



## Barbara Linn Taylor

January 13, 1941 - August 28, 2025

Together in death as they were in life.

Barbara Linn (Sears) Taylor passed away on August 28th, and Elmer "Lee" Taylor passed away on September 3rd. Both were surrounded by their loving family at the time of their passing.

In 1965, Barbara and Elmer were married, and together they built a life near Redtop, south of Buffalo, where they raised their family and farmed for several years.

Barbara was born in Kansas City in 1941 and grew up in Joplin. She will be remembered as a caring, kind, intelligent—and yes, stubborn—woman with the most wonderful, infectious laugh. She loved playing cards, cheering on her football teams, and, most of all, spending time with her family.

Elmer was born in 1937 in Redtop, where he also grew up. He will be remembered as witty, sharp as a tack, hard-working, sweet, and loving. His kindness and gentleness made him a true “baby whisperer,” and he had a special way with children. He loved spending time with his family, tending his strawberries, and perfecting his technique for barbecuing ribs.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Myra and Ruth Sears, as well

as her four sisters: Myra Jane, Patricia, Julia, and Nancy.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Jewel Taylor, and his siblings: Betty, Vivian, Beverly, Sharrell, and Thomas.

They are survived by their five children: Marty; Jodie; Shelly and her husband, Craig; Mark and his wife, Stacy; and Nicki and her husband, Frank.

Their grandchildren—Matthew, Sammi, Daren, Evan, Madeline, Darwin, Jacob, Alex, and Sarah—were each close to their hearts. Their great-grandchildren—Charlotte, Amelia, Ollie, Genavieve, and Murphy—brought them smiles and laughter right up until their final days.

Elmer is also survived by his siblings: Dwight, Richard, Brent, and Tracy.

We take comfort in knowing they are together. Heaven is lucky to have you both.

Celebration of life will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, with visitation from 10 am - 11 am, with formal service beginning at 11 am at the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo, Missouri.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo, Missouri.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Linn Taylor.



September 05, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Daniel W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Linn Taylor.

Daniel W. - September 02, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Lorie & Mike Humphrey purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara Linn Taylor.



Lorie & Mike Humphrey - August 31, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ From Patricia Phelps and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Barbara Linn Taylor.



From Patricia Phelps and Family - August 30, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TB

“ Her smile could brighten a room. Her laughter was infectious. Her family was her everything. She excepted me as one of her own. I'm thankful for the talks we shared. I loved her like she was my own mother. I'll never forget the good times we shared. Your no longer in pain and in the comfort of Jesus Christ. Rest in Peace sweet lady! I love you!

Tonna Bateman - August 29, 2025 at 05:32 PM

TL

“ Tonna L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Linn Taylor.

Tonna L. - August 29, 2025 at 05:12 PM

NW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nicki Wolverton - August 29, 2025 at 03:24 PM

CA

“ Chris and Pat Amschler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Linn Taylor.



Chris and Pat Amschler - August 29, 2025 at 03:15 PM