



## Larry Taylor

August 8, 1941 - December 2, 2008

Services for Larry James Taylor, 67 of Tyler, will be held on Friday, December 5 at 1:30 PM at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Ken Brumley and Rev. Scott Wiley officiating. Private family burial will be in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Taylor peacefully passed away, Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Hospice Homeplace in Tyler, surrounded by his family. He was born August 8, 1941 in Taylor, Arkansas to William E. and Elizabeth Green Taylor. He graduated from Taylor High School as the Valedictorian of his Class of 1959, and also served as Senior Class President. Mr. Taylor then went on to support himself while attending the University of Arkansas, where he graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Mr. Taylor married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Crank Taylor, and they enjoyed 45 years of a happy and fruitful marriage. They raised two beautiful daughters, Kristin and Stephanie. He dedicated his early professional career to the Monsanto and Helena Chemical Companies, as well as Marsco Engineering. Following his efforts there, he became a Co-founder and President of Petrofac Corporation, a successful hydrocarbon processing firm with international acclaim. He also enjoyed and excelled in real estate development and other entrepreneurial interests. Mr. Taylor was a Director of Regions Bank (previously Tyler Bank and Trust). Mr. Taylor was an active and supportive member of Green Acres Baptist Church, and a dedicated servant of Good Samaritan Outreach Center for over 30 years. His service to his Lord and Savior was a priority in his life,

and resulted in the formation of many close relationships with friends in the church. His greatest joys in life included many travels with his wife, dear friends and family. He always treasured the opportunity to spend time with his children and grandchildren. Much of his time was spent with his dear grandchildren, Allie and Andrew, creating projects and building things. He enjoyed attending their various sports and school activities. Mr. Taylor had the unique ability to successfully balance family, work, spiritual and personal interests, so that all facets of his life were lived to the fullest. Ultimately family was always the first priority for him, and each family member felt his love and admiration. Mr. Taylor is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Crank Taylor, daughters, Kristin Werner and husband Mike, Stephanie Taylor Sorrell and husband Sean, grandchildren, Allie Werner, Andrew Werner, Jake Sorrell and Douglas Sorrell. Through his bouts with cancer, Mr. Taylor came to receive strength and comfort from Isaiah 41:10. His faith was strong, consistent and enduring. Pallbearers will be Charles Miller, Kendall Neill, Edwin Smith, Bill Flanigan, Sean Sorrell and Mike Werner. Honorary pallbearers will be Pete Forsyth, Hansel Crank and John Jackson. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Larry J. Taylor may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX. 75701, American Cancer Society, 1301 South Broadway Ave., Tyler, TX. 75701, or Green Acres Baptist Church Missions, 1607 Troup Hwy., Tyler, TX. 75701. The family would like to express gratitude to the many caregivers, medical personnel, and friends who have provided their love and support and assisted in his peaceful transition into Heaven. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Sandy, Kristin, and Stephanie,

*I was deeply saddened to hear of Larry's passing. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Larry was a special person in my life and I will always cherish the memories I have of our years together at Marsco and Petrofac. His door was always open and his kindness and generosity were an inspiration to me. Joy and I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to you all.*

*Jeff B. Freeman*

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**Jeff B. Freeman** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Such a dear person. My thoughts go back to how strong and positive Mr. Taylor was during Kristin's battle with cancer. He was always patient and loving with Allie and Andrew and there to lend a hand when needed. He will truly be missed.

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**Deanne and Stan Gabriel** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Sandy and family, Love and Prayers...  
*Larry's testimony re Is 41:10 continues to circulate in East Texas and beyond. There's something special about the connection in the Spirit. You don't have to see people but perhaps once or twice to know who belongs to the Lord's family. There was no doubt that Larry belonged. He was a quiet tower of strength...  
Is 26:3 is for you today, Sandy.*

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**Kay Gilliland** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I was fortunate to have met Larry at Sean and Stephanies wedding reception. We really enjoyed discussing Sean and Steph. and other members of the immediate and extended family. Although that was my only contact Larry truly emulated what I would call a very real person, proud and excited for his family and friends and where he was in life...

*Best wishes to all the family and our prayers are with you.*

*Bear*

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**barry S Gillingwater** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Steph and the family,

*Although I never met your dad, I know he was a terrific person. I am sure many of his finest qualities continue to be expressed through your life and others.*

*You must be very proud to have had such a wonderful dad who taught you to be such a good genuine person. You always spread sunshine wherever you travel, if not in Austin, TX, then Aspen, CO or the streets of San Francisco. Regardless, whenever I have seen you, and from the very first time we met, you were always smiling and making me and others very feel better about the day. I am sure your dad influenced such positive attributes.*

*Your Dad made such a contribution to your life, and for that, I am grateful because I have you as a friend. I know there is another big lug in Austin who is very appreciative of your dad. Sean has always been a great guy, but ever since he has met you, he is even more of a terrific person. Sean knows you are very precious and your dad made you that way.*

*I know this is a time of sadness, but also of joy and celebration of a wonderful life that touched so many. I am sure you are very proud.*

*Wishing you the best,*

*Your good pal in Chicago,*

*Brian*

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**Brian McAuliffe** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Stephanie,  
Cindy and I are sorry to hear about your loss. I hope that God will comfort you and your family through the coming days. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.  
BT

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**Henry Jenkins** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I liked Larry, his positive attitude and easy smile made him a pleasure to be around. I learned from his quiet, firm, meticulous business nature. He was a detail person and usually seemed to know the answers to the questions he was asking but he wanted to know my opinion. I appreciated his style. I never heard anything but positive and good comments about his family. I hope I can be more like that, only spreading good news and good comments. Sandy my prayers and love are with you.

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**Enyart Mitchell** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I was so sorry to learn of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The suffering is over and he is with the Lord in eternal peace. Please know that I will keep him in my prayers.  
Lots of Hugs to you "Bling".  
My mother passed away 25 years ago on Dec. 14th at the age of 66. She is still with me every day.  
Norma

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**Norma Gillingwater** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Stephanie and family,  
I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.  
Susan

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**Susan Bauer** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ During our marriage of 13 years, I have heard Lewis Ray speak more wonderful and humorous things about his best friend, Larry Taylor, than any other person - including family & other friends in his life. Following every story or senerio Lewis would add, "A really great guy, my friend Larry"... We did not know the cancer had returned and wish to send our deepest sympathy to his sweet wife and entire family. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Just think how the angels sang the real meaning of Christmas upon Larry's arrival! He is now safe in the gentle arms of his Savior & Lord.

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**LEWIS RAY POPE & WIFE LYNDA** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Dear Taylor Family,  
I know it has been a long time since we have seen each other. In case your memory fails you Mike and I lived next door to you at The Hudson and Mike worked at Kelly with Mike Werner. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I also lost my father to cancer on October 31, 2008 and I understand what you have been through. We will keep you in our prayers during this holiday season as it will not be easy for any of us. You are a close family as we are and you will get through this together.

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**Mike and Amy Newsom** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our deepest sympathy and concern are with at this time.

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**Lamar and Diane Smith** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I only met Larry once but I had the opportunity to share with he and Sandra as fathers of Sean and Stephanie. We both enjoyed each other and were quite comfortable discussing life. I am sorry we didn't get to have other times together but I was blessed none the less.

*In addition to meeting Larry and Sandra I also have become a great friend of Stephanie. And I believe that here love for her mother and dad has a lot to do with her ability to be a caring and loving person.*

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**JAY R. SORRELL** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ We wish to express our condolences to you, Sandy, Kristin and Stephanie.

*We will miss Larry- his smile & warmth.*

*Our hearts go out to you. You are in our thouhts & prayers everyday.*

*I will call you later.*

*God bless you. All our love to everyone.*

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**Fran & Carol Werner** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Loren and Carla Lovell** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Steph,

*We didn't know your father, but we know he is proud of you. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bub and Aime*

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**Bubba and Aime Nickel** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Hi Stephanie- Miss seeing you and I hope you are recovering with your fathers passing. He sounded like a wonderful man, just like his daughter. Blessing to you and your family.

*From your favorite tennis partner-Valerie*

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**Valerie Shaw** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Sandy and family, I was so sadden to hear about Larry 's passing. Larry was a favorite to all that knew him. I can see his kind smile when I think of him. It did not surprise me when I read of his love and devotion to his wife, girls, grandchildren, friends, church family and God. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. My prayers are with all of you.

*Love, Billie*

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**Billie Leveritt Disotell** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I graduated from Taylor High with Larry and I am so sorry to hear about his death and your loss and it sounds like a lot of people will miss him. I was so looking forward to seeing him next year at our 50th reunion. He was the most outstanding person in our class and I knew he would do well in life.

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**Norma June Tompkins Cantrell** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM