



James "Snuffy"

Ventura Taylor

October 19, 1932 - October 28, 2019

# *Concerning Christian Funerals*

It is good that you have gathered together to join family and friends at the funeral service for James “Snuffy” Taylor. God’s Word urges believers in Jesus as their Savior to “rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn” (Romans 12:15). Death is a time of sadness, but Jesus speaks of it now also as a necessity. He said once, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain of wheat; but if it dies it brings a good harvest” (John 12:24). When you plant a seed, it must die in the ground before it can grow. We generally do all we can to live and not die. God, however, says we must die in order to live. What we see as the ultimate tragedy, He sees as the ultimate triumph. When a believer in Jesus dies, it’s not a time to despair, but a time to grieve in trust. Thanks to our Savior’s birth, death and resurrection, the seed buried in the earth will blossom in heaven. We join together during this brief service also in praise, prayer and honor to Christ Jesus, the Savior born to die and rise for us. “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22).

The Funeral Service  
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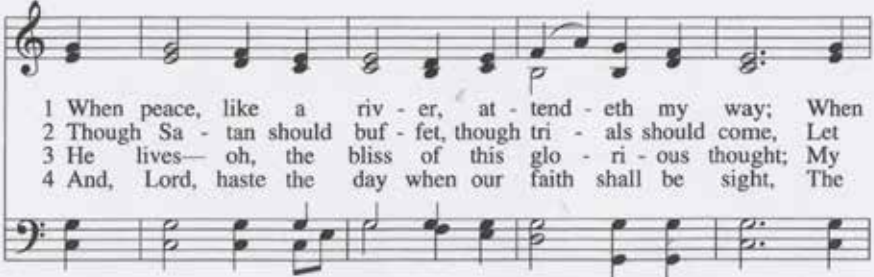
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The Invocation and Opening Prayer

Hymn

When Peace, like a River 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

sor - rows, like sea bil-lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

## Psalm 23 (spoken together)

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Readings and Reflections

**Ruth 1:16-17**

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.”

**John 11:35**

“Jesus wept.”

**John 11:25-27**

Jesus said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 509

1 A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A maz - ing grace shall

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe so far, His grace will see me home.  
 then pre - vall In heav - en's joy and peace.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

514 Nearer, My God, to Thee

1 Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!  
 2 Near - er, my Lord, to thee, Near - er to thee,  
 3 Near - er, O Com - fort - er, Near - er to thee,  
 4 But to be near - er still, Bring me, O God,

E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me;  
 Who to thy cross didst come, Dy - ing for me!  
 Who with my lov - ing Lord Dwell - est with me!  
 Not by the vi - sioned steeps An - gels have trod.

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Still all my song shall be: Near - er, my God, to thee,  
Strength-en my will - ing feet, Hold me in ser - vice sweet  
Grant me thy fel - low - ship! Help me each day to keep  
Here where thy cross I see, Je - sus, I wait for thee,

Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!  
Near - er, O Christ, to thee, Near - er to thee!  
Near - er, my Guide, to thee, Near - er to thee!  
Then ev - er - more to be Near - er to thee!





James “Snuffy” Ventura Taylor, 87, of Vidor, died Monday, October 28, 2019, at Christus Hospital-St. Elizabeth, Beaumont. He was born on October 19, 1932, to Gertrude Isgate Taylor and Thomas A. Taylor, Jr., in Port Arthur, and was a retired United States Army veteran. Snuffy retired from the maintenance department at DuPont Sabine River Works. He was an active member of the Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Taylor; daughter, Pamela O’Dowd and her husband, Michael, of Spring; step-daughter, Natalie Lockhart of Vidor; mother-in-law, Norma Harriman of Vidor; grandchildren, Molly O’Dowd, Bridget O’Dowd, and James Bothwell;

great-grandchildren, Aislyn Bothwell and Soloman Bothwell; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family; and his fur babies, Carley, Tris, Ginger, Skeeter, Marmalade, Honey-bear, Moonbeam, Ariel, and Mandy.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Norsworthy Taylor; son, Michael A. Taylor; parents; grandson, Adam G. Bothwell; and siblings, Jessie Taylor, Harold Taylor, Fern Lippincott, Ruth Carnahan, Estelle Rogers, Irene Bagget, and Phyllis Ann Taylor.



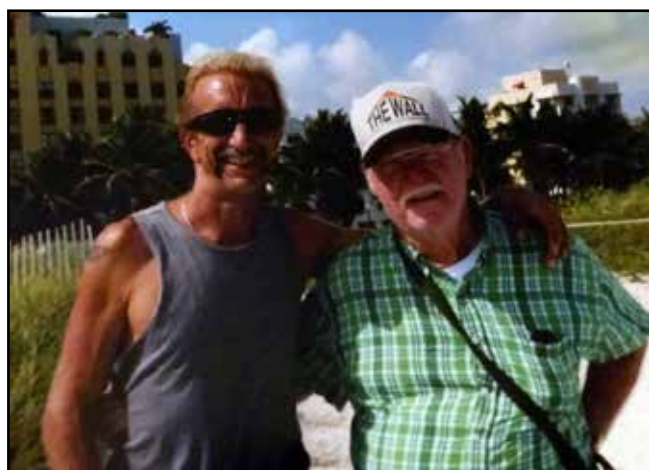




















**Funeral Service**

Saturday, November 2, 2019 10:00 a.m.  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Beaumont, Texas  
Pastor Jim Menke

**Pallbearers**

Members of the Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

**Interment**

Oak Bluff Memorial Park  
Port Neches, Texas

**Military Honors**

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

**Memorial Contributions**

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