



James Gilbert Taylor

July 31, 1919 - April 6, 2013

James Gilbert Taylor of Panacea passed away Saturday, April 06, 2013, at home with his family gathered around him.

James was born July 31 1919 in McIntyre Fl. He served in the US Army from 1940 to 1945 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After returning home from the Army, James became an active member of his community. He was a founding member of VFW Post 4538 in Wakulla County where he served as Post Commander, District Commander and even earned the position of All American District Post Commander 1967-68. He spearheaded many fund raising events through the VFW, helping to raise large sums of money, some of which went to help citizens of the county. Every November 11th James could be seen in the VFW kitchen serving up free breakfasts of pancakes and sausage, smiling, talking and encouraging all those of who came in to eat plenty. He was the first board member of the Senior Citizens Council and stayed active at the Center until his health prevented him from being able to go. He was a former member of the Florida Highway Patrol and served on the Wakulla County School Board and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners for many terms. He also played a part in starting the first ambulance service in Wakulla County. He was a current member of the Masons.

James' contributions and involvement in local and state government and the impact they had on the county played a large part in helping Wakulla County to grow while maintaining its beauty. Although his greatest passion

was the VFW, his wish would be to be remembered for the good he has done for everyone he came in contact with.

James is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ruby, his sons James Jr "Buddy" (Heidi), Merritt (Jessie) and Delano, daughters Lillian Clemons (Robert), Peggy Stribbling (Charles) and Donna Taylor. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, all of whom he treasured dearly. He is survived by one brother, Hardy and one sister, Sarah Roe and nieces and nephews too numerous to name.

Services will be Monday April 8th at 11:00 AM at the Revels-Nichols cemetery in Otter Creek. Visitation will be at Bevis Funeral Home in Crawfordville, 3 PM to 5 PM on Sunday April 7th. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice. The family would like to express their thanks to Lynn Vickers, Danielle Vaughn, Deana Murphy and niece Carolyn Wright for their care during James' illness and passing.

Bevis Funeral Home Harvey-Young Chapel in charge of arrangements (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

Revell-Nichols Cemetery

Otter Creek, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville
5 Shadeville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-3333

Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Revell-Nichols Cemetery
Otter Creek, FL

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about Mr,James,What a wonderful man he was,

Lesa Exline - May 04, 2013 at 08:27 AM



“ *Peggy & Family:*
So sorry to hear about your dad just know that someone is thinking and praying for you that knows what you are going through just lost my dad 4 months ago.

Daphine Ray

Daphine Ray - April 09, 2013 at 02:37 PM