



## Donald Richard "Rich" Taylor Jr.

February 21, 1937 - May 12, 2020

Donald Richard "Rich" Taylor, Jr. 83, of Bonita Springs, died Tuesday, May 12, 2020 after a brief illness. Rich was born on February 21, 1937 in Chicago, IL a son of the late Donald Richard and Julia Margaret (Creagh) Taylor, Sr. He and his late wife Grace had been a winter resident of the area since 1989 dividing their time between Lawton, MI and here in Bonita Springs. In 1997, they purchased a lot in Bonita Shores and built a home and in 2003 made Bonita Springs their permanent residence.

Rich met his wife, the former Grace H. Skoglund while he was working at Midway airport in Chicago. They were married on August 3, 1957. In 1958, he began his career with Clark Lift Trucks and retired from the company as their Parts Manager in 1994.

He was an avid musician and loved writing songs and lyrics. Later in life, he loved to sing Karaoke and on most nights you would find him doing what he loved at Sneaky Pete's in Bonita Springs.

He is survived by his loving son and daughter in law, Donald Richard Taylor, III and his wife, Diane of Bonita Springs, FL; two granddaughters, Jaclyn Nyssa Taylor of Minooka, IL and Emma Whitcomb and her husband, Charlie of Valdosta, GA and two sisters, Marie Patricia Carbone of Lehigh Acres, FL and Donna Lee Adams of Coldwater, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Grace H. Taylor who died October 8, 2003 and his sister, Jesse Ann Ralston who died June 18, 2004.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family during this time.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ Donald Richard "Rich" Taylor Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



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Randy - May 15, 2020 at 07:48 PM



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Randy Lynn - May 15, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Richard "Rich" Taylor Jr..



May 14, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JD

“ Loved it when Uncle Rich sang to me Song Sung Blue and Jean Jean. He and Aunt Dolly were fun relatives and I know I can speak for my whole family. Jeanne Dohm

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**Jeanne Dohm** - May 14, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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**Donald R. Taylor III** - May 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JM

Thanks for sharing his life...always enjoyed Rich's company and singing.....He will surely be missed! Judy & Moo

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**Judy & Moo** - May 14, 2020 at 03:43 PM

PE

Rich made Monday nights special at Sneaky Pete's. I loved his music and the harmony was beyond wonderful. I will miss him always. Don, this is a marvelous tribute! THANK YOU!

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**Peggy Ehlen** - May 14, 2020 at 10:24 PM

KW

“ Shared many nights at VFW and Sneaky Pete's and his home singing and sharing songs with him. Rich was a great friend. Rich even went as far as to let me store my motorcycle in his garage one summer. So sorry Don for you and your family's lost. Ken Wright

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**Ken Wright** - May 13, 2020 at 06:52 PM

PE

Yes

Peggy Ehlen - May 15, 2020 at 12:07 AM

PE

*Already said he was one in a million. I loved his music and harmony with so many was magic. Will never replace him. Tears in my eyes!!*

Peggy Ehlen - May 15, 2020 at 12:10 AM

WS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



William B. Shikany - May 13, 2020 at 09:59 AM

PJ

*Dear Uncle Donald you were always a bright light when you walked into the room we loved hearing you play your guitar and singing and you were quite the dancer Rest In Peace and enjoy your journey we were blessed to have you in our lives to cousin Donnie and family may you find warmth and comfort in your memories of this wonderful man* ❤️  
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patti & Joe jonaitis - May 14, 2020 at 07:44 AM