



Leslie Owlin Taylor

September 22, 1937 - September 22, 2022

Entered into eternal rest on Thursday, September 22, 2022, on his 85th birthday.

Les was born September 22, 1937 in East St. Louis, Illinois to Joseph and Louise (Leaver) Taylor. While growing up in East St. Louis, Les developed a strong work ethic. He went to work at a young age at Forum Cafeteria in St. Louis where he met Miss Connie Lee Dyer. She quickly became the love of his life and they were married on October 15, 1955. They celebrated 65 years together enjoying the last 20 years retired on Sanibel Island.

Together they had 3 children - Keith (Carol) Taylor, the late Kenny Taylor and Kimberly (Cristopher) Nirenberg. Their blessings continued with 9 beautiful grandchildren - Lauren, Carli, Chase and Jack Taylor, Zachary Taylor and Abbey (Tanner) Tampow, Savannah, Emily and Dylan Nirenberg, and 2 great grandchildren – Leighton and Rowan Tampow. Dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle, neighbor and friend to many.

Les began his career as a union carpenter in 1956. He was a proud member of Local 602 and held the office of President for 26 years and was a Delegate for 33 years. Les also served as President of the Carpenters District Council for six years. Throughout his 45-year career, Les built over 1,000 homes throughout the St. Louis community and mentored hundreds of carpenters.

Les was devoted to Connie and his family happily raising their children in Gilmore Lakes in Columbia, IL. Over the years, Les was known for his leadership roles and involvement with his children's activities including the Gilmore Lakes Horse Club and the Boy Scouts of America serving as Scoutmaster for many years. He was a long-time member of the Classic Thunderbird Club of St. Louis and enjoyed driving his classic cars. Throughout his life, he was best known for his take-charge, energetic, no-nonsense way of life. He had a positive and lasting impact on his family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. He was 'one-of-a-kind' and will be missed by all.

Service: Graveside Service 1:00 p.m. at Bellerive Gardens Cemetery on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Gardens

740 N. Mason Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Owlin Taylor*

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“ *To Keith and all family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My father worked for Les for many years and respected him very much. He often talked about his drive, determination, and eye for detail. Even when my dad was telling fragmented stories because of his dementia, we knew he was referring to Les when he'd say, "You know, the guy in charge of the job!" Please know your dad was a good man who had positive influence on my dad and our family. My sympathy goes out to you.*

*With care and love,
Amy Schubert McDonnell*

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