



Larry A. Taylor

July 23, 1933 - July 24, 2025

Larry A. Taylor, age 92, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2025, in Newnan, GA., after a brief illness.

Mr. Taylor was born to Florence and Roy M. Taylor, Sr., in Winnsboro, LA., in 1933. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1955 with a degree in Business Administration. Later in 1955, he was called to active duty by the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Casablanca, Morocco, and later in Altus, Oklahoma. He retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1964 as a Captain. He began his career with Southern Bell in 1957, in Monroe, LA., where he met and married the love of his life, Barbara Byrd Taylor, on a blind date. They were married three months later; it lasted 67 years and produced four children whom he adored. In 1983, Mr. Taylor was named Vice President in charge of all Business Services in the nine Southeastern states. At the divestiture of AT&T, he joined the newly formed BellSouth Corporation as Vice President of Corporate Markets. He retired from BellSouth in 1993 as Group President of Advertising and Publishing.

Mr. Taylor was recognized as an outstanding graduate of LA Tech, served as president of the National Yellow Pages Association, and was active in several civic organizations, including the Atlanta Kiwanis Club. He truly loved the Newnan First United Methodist Church and was active in all phases of his religion until his death. He was an avid golfer who played at the Newnan Country Club and the Peninsula Golf Club in Gulf Shores, AL, where he and Barbara had a condo. He and Barbara spent a large part of their early

retirement playing famous courses in Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Canada as well as many in the U.S. He served on the Georgia Golf Association Advisory Board and was a founding member of the Yates Scholarship Fund.

A family graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

Along with his parents, Larry is preceded in death by his sister, Jamie Cruse, and brother, Roy M. Taylor, Jr. Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Byrd Taylor; children, Ben Taylor, Luanne Taylor, Jeff Taylor (Carly), and Steve Taylor. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Taylor Housworth (Katherine), Judah Taylor; great-grandson, Caden, and sister, Marian Phillips (Roy).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *It was an honor and a privilege to work for Mr Taylor at BellSouth. I've never met a finer person in my life. He and I both have July birthdays and we shared cards every year - I will miss hearing from him. He was truly a man of faith and he lived that faith each and every day. My most sincere condolences to Barbara and the family.*

Donna Malone

Donna Malone - August 01, 2025 at 04:30 PM

JB

“ *I just learned of Larry's passing. He was an astute business man and a wonderful person to work for. He was focused and brought the best out in all that were around him. Shirley and I send our deepest regards to the family. He will be missed.*

*John
berry*

john berry - August 01, 2025 at 11:55 AM

AS

“ Larry was a great mentor of mine. I first met him in Birmingham where I was doing some consulting for him. Later I took a leave from being a Professor at Alabama to work with him when he was heading up the Yellow Pages.

He was a great mentor, teacher, friend, coach, and a person one could really learn from. I called him on a regular basis just to chat after he retired.

After I left Bell South, I returned to the classroom at Alabama teaching strategy. I spent many lectures telling Larry Taylor stories. What a person!

Taylor Quote: There is no limit to how far a person can go as long as they are willing to give the credit to others.

AJ (Lonnie) Strickland - July 29, 2025 at 05:05 PM

JC

“ Deanne and I are saddened with the passing of Mr Taylor. He was a gentleman and a wonderful leader. I had the honor of working with Mr Taylor for a few years in Atlanta. He will always be remembered by Deanne and I as a friend who cared deeply about the people around him.

Blessings to the entire family 🙏🙏

Jerry & Deanne Cheadle

Jerry Cheadle - July 29, 2025 at 03:03 PM

TP

“ I’m sorry to hear of Larry Taylor’s passing, he was a great executive to work with, he and Barbara were so grateful and kind every time we met. I always remember his desk and book case at Southern Bell Center he kept pictures of his family displayed, he had a love for his family and people. Tim, Tom and Floyd garage services.

Tim Parker - July 29, 2025 at 11:54 AM

CF

“ I was so saddened to hear today that Larry had passed! I always loved being around Larry and Barbara. Such a sweet couple! Mom and Dad (Carl and Eddy) loved them and had such great times with them! Big hug across the miles to Barbara and family!!

Carla Williams Fowler - July 28, 2025 at 04:58 PM

KH

“ This is sent on behalf of Hugh Maddux...“I always enjoyed the time I spent with Larry at Wesley Woods. We had many great conversations about golf, and he was always so kind to me. I am keeping his family in my prayers in the days to come, and I am so very sorry for your loss.”

Kelly Hines - July 28, 2025 at 02:00 PM

GL

“ The Taylors were our next door neighbors for many years. I couldn’t have asked for better neighbors. They were always friendly and we enjoyed many spur of the moment visits. Larry loved to walk around his beautiful yard and whistle a tune. I always think of him whistling and smiling. We will miss him. All our love to Barbara.

Ginny Lonergan - July 28, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ So very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Neal and I enjoyed our golf times with Larry and Barbara and will keep those special memories forever!

Jodie Shepard - July 28, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LT

“ 1 file added to the album Larry Taylor pictures



Luanne A Taylor - July 27, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LT

“ Thank you for the memories shared about my father, Larry Taylor. I was fortunate to have known him so long. He will be missed.

Luanne A Taylor - July 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JA

“ So sorry to learn of Larry's Passing. I was a Bellsouth friend and colleage for the nearly 15 years (1986-2000) I was a Bellsouth Officer in South Carolina. He was the kind of person and Executive I wanted to emulate because he was a true people person who inspired us all to be better every day. I know he will be missed by everyone at our company but also all he knew after retiring to Newton. My condolences for all family members during this sad time. Sincerely, Joe Anderson Columbia, SC

Joe Anderson - July 27, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DC

“ Shared a lot of good golf times with Larry. A real Southern Gentleman. Prayers to Barbara and family.

dave clemens - July 26, 2025 at 09:02 PM

GP

“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Taylor



Gerrie Petty - July 26, 2025 at 09:51 AM

PJ

“ I was so saddened to learn of Larry's passing. I had the privilege of working for and with Larry for several years at Southern Bell/BellSouth. He was one of the finest people I've ever known. Larry was incredibly smart and insightful and had a tremendous sense of humor. He held everyone to his high standards, but was fair and friendly to all.

I am so glad that I made the trip to Newnan last year to have lunch with Larry and to join him on a tour of the property and his and Barbara's beautiful home in the Wesley Woods Community, where he was greeted warmly by everyone we saw. His wonderful leadership skills and style clearly followed him into his retirement, and his wit was as sharp as ever. My condolences go out to the entire Taylor family, and especially to Barbara. We have lost a great friend and a great man!

Phil Jacobs

Phil Jacobs - July 26, 2025 at 09:27 AM

JD

“ *Larry and Barbara were some of the first people we met when we moved to Newnan, always enjoyed their company. Hugs to Barbara and family!*

Jan and Jim Day - July 26, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry A. Taylor.*

July 25, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry A. Taylor.*



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