of memorial services starting at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, we would like to set up a memorial fund, where donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Harvey donated to this organization and was adamant about supporting our troops however he could. Donations can be made in memory of Harvey R. Taylor. Donations are accepted online or via mail (along with a form printed from website) to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St., Braidwood, IL, US, 60408

MAY **Service** 07:00PM - 07:30PM

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Comments



“ 1 file added to the album Harvey Raymond Taylor Video Tribute



Sara Foote - July 20, 2012 at 02:48 PM



“ I Remember one morning about 2 a.m. when I got a phone call to come to Bloomington to pick up my parents, Harvey and Sandy because they had car trouble after going to the Casino in Peoria. What great times we all had with the Taylors. Harvey will rest in peace, but don't worry he will always be looking over all of us. Sandy, Lynn or Aaron, if you need anything, you know where mom and I are.

Michelle Schure-Czok

Michelle Schure-Czok - June 13, 2012 at 07:38 PM



“ Sandy & Bill,
Sorry to hear about Harvey's passing... he would have been proud of Hollie since her days of hiding under the table...

Celeste Taylor

Celeste Taylor - June 03, 2012 at 08:47 PM



“ On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Kankakee, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.



Aimee Flor Nellas - May 25, 2012 at 09:54 AM



“ I remember when Harvey & My husband Jim coached the boys baseball team together, we need one run to win so Harvey told our kid on 1st base to walk to 2nd making faces at the catcher so he would throw the ball the 2nd base-letting our guy on 3rd to score. Sure enough it worked. Funniest thing i had ever seen. Harvey always made me laugh, working on the board of the BBSA was a lot of fun, but hard work. He wanted to make sure the kids had something to do during the summer. Having the Taylors come into our lifes was a blessing with a great friendship added. I will have so many memories of things we share, he will be truly missed, but will meet again. To Sandy know that what ever you need i will be there for you! Love Tonie

Tonie Kuchar - May 24, 2012 at 11:09 AM



“ Cordy & Steph Pearson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harvey Raymond Taylor.



Cordy & Steph Pearson - May 23, 2012 at 03:00 PM



“ Nancy Andreina lit a candle in memory of Harvey Raymond Taylor



Nancy Andreina - May 23, 2012 at 07:08 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family at this time of sorrow.

Nancy Andreina - May 23, 2012 at 07:09 AM



“ Jim And Marilyn Canup lit a candle in memory of Harvey Raymond Taylor



jim and marilyn canup - May 22, 2012 at 10:46 PM