



Wayne Allen Taylor

April 4, 1939 - March 8, 2025

Wayne Allen Taylor, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and proud Air Force veteran, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2025, at the age of 85. Born on April 4, 1939, in Bloomington, Illinois, Wayne lived a life full of love, service, and unwavering dedication to his family.

In 1957, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Air Force. It was during these years that he developed the discipline, resilience, and skill that would shape the rest of his life. On July 29, 1961, he married the love of his life, Joan Taylor nee Brown, and together they built a family rooted in love, strength, and laughter.

Wayne was the rock of his family - A big, handsome man with a soft heart. He had a warm, easy smile that could brighten any room. He loved to dance and travel around with Joan and always cherished time spent with family. His greatest joy was his children, Tracey Taylor and Sonya Miller (Jason); his late son, Scott Taylor Sr.; his six grandchildren, Shane (Kristen), Ashlynn (Brandon), Caroline, Emily, Madison, and Tyson; and his three great-grandchildren, Callie, Sophia, and Ezra. He is reunited in peace with his grandson, Scott Taylor Jr.

His love, wisdom, and steadfast presence will be deeply missed but forever cherished by those who knew him. Though he is no longer with us, he will live

on in the family he loved so dearly, in the lessons he passed down, and in the countless memories he created.