



## Mr. J. Walden "J W" Taylor

July 16, 1923 - April 21, 2013

J. Walden Taylor, 89, of Powder Springs, died Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 am, Wednesday, at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory in Powder Springs with Rev. Alan Davis officiating. Interment will be in Powder Springs Memorial Gardens in Powder Springs.

Mr. Taylor was born July 16, 1923 in McKenzie, TN, to parents Mary Bessie Hodge and Silas Carter Taylor. His early years were spent in McKenzie and Gleason, TN, but moved to Memphis and graduated from Tech High in 1941. He was employed by Fisher Memphis Aircraft until his induction into the armed services during WWII, and afterward married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Brickley. He served in the South Pacific flying on some 50 missions for which he was awarded the Air Medal. After the war, he and Barbara moved to Atlanta where he attended and graduated from Georgia Tech. He was employed for a year by American Enka in Asheville, NC, but returned to Atlanta to work for Lockheed in 1951 where he worked until his retirement in 1985. Then he became a full-time cattle farmer on his farm in Powder Springs. There was always a question as to whether he as an Engineer at Lockheed who farmed on the side or a farmer who engineered on the side. He did love his farm.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Barbara; daughter Melanie Sundquist and husband, Art; son Alan and wife, Sue; daughter Dr. Holly Ballantine and husband, Mark; grandson Dustin Esco and wife, Wanda, of Deer Park, WA, their six children, Alex, Sara, Daniel, Joseph, Erik, and Emma; granddaughter Jill Gamel and husband, TJ of Hiram, their children Alyssa, Faith, and Hope; Grandson Jay Sundquist of Hiram and children Wyatt and Brianna; brother Scott Taylor of Memphis; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family will receive friends 4:00 to 7:00 pm Tuesday.

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# Comments

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“ My condolences to the family. I read of Mr. Taylor's passing at the Memphis Tech High School page on Facebook. What an inspiration his life must have been to many.

**Linda Bugg Wayman** - June 02, 2013 at 12:58 AM

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“ As a member of Memphis Tech High School Facebook page, I send my sincere sympathy to Mr. Walden's family.

**Carolyn Elliott** - May 25, 2013 at 12:47 PM

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“ Alan & Melanie,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. You are in my prayers.  
Carol Baynes Peltz

**Carol Peltz** - May 22, 2013 at 03:51 PM

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“ To family and friends of J. Walden. May God give you and your families comfort and peace at this time. There was no one like J W Walden. He mastered everything he had to take on. This included his marriage and fatherhood. May there be many others who walk in the shoes of J W Walden, because then and only then will the world be a better place.

May God use his word to bring solace to your hearts: "the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life." (John 5:28, 29)

**Love thy neighbor as thy self** - April 30, 2013 at 09:25 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to each of JW's family. I knew JW for almost a lifetime. He was an honest man in all his dealings with me and my family at our feed mill in Hiram, Ga. .May God bless and comfort each of you. Wendell O. Rakestraw, Centre, Al.

**Wendell O. Rakestraw** - April 24, 2013 at 06:58 AM

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“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. J. Walden "J W" Taylor.



April 23, 2013 at 12:22 PM

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“ Alan, Melanie and Holly: I am very sorry to hear of your father's passing. I hope your mother and you and your families can find peace and comfort in the days ahead. The beauty of his lifetime he shared with your mother is unsurpassed. His wealth of wisdom and advice he shared with everyone will never be forgotten. I will never forget the story and famous quote "those aren't my chickens"!

**Penny** - April 22, 2013 at 10:56 AM



“ Alan, So sorry I missed the funeral. Terry Walls read in the paper the day after. We all send our condolences. Take care of Mama! Jan Wigley Dalton

**Jan Wigley Dalton** - May 03, 2013 at 10:58 AM