



Ernest Taylor Jr.

February 12, 1948 - March 7, 2026

Ernest Taylor Jr. passed away on March 7, 2026. He was the son of Ernest Taylor Sr. and Eleamese (Washington) Taylor and was married to Patricia Taylor for 41 years.

Ernest was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and a fan of the Golden State Warriors. He loved fishing and spending time with his family. Ernest previously worked at Peoria Tube Forming, where he remained employed until his retirement in 2012.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons, Niko Young and Nicklaus Barnett; and five daughters, Yolanda Butler (Tim), Tracey Taylor, Marquita Greene (Caesar), Melissa Wells, and Buffy Close. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, as well as his brothers, James Taylor (Sheryl) and Otis Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Taylor Sr.; his mother, Eleamese Taylor; his mother-in-law, Marjorie Welch; his two sons, Ernest Taylor and Wesley Wainwright; and his daughter, Mary Close.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Services will be at Glen Oak Christian Church on Saturday March 14, 2026 at 11:00 A.M with visitation one-hour prior. Repast will be directly following service at Glen Oak Christian Church

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Oak Christian Church
1115 E Republic St
Peoria , IL 61603

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MV

“ Monica, Camille, Amber, Ana and Vanita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Taylor Jr..

Monica, Camille, Amber, Ana and Vanita - March 12 at 10:40 PM

MV

“ Monica, Camille, Amber, Ana and Vanita purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ernest Taylor Jr..



Monica, Camille, Amber, Ana and Vanita - March 12 at 10:40 PM

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“ Denene & Chuck Ricks lit a candle in memory of Ernest Taylor Jr.



Denene & Chuck Ricks - March 10 at 09:10 PM

EB

“ Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Ernest Taylor Jr.



Emel Buckner - March 09 at 03:47 PM