



## Jack Stephen Taylor Sr.

June 14, 1931 - January 19, 2013

Jack Stephen Taylor Sr., 81 of Skiatook, Oklahoma passed away on January 19, 2013 at his residence. He was born June 14, 1931 to Doris Stephen and Ollie Edithlyn (Kridler) Taylor east of Skiatook in his parents' home as most youngsters were back in the 30's. Greeting Jack were his siblings, oldest sister Doreen, brothers William and Bob. They greeted the last Taylor sibling, Don about 8 years later. Jack lived a bare foot, care free poor country life in the country southeast of Skiatook at the Baker place which ran a dairy later, moving north of Skiatook to the Hand-Lawson place with his parents raising corn and hogs. His love of the outdoors stayed with him throughout his entire life. He met Billie Jean Delehoyde at the movie theater, the Ritz in downtown Skiatook who became his partner and true love for 58 years. He passed on to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren the love of the outdoors and strong work ethics. Jack graduated from the Skiatook High School in May 1950 with perfect attendance all 12 years he attended school. He was drafted by the Army in July 1952, completing basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, transferring to Fort Belvoir, Virginia until his honorable discharge, July 1954. Jack did not see time in Korea but because he scored very high on the Army tests, they kept him in the states completing mechanical classes. He joined McDonald-Douglas working on various plane engines and later moved into construction work with Peevy Construction Company retiring from there at age 55. He specialized in concrete pouring and finishing. He loved fishing, and his dog Sweet Pea. Jack followed his grandchildren in volleyball, football, softball, band, speech and dance in every state they participated in. How many young people ate snacks after every home football game in 1973, 1974 and 1975 at the Taylor house have never been counted. How many teens lived with Jack and Billie because their personal lives were upturned? Their home was always open. In his golden years, Jack and Billie traveled all over the United States hitting every Casino to play penny slots. He loved the Colorado area and Las Vegas, Nevada area the most. His last year and few months were kept busy with doctor appointments and enjoyment of his family. He had made a promise to his family that he would stick around an extra year since his son-in-law David was killed in October, 2011. He reminded us on that anniversary date, October 12, 2012 his year was up, he had kept his word. Jack was funny; he was kind to a fault and would do anything for anybody. This past week as his

heart was slowing down for his final week with family he put it best by saying, "I have lived a charmed life. I could not ask for anything else." God Speed PaPa! See you on the other side. God Bless. He is survived by his wife Billie Jean of the home, four children: Renee Reed, Jack Taylor Jr., Dan Taylor and Rick Thomas and wife Debbie, six grandchildren: Andrea Reed Golden and husband Larry, Dawn Reed Schultz and husband Luke,; Garrett Reed and wife Megan, Lauren Reed and boyfriend Mike Priester, Jeremy Taylor and wife Michelle and Josh Taylor and wife Elizabeth, four great grandchildren: Marisa, Tulsa, Noah and Paxton, a brother Don Taylor of Grand Lake, OK; a host of nieces, nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to here about jack. What great times riding to ball games all those years.

**Diane (dobbs) Allison** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Billie, I read about Jack's passing first on Facebook, then read his obit. I remember Jack (vaguely) when my dad and I went to look in the back of his pick up and saw the largest catfish I'd ever seen! I also remember the time he drove Janice and me to school and he was a little bit wreckless. We both loved it. God Bless you and your family.

**Karen Linley Kamm** - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Billie and family, I was so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was a special man and I'll always remember his happy, fun-loving personality. I'm thankful that my childhood was blessed with him and his family. God bless you all.

**Lorraine Vance Holman** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathy and prayers go out to Jack's family. I have so many pleasant memories growing up in the same neighborhood, and spent countless hours during my childhood, in and around the Taylor house, playing games, camping out in the backyard, going fishing, etc. Jack was always friendly, caring, and so tolerable of us all. May he rest in peace.

**Mike Harper** - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our most sincere condolences for the loss of Jack Taylor Sr. We light a candle in honor of your legacy that still burns in the hearts of many.

**Staff of Peters-Stumpff Funeral Home** - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM