



## Larry Thomas Taylor

November 11, 2024

Larry Thomas Taylor, 84, of Christiansburg, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, November 11, 2024 at The Westmont at Short Pump in Glen Allen. Born in Woodruff, SC, son of the late Harold Thomas Taylor and Elberta Boozer Taylor Adams. He graduated from Taylors High School, received a B.S. and Ph.D at Clemson University, and Post Doctoral at Ohio State University.

As Professor and Department Chair of the Chemistry Department at Virginia Tech, Larry provided outstanding leadership, service, and research. He taught thousands of students, was well published, and made hundreds of presentations around the world. He is the recipient of many awards for achievements in the chemical profession and offered a vast knowledge of research support, patents, and programs. He was bestowed Professor Emeritus from Virginia Tech, after a 40-year career and also worked for NASA Langley Research Center.

Larry was also very involved with his church, mission work, and multiple charities, including the Salvation Army and Kiwanis Club. He founded the Blacksburg Shelter Home in 1971 and served as President for 30 years. He taught Sunday School at Blacksburg Baptist Church for 40 years and served on multiple committees and was a Deacon.

He loved crabbing, tennis, dancing, and was an enthusiastic Hokie sports fan. He is survived by his wife, Gail Moss Taylor, daughter, Michele Taylor Brandon (Jonathan), son, Marc Thomas Taylor, and 3 grandchildren, Heather Grace

Brandon, Gregory Thomas Brandon, and Reese William Brandon.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive, Blacksburg, with Tommy McDearis and Deanie Heath officiating. The family will receive friends at 1:00pm. A brief graveside service will follow at Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley, 2551 North Main Street, Blacksburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

2551 N. MAIN ST.  
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Thomas Taylor.*



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November 18, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ *I'll never forget the love Larry and Gail showed my mom, Mary Wilson, by visiting her in NC after my dad, Gene Wilson, passed. I am so grateful for the friendship he and my dad had during difficult days for my family. I know their friendship meant so much to my dad. Larry is such a good man. I trust he is with Jesus and reunited with many saints and friends including my parents.*

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**Mary Ann Baldwin** - November 16, 2024 at 11:33 PM



“ *From Bill and Linda Coleman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Thomas Taylor.*



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**From Bill and Linda Coleman** - November 16, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ *Green Chemistry Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Thomas Taylor.*

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**Green Chemistry Group** - November 15, 2024 at 02:46 PM

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“ *Green Chemistry Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry Thomas Taylor.*



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**Green Chemistry Group** - November 15, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Larry Thomas Taylor.*



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November 14, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Thomas Taylor.*



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November 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Thomas Taylor.*

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November 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM

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“ WITH SYMPATHY, LOVE & PRAYERS,  
I GREW UP WITH LARRY IN WOODRUFF, SC  
GOING TO CHURCH & SCHOOL AT NORTHSIDE.  
SINCERELY, AUDREA GATES WATSON

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**AUDREA WATSON** - November 14, 2024 at 12:56 PM