



Dr. Eugene Edward "Gene" Taylor, Jr.

November 7, 1936 - June 5, 2008

Eugene Edward Taylor, Jr. passed away on June 5, 2008 after a brief illness. He was born on November 7, 1936 in Ferriday, LA. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Bobby Nell; 3 children, Christy Ann Taylor of Katy, TX, Eugene Edward Taylor, III (Trey) of Plano, TX and Martin Allen Taylor of Little Rock, AR; 3 grandchildren, Danielle Davis of Houston, TX, Brett Davis of Austin, TX, and Kennedy Taylor of Plano, TX; brothers, William R. Taylor of Austin, TX and John M. Taylor of Ferriday, LA.

He was preceded in his death by his father, Eugene Edward Taylor, Sr.; his mother Christine Roberts Taylor; his brother Joseph Allen Taylor.

He attended Ferriday High School where he achieved both high academic and athletic awards and went on to attend Louisiana State University and from there, LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed both his internship and a residency in Orthopedic surgery at Confederate Memorial (now LSU-Shreveport) Hospital. He then went on to fulfill his military duty with the US Navy both at St. Albans Naval Base in New York and in Guam during the Vietnam War.

He began his long, faithful, and continuous service to the community when he started his private practice as an Orthopedic Surgeon in 1968 when he and his family moved to Natchez, MS. While in Natchez, Gene was very involved

in civic and community activities. He was a former member of the Adams County School Board as well as current member of the Board of Directors of Natchez Community Hospital. He has been past Chief of Staff and current Chief of Surgery at Natchez Regional Medical Center (formerly, Jeff Davis Memorial Hospital). He was also a member of the Homochitto Valley Medical Society.

A longtime supporter of local athletics, Dr. Taylor was well known for donating countless hours and skills providing free health physicals for students as well as team physician for South Natchez High School and Alcorn State University.

He was very dedicated to academic organizations within his medical specialty having been past president of the Mississippi State Orthopedic Association as well as past president of the Southern Orthopedic Association.

Aside from his deep love for his family, Gene's greatest passion was his love for LSU, having been a long time supporter in spirit and in contributions. He was a longtime member of the LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation and a faithful fan of all things involved with his alma mater.

In addition to his affinity for fine food and wines, he and his wife loved to travel, having visited over a dozen different countries worldwide, but he also loved his hometown of Natchez as his countless number of friends will attest. He will be truly missed by his family, friends and others that he touched in so many ways.

He was a faithful member of the Vidalia Presbyterian Church where visitation will take place on 6/11/08 from 2-4 pm with a short memorial service to follow at 4 pm. A private burial service will be attended by family only following the memorial service.

Finally, due to Gene's deep love of all animals, he had previously requested that in lieu of any flowers, all donations to be made to the Natchez-Adams County Humane Society.