



Edsel "Papa" Youell Taylor

September 17, 1931 - September 28, 2023

Edsel "Papa" Youell Taylor, 92, of St. Albans passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Edsel was born on September 17th, 1931 in Pentacre, West Virginia to Joseph and Rada Taylor. He is preceded in death by his sisters Eva Taylor, Chloe (Ernest) Lowery, Virginia (Jack) Booth, and Gloria (Jim) Lyons, and a brother, Crandal.

Edsel is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Aileen (Huffman) Taylor, son Timothy (Beverly) Taylor, grandchildren Joe (Birgit) Taylor, Justin (Katie) Taylor, and Anne (Scott) Tremblay, as well as his great-grandchildren Nora, Drew, and Finn, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of various congregations of the Church of Christ in the Kanawha Valley throughout his life.

Edsel loved to "tinker", build and fix things. Even at 92 years old he could recite from memory how to repair something he had done once - a decade ago. He met his soulmate, Aileen, as a teenager and they built a beautiful life together; their 72 year marriage a testament to their love, support, and partnership. He retired from Columbia Gas Systems after 32 years to enjoy time with his family, who he loved more than anything. Edsel was known for being kind, gentle, generous, smart and humorous. He was a wonderful husband, father, "Papa", brother, and friend. His absence is deeply felt by all who love him.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday October 4, 2023 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home with Minister Steve Fox and Minister Mark Mitchell officiating. A burial will be held private for the family.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Tool Lending Library through the Kanawha County Public Library, 123 Capitol St. Charleston, WV 25301 or to Mountain Mission 1620 7th Avenue, Charleston, WV 25387 in Edsel's name.

You may visit Edsel's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Taylor family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AL

“ Anne & family, we are so sorry about your Papa’s passing. We are sending you all our love and prayers and have donated \$75 in his name to the Mountain Mission. Love, Anne’s friends Hannah, Sydney, and Ally

alexandra - October 08, 2023 at 08:44 AM

GA

“ Gabriela Abarca lit a candle in memory of Edsel "Papa" Youell Taylor



Gabriela Abarca - October 03, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edsel "Papa" Youell Taylor.



October 02, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edsel "Papa" Youell Taylor.



October 02, 2023 at 06:38 PM

TT

“ On Thursday my father, friend, life long mentor, grandfather and great grandfather left this world. Throughout his life his gentle and thoughtful spirit left a lasting impression of caring and support to all he listened to, talked with, shared stories with and supported. My last conversation with Dad on Tuesday evening was a 45 minute talk about his grand children and great grands being the joy of his life. I miss you Daddy ❤️

Tim Taylor - October 01, 2023 at 10:27 AM

MM

Tim, I'm so sorry to hear this news. We lost dad last July so we are going through that year of "firsts" without him. The birthdays, anniversaries, and fathers' days are hard and I'll be praying for you all as those approach but it's those every day talks that are irreplaceable. I watch a Mountaineer game and think I need to talk to him about the coaching or officiating, or I want advice about a project. Those everyday events are hard but they are reminders that we had good fathers in our lives who taught us valuable lessons that helped us grow. Those memories are blessings and I know you have many to look forward to. Hold your mom close and remind her of the blessing he brought her. Remind her that I and many others are holding her up in prayers right now.

God be with you all.

Michael Morris - October 01, 2023 at 11:47 AM

BK

*“ I feel very blessed to have known Edsel. He was one of the most gentle and kind men I ever knew. And those twinkling eyes !! I will never forget his kindnesses shown to me,
I loved that he shared a birthday with my youngest , Mollie! Enjoy your heavenly reward, Edsel!!*

Betsy Keene - October 01, 2023 at 09:34 AM

BT

Thank you, Betsy. We found a sweet tribute Mollie wrote about her birthday buddy Edsel when she was in 5th grade that he had saved.

Beverly Taylor - October 01, 2023 at 10:21 AM