



James Kelly Taylor Jr.

June 9, 1944 - October 23, 2025

James K. Taylor, 81, of New Kent was called home by the Lord Thursday October 23, 2025 to join his devoted wife, Barbara and their beloved son Wesley. He is survived by sons Terrence (Timnah) and John Sterling (Breezy) of Richmond. He also leaves behind his beloved companion, Theresa Morris Taylor, countless friends and “adopted” family.

Jim was a lifelong public servant. His path in service began at 17 when he enlisted in the Army and served several years with the 5th Special Forces Group doing two tours in Vietnam. When he returned to civilian life, he applied to the Henrico Police Department and went through their training academy but ultimately landed his dream job with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources as a Conservation Police Officer where he remained until his retirement in 2002.

He enjoyed his time being connected to the Men's Ministry on Monday nights. Jim was grateful for all the men that he forged lifelong and life-giving relationships with. He was strong in his faith, active in his church and eager to share his love with others. He accomplished this through his story telling, acts of generosity, compassion, hugs and the occasional tomfoolery.

He would want everyone to keep loving, keep serving and keep giving to further the Kingdom of God.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 11am Saturday, November 15, 2025 in the sanctuary at New Kent Christian Center. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to New Kent Christian Center in Jim's honor.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Kent Christian Center
9660 Tunstall Rd
New Kent, VA 23124
(804) 557-3323

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Mr and Mrs Taylor both were amazing people. I feel blessed to have had them be a part of my life for the time that I did. They made an impact on my life in some ways I'll never forget and this I am grateful. Thoughts and prayers with you.



Amanda Malaspino-Jones - January 21 at 09:48 PM

MP

“ Mary Peace lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Taylor Jr.



Mary Peace - November 07, 2025 at 04:35 PM

MP

Love and Prayers to the Family and Friends...

Mary Peace - November 07, 2025 at 04:36 PM

DD

“ I remember Jim and Barbara and how wonderful they both were. Jim was always such a gentleman and perfect servant for our Father. I'm sure that he has heard the Father say, "good and faithful servant" when he went home. May his family and friends be blessed with all the best memories of Jim. He won't be forgotten, he made a difference while here on this earth. God bless you, Jim.



David and Helen Dingwitz - November 03, 2025 at 04:30 PM

WM

“ Wayne Malechek lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Taylor Jr.



Wayne Malechek - November 03, 2025 at 09:05 AM

JS

“ Jim and Barbara have been my neighbors for a many yrs. Wonderful people and surely will be missed. Prayers lifted for the family.



Janice K Searle - November 01, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. Jim was a great friend.
Jim and Jackie Wilkinson
Bluefield, VA

Jim Wilkinson - October 31, 2025 at 01:25 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 31, 2025 at 07:28 AM

JH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I always enjoyed our visits when we ran into each other in Providence Forge back in the day. I don't think that Jim ever met a a stranger and always had time for a visit. Jim was a man that was of great character and will definitely be missed b y all that knew him. Theresa I am so sorry for your loss.

JIM HOCKADAY - October 31, 2025 at 07:13 AM

JB

“ Jean Brooks lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Taylor Jr.



Jean Brooks - October 30, 2025 at 04:49 PM

CH

“ I remember Jim mainly as Game Warden when I was a teenager. He and Robert Griffith taught gun safety to Mr. Gilleys shop class boys. I still have my certificate. Jim will be remembered as a man of unquestionable character. Theresa, we ate so sorry for your loss.

Chris Hockaday - October 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JM

“ Jim was a great man who truly loved his Lord, his family and his nation.



Joe McLaughlin - October 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM

VP

“ Violet Peyton lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Taylor Jr.



Violet Peyton - October 29, 2025 at 09:43 PM

DE

“ David Ecimovic lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Taylor Jr.



David Ecimovic - October 29, 2025 at 07:48 PM

MG

“ Melanie C Garnett lit a candle in memory of James Kelly Taylor Jr.



Melanie C Garnett - October 29, 2025 at 11:03 AM