



Elmer Lee Taylor

November 25, 1937 - September 4, 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)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bateman and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elmer Lee Taylor.*

Bateman and family - September 06, 2025 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Bateman and family purchased the Elegance Gift Basket for the family of Elmer Lee Taylor.*



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“ *A sweet gentle man! Loved his smile and his kind heart. Great sense of humor! Loved and lived for his family. The best barbecue ribs and he was proud of them. It made his heart proud when you ate those delicious ribs. Oh, and don't forget about those strawberries he worked so hard to plant and grow. Such a proud man! Never met anyone like him and never will. A one of a kind. He will be truly missed! I'm glad he is with his one and truly loved sweetheart. His wife Barbara. May they both Rest in Peace together. Love you Lee and never will forget you!*

Tonna Bateman - September 06, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elmer Lee Taylor.* ”



September 05, 2025 at 02:06 PM