



# Raymond Mason Taylor

January 1, 1933 - March 26, 2018

Raymond Mason Taylor passed away peacefully on Monday, March 26, 2018. He was born and raised by Thaddeus Raymond Taylor and Mary Ada Mason Taylor in Washington, North Carolina. He attended the public schools of Washington and graduated from high school in 1951.

He matriculated at the University of North Carolina and graduated from there with a BA degree in 1955. While studying at Chapel Hill, he was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the honorary political science fraternity. After graduation he served in the United States Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps from 1955 to 1957. After his military service, he attended the Law School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1957 to graduation in 1960 when he received a Juris Doctor Degree. While at the University, he was inducted into the Order of the Golden Fleece, and was elected as its President during the 1958-1959 year. After graduation, he clerked for the North Carolina Supreme Court.

He married the love of his life, Rachel High Taylor on April 3, 1965. They raised their daughter, Elizabeth Lee Taylor in Raleigh, where he was the Marshall and Librarian of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1964 through 1977, and then engaged in the private practice of law until retirement. He was a lecturer of economics and business law at North Carolina State University from 1967 through 1985. He was honored as a Tar Heel of the Week in 1971.

He was a long-time member of the West Raleigh Rotary Club. He served as its President in 1992-1993 and he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. Raymond and Rachel were members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, and he was a member of the Good Ole Boys and the North Carolina Bar Association.

Raymond was predeceased by Rachel in 2013, and he is survived by Elizabeth Lee Taylor Garber and her husband, Kenneth R. Garber, of High Point, and his grandsons, Andrew Thompson Garber, Ryan Taylor Garber, and Issac Preston Garber of High Point.

His service of the Witness to the Resurrection will be at White Memorial Presbyterian Church on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 11:00. The family will greet family and friends in the Jane Bell Gathering Place immediately following the service. There will be a graveside service following the service at Taylor Lot in Oakdale Cemetery, Fifteenth and Market Streets, Washington.

# Cemetery

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## Oakdale Cemetery

180 E 15th St

Washington, NC, 27889

# Events

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**APR** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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White Memorial Presbyterian Church

1704 Oberlin Road, RALEIGH, NC, US, 27608

**APR** **Burial** 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ First off, Betsy my apologies for my not knowing of your father's passing. Raymond was admired and respected by many people. I took his business law class at State before entering law school at Wake Forest...I'm like Mr. Peele herein who quoted him as saying that "I see you're from God's country..." myself being a native and resident of Martin County, in Williamston, which is next to Bear Grass (both suburbs of Beaufort County) where many of Raymond's "Taylor" cousins hailed from. Another of his many valuable and favorite quotations, which is so applicable today, was "A little bit of learning is a dangerous thing."

He was a great teacher and an inspiration to all students who crossed his path. The memory of his sense of humor and his intelligence will be something I will always value.

tom b brandon - September 16, 2018 at 10:02 PM

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“ Dear Betsy,  
Thank you for letting me know about Raymond. He was a wonderful person and helped me so much during my career with the Court. Honest, witty, intelligent but most of all--dependable. He was a man of his word.  
He loved you and those three boys like no other grandfather I knew. He was certainly proud of you and often commented on how he didn't know how you taught school and raised the three boys.  
Please stay in touch. Your parents meant so much to us.  
susanfowens@yahoo.com

susan owens - April 03, 2018 at 01:22 PM

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“ I've known Raymond all my life, as my mother and Rachel were childhood friends and remained very close until Rachel's passing a few years back. Raymond made a point of staying in touch with my mother, and I would even get the occasional call about a special piece of music he'd heard that he wanted to pass along to her. Raymond was someone you could sit and listen to for a good while - so engaging, bright, friendly and down to earth. As I grew older, Raymond was always someone that I looked up to and respected a great deal - and I always looked forward to visiting he and Rachel in Raleigh, usually around the holidays.

My mother's health isn't the best now, and I know she wanted to be at the services for Raymond, but she just can't travel. She cherished her relationship with both Rachel and Raymond - as they did with her.

I just wanted to take a moment and let the family know that we are thinking of them, and that they are in our prayers.

Roger Philyaw

Roger Philyaw - April 02, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ I worked for Raymond the summer before I entered law school at UNC. He mentored and inspired me. What a remarkable man! He left a lasting impression on me . I have always strived to be a better person and lawyer because of him. Prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

Phillip Dixon - April 02, 2018 at 09:19 AM

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“ Many good memories of your family, Betsy

jessie cannon - April 02, 2018 at 08:39 AM

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“ Mr. Taylor was an inspiration.  
He taught me Business Law at NC State as a student. I enjoyed the class,. I enjoyed him more. His first words to me were, "Mr. Peele , I see you come form God`s Country."  
A Beaufort County native I am.  
The world is a better place because of all the lives he touched, especially mine.

I am sorry for your loss, yet I encourage you to look eternally to a bright wonderful future in Jesus!!

May Our Father bless.....

Owen L Peele - March 30, 2018 at 07:27 PM

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“ Raymond Taylor was a wonderful teacher and mentor. While I was a senior at NC State, I enrolled in his Monday evening business law course to avoid working at the Student Supply Bar! How little did I know he would turn a dry subject matter into a fascinating introduction to law and jurisprudence. He is the reason I went to law school. I am forever grateful to Mr. Taylor for sharing his gift of making potentially boring material into an inspirational and stimulating subject. When he was the NC Supreme Court Marshal and Librarian, he took the time to talk with me about all kinds of legal matters. I will never forget the difference he made in my career.

Bill Hale

Bill Hale - March 30, 2018 at 03:14 PM

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“ Raymond has been a special friend forever! He was my campaign manager for student body president in high school. Due to his multiple organizational talents and ability to sway a large audience, he was responsible for electing the first ever female to this position! And so it was for his entire life, in high school, college, and later in his chosen profession. He quietly did for others and was a sterling example of both personal and professional ethics. Always first in his life were his beloved parents, wife, and daughter. He will be greatly missed, but those of us who knew him have been greatly blessed.

Nancy S. Marks - March 30, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Mason Taylor.



March 30, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I met Raymond when my brother, Eddie Watkins, invited him to his home on several occasions to celebrate Thanksgiving or just a regular family gathering. He was a great conversationalist and my sons especially enjoyed talking with him. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family during this period. May he rest in peace.



Pamela (Watkins) Rich - March 29, 2018 at 10:39 AM