



## Richard A. Taylor

May 4, 1949 - December 11, 2016

Richard went home to God on Sunday, December 11, 2016, while in hospice care at his home, after a battle of cancer.

Memorial will be held Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell, Iowa. Military rites will be conducted by the Newell American Legion Post #193. Visitation will take place Friday, December 16, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in his honor. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard Arthur Taylor was born May 4, 1949, in Worthington, Minnesota, to Wallace and Phyllis (Morris) Taylor. He was the first grandchild of grandparents Roy and Marie (Donaldson) Morris and Arthur and Lily (Daughtery) Taylor. All were delighted. Richard was joined by Allen, Susan, and David. They were a warm and loving family. Richard grew up in the Storm Lake and Newell, Iowa area.

Richard was very much a shepherd at heart. He loved working around and caring for animals. He enjoyed raising livestock and his gardens.

He attended elementary at Hayes Consolidated and Storm Lake Jr. High.

After graduating from Newell Providence High School, where he played football, and was also a member of FFA, he enlisted in the United States Navy. While serving in the Navy, he was a member of the first crew to service on the first Poseidon Class Nuclear Submarine, the USS James Madison. He received Presidential Commendation for his service.

Returning home from the sea, Richard was introduced to Bonnie Meyer by his cousin, Greg Drzycimski. What a wonderful match it was! Richard and Bonnie were married on September 1, 1973, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hartley, Iowa.

Richard and Bonnie settled in Storm Lake, Iowa, where they welcomed a son, Jason. They longed for the country life so the hunt for an acreage began. They found a fixer upper. They fixed it up and it became a home where they welcomed their daughter, Ann. So began the joys and wonders of family life in the country.

During those years, Richard worked for Hygrade in Storm Lake for 12 years. Don's Farm Supply of Newell became his home away from home for 33 years until he retired on July 2015. Richard enjoyed working at Don's getting to meet and know many wonderful people, which was a perk of his work.

Richard was a man of faith who enjoyed attending St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Newell and First Lutheran Church in Fonda, Iowa. Richard enjoyed studying the Bible, listening to the Christian radio station, as well as discussing religion with family and friends.

Those who will cherish his memory are his wife of 43 years, Bonnie of Newell, Iowa; son, Jason (Angela) Taylor and their children: Robert, Emma, and Grace of Washington, Iowa; daughter, Ann (Brian) Wise and their children: Cole and Corinne of Newell, Iowa; mother, Phyllis Taylor; brothers: Allen

(Marilee) Taylor and David (Andrea) Taylor; sister, Susan (John) Marshall; sisters-in-law: Marlene (Roger) Duhn and Julie (James) Swenson; as well as a large and loving extended family. May God grant comfort and peace to all.

Richard is preceded in death by his father, Wallace Taylor; mother-in-law, Pauline (Braunschweig) Meyer; and father-in-law, Marvin Meyer.

Richard's smile and joy of being will be deeply missed as well as his ability to show the love of Christ to all. May he rest in peace and see the face of God.

Richard sent messages to us all. I lived like it was an adventure! The greatest love and joy are being surrounded by family, watching them bond and grow. They are my legacy, the true joy of my heart.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC **17**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church -- Newell  
314 South Clark  
Newell, IA 50568

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 16, 2016 at 03:04 PM

SU

*Richard's tribute video.*

**Susan** - December 20, 2016 at 10:46 PM

SU

*This is my brother, Richard's tribute video*

**Susan** - December 20, 2016 at 10:47 PM

PT

*What precious memories! I love the picture of the kiss on the bridge...beautiful.*

**Pamela Tidemann** - December 20, 2016 at 11:10 PM

LT

*So sorry to hear of Richard's death. I graduated with him from high school and he was always such a kind soul. He will be missed by all who knew him. Lois (Nelson) Todd*

**Lois Todd** - December 21, 2016 at 04:27 PM

MP

“ I just learned of Richard's passing. My condolences to Bonnie and entire family. Richard was a classmate, and always friendly. I always enjoyed seeing him at class reunions, or whenever we bumped into him when we were in the Newell or Storm Lake area. He was a special person!

Marty Petzoldt - December 21, 2016 at 09:42 AM

BR

Thanks for sharing, Martha. Richard was a very kind special individual always full of smiles. Blessings to Bonnie and Family, Bill and Bev Ohrtman Rice

Bev ohrtman Rice - December 21, 2016 at 06:40 PM

LM

“ Linda Martindale lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor



Linda Martindale - December 20, 2016 at 09:32 PM

PT

“ Bonnie and family, while we all know where Richard is now and are rejoicing and celebrating his welcome to heaven, it sure is hard for the people who remain behind. I don't know that I ever met a kinder man. I do have to share a funny story though...Richard wasn't someone I ever really saw upset or angry. However...one day he came into DFS, after he had retired. He was just a grumbling!!! He said he and Bonnie had been busy cleaning out his shop. Well apparently there was a comfy chair that Richard liked AND which he wanted to keep. Bonnie did not. If I recall correctly, she took it out. Oh my goodness...he was mad as a wet hen!!! He was huffing and grumping and I sat there and giggled. He said, "I tell you, that was MY chair and I liked it. I didn't talk to Bonnie for two days I was so mad...then she said 'I guess we can find a place for it'. Alright then." I just sat there and laughed. He was MOSTLY over it, but still slightly miffed! I think he realized how silly the whole thing was as we sat there cracking up. I will miss his smiling eyes and his kindness. May you be blessed with many wonderful memories until you meet again. God bless. Pam Tidemann

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**Pamela Tidemann** - December 15, 2016 at 10:09 PM

SF

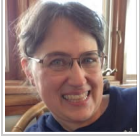
“ Richard loved his livestock and was a very caring livestock man. Always a smile.

*My sympathy. It was a very short retirement! But heaven is the best retirement.*

*Steve Frank, Nelsons Vet Supply*

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**Steven Frank** - December 15, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sonia Haahr lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



Sonia Haahr - December 14, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ *My sympathies go out to Richard's family. I really enjoyed visiting with Richard when I'd go to DFS and get chicken feed for my broilers in the summer. May he rest in the arms of God.*

Anne Mohr - December 14, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Mike And Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



Mike and Shelly Jensen - December 14, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - December 14, 2016 at 12:01 PM

DH

“ *Denny & Lynn Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



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**Denny & Lynn Hamilton** - December 14, 2016 at 09:19 AM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



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**Ruth Westergaard** - December 14, 2016 at 08:38 AM

AF

“ *Amy Frehse lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



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**Amy Frehse** - December 14, 2016 at 08:34 AM

MM

“ Bonnie and family,  
Yesterday, December 12, we received you and Richard's Christmas letter and not yet knowing that Richard had passed, we marveled at his beautiful words and strength as he fought a courageous battle of such a hideous cancer. Richard missed his calling as a writer and his message was so heartwarming. He was the one that needed to be comforted, and he was comforting everyone else. Tonight Glenda called to tell us that God has called him home. We are in Texas, so distance prevents us from attending Richard's services, but please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love, Marci & Keith

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**Marci & Keith Meyer** - December 13, 2016 at 11:06 PM

HM

“ Sorry we will not be able to be there in person. Richard was a great man and it was an honor to have known him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Mike, Heather, Ella, and Gwen Mcginity

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**Heather Mcginity** - December 13, 2016 at 08:39 PM

JM

“ Jim And Linda Martindale lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor



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**Jim and Linda Martindale** - December 13, 2016 at 03:29 PM

BD

“ So sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
*Bill and Bonnie Duhn*



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**Bill and Bonnie Duhn** - December 13, 2016 at 01:19 PM

JH

“ *Jason Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



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**Jason Holtgrewe** - December 13, 2016 at 12:41 PM

NH

“ *Neal And Kathy Hazen lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



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**Neal and Kathy Hazen** - December 13, 2016 at 09:49 AM

PC

“ *Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



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**Pegi Cavanaugh** - December 13, 2016 at 07:10 AM

PC

*I will miss Richard's warm, engaging smile and friendly conversation. He was a humble man who made many people smile.*

Pegi Cavanaugh - December 13, 2016 at 07:11 AM

BM

“ *Bobbie Miller lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



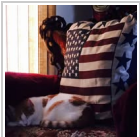
Bobbie Miller - December 12, 2016 at 04:00 PM

GR

“ *Gary & Nancy Richter lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



Gary & Nancy Richter - December 12, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor*



Suana Wessendorf - December 12, 2016 at 02:05 PM

AT

“ Anne Thompson lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor



Anne Thompson - December 12, 2016 at 01:02 PM

KR

“ Kelli Rhiner lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor



Kelli Rhiner - December 12, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DN

“ David & Linda Nase lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor



David & Linda Nase - December 12, 2016 at 10:10 AM

DH

“ Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Taylor



Doris Harvey - December 12, 2016 at 09:27 AM