



Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor

September 21, 1977 - July 6, 2021

Joshua Roy “Josh” Taylor, 43, of Fort Gibson, was born September 21, 1977 in Muskogee, OK to Roy and Janiece (Lewis) Taylor and peacefully passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021 with his loving family by his side.

He spent his grade school years in the Fort Gibson School system, and finished his formal education at Muskogee High School.

Josh was a carpenter by trade, working for his grandpa, Leroy Smith’s Cabinet Shop in Fort Gibson for most of his working career. His passions in life were wood working, playing golf, wetting a hook at his favorite fishing spot, stock car racing and watching pro-wrestling.

Josh is lovingly survived by his mother and his step-father, Janiece and Bryan Lewis of the home; brothers, Michael Taylor and wife Trish of Fort Gibson, OK; Jerry Taylor and wife Melanie of Eufaula, OK; Roger Taylor of North Carolina; Bryan Lewis and wife Kristi of Sand Springs, OK; and Cody Lewis and wife Lashawn of Fort Gibson, OK; grandparents, Leroy and Patsy Smith of Fort Gibson, OK and Larry and Caroll Lewis of Muskogee, OK; aunts and uncles, Chuck Brosz and wife Sheila of Dallas, TX; Marvin Smith and wife Ellie of Fort Gibson, OK; Mark Smith and wife Kelly of Tulsa, OK; Lance Lewis and wife Shawwna of Muskogee, OK; Brad Lewis of Muskogee, OK; James Taylor of Fort Gibson, OK; Jimmy Taylor and wife Barbara of Tulsa, OK; Doug Gilliland and wife Erin of Fort Gibson, OK; nieces and nephews, Shelby, Leah, Sara, Trapper, Fisher, Scout, Carsen, Maggie, Reed, Elizabeth, Orion, Harley, Drayden, Jayde, Xander, Mason, Camron, Serenity and Abby; several cousins, numerous extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Taylor and his grandmother, Lois Cook.

A celebration of Josh’s life will be 1:00PM Saturday, July 24, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson with Brother Butch Cook officiating. Michael Taylor, Jerry Taylor, Bryan Lewis, Cody Lewis, Kenny Clemmens and Rome Nichols will serve as urn bearers.

The family of Joshua Roy Taylor has entrusted his care, cremation and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **24.** 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *It’s strange, the way memories resurface —
this past weekend, surrounded by family,
and yet, something in the air felt incomplete.*

*I thought of the day we played “colored eggs,”
the same day you hit your head at the shop.
Of the nights we lit things on fire
and sent them flying down the driveway with Kenny,
our laughter chasing sparks into the dark.*

*I can still see us running wild around the barn and pasture —
reckless, fearless, untouched by the heaviness
we’d one day come to know.*

*We have lost everyone that played the colored egg game
We had no idea.
I had no idea I’d be the last one left from that game.
I never asked to be.*

*You were supposed to be here —
to help our parents as they aged,
to share the years, the memories, the weight of it all.*

*Now, when I think of those days —
the shop, the farm, the laughter echoing
through that little house in Muskogee —
my heart aches with both love and longing.*

*You will never be forgotten.
You will always be missed.
And I promise to live every day in honor of you —
to fill the time I have left with meaning,
hoping somewhere, somehow,
you’re watching... and proud.*

Stephanie - October 23, 2025 at 12:23 AM



“ *Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

SK

“ Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Stephanie Keeton - August 06, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor.



July 24, 2021 at 11:20 PM

GF

“ Glenda Fausett lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Glenda Fausett - July 19, 2021 at 02:14 PM

SK

“ Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Stephanie Keeton - July 13, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Mindy Elkins lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Mindy Elkins - July 10, 2021 at 10:51 PM

KS

“ Kelly Smith lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Kelly Smith - July 09, 2021 at 10:44 AM

TA

“ Tom And Janell Arndt lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Tom and Janell Arndt - July 08, 2021 at 07:27 PM

MB

“ Midge Blue lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Midge Blue - July 08, 2021 at 04:46 PM

AC

“ Amy Clinkenbeard lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Amy Clinkenbeard - July 08, 2021 at 10:09 AM

SC

“ Sandra K Conn lit a candle in memory of Joshua Roy 'Josh' Taylor



Sandra K Conn - July 07, 2021 at 08:46 PM