



John Crittenden Taylor, 76

May 20, 1948 - December 24, 2024

Clay Center resident John Crittenden Taylor, 76, died Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2024, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center with Pastors Stuart Davis & Bev Hays officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

John was born May 20, 1948, to Crit J. Taylor and Jane M. (Herndon) Taylor.

Crit was short for Crittenden, which was the last name of a Missouri Governor admired by John's Great-Great-Grandfather, Stephenson.

The family lived on a rented farm northeast of Clay Center along with my parents and Brother, William "Bill" Joseph Taylor.

John attended Kindergarten at the school in Verona. If no one was there to pick him up, he was to start walking home. John's longest walk was 2 of the 3 miles. That school closed at the end of the year and John then went into the

Clay Center School District.

Clay Center had school buses, no more walking. When he was in the third grade the family moved to Johns grandparent's farm southeast of Clay Center.

John graduated in 1966 and then attended the University of Nebraska, graduating in 1971. John taught math and science classes at Spencer Public Schools.

In 1975, he rented the Delmar Busboom farm, which he purchased the next year. Along with rental farms, he raised cattle and hogs. John taught an additional year at Clay Center Public Schools and worked part-time or full-time at what is now the Farm Service Agency doing measurements of fields and grain bins. He also worked on enrolment in farm programs and worked with friends moving irrigation pipe. Since he retired, he has had the pleasure of watching Dusty Mihm doing the farming.

The Lord has blessed John with great opportunities, family, and friends.

To be a farmer you must have Faith.

John dearly loved kids although he never married and thus, had no children of his own. He tutored numerous kids with math and science in the Clay Center Community.

Following his retirement, John became active with and enjoyed assisting with the Clay County Fair, Old Trusty Days, the Museum, and the Clay County Historical Society.

John is survived by his brother, William "Bill" J. Taylor and his wife, Carol (Jackson Halze) of Frisco, TX; nephew, Monte Alan Taylor and his wife, Robin

(Jones) Taylor of Corpus Christi, TX; grandnephew, Ryan Taylor and his wife, Kimber-Lee (Perez) Taylor and their three sons; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends living all across the USA.

He was preceded in death by his parents

Cemetery Details

Clay Center Cemetery

31371 Woodland Rd
Clay Center, NE 68933

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Clay Center United Church of Christ
220 S Alexander Ave
Clay Center, NE 68933

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To John’s brother Bill and his family. So sorry for your loss. Thanks for keeping us posted during John’s time in hospital. Sorry we couldn’t attend John’s service but we don’t travel very far any longer. Thanks for bringing him to the Herndon Reunion in July. It was great to see you and John.

Nancy Herndon - January 01, 2025 at 02:34 PM



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Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - December 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM

LS

“ Working or just enjoying good times, John was a joy to be around. We first got to know John when he became a member of the board for Fairfield Coop Fertilizer. He had a good head for business and a good heart for fun on trips to KC and Omaha. Then as we have gotten older we have spent many hours working together for the CC Historical Society. We loved his corky sense of humor that made the work so much lighter. Lee and Alyce Sherman

Lee and Alyce Sherman - December 29, 2024 at 06:57 PM

RS

“ I want to send my condolences to family of John. I lived on the same floor with John when I was a freshman and he was one I could ask questions and get an honest answer. He was a very caring and giving person, and meant a lot to me-- someone I could look up to. Bob Brandt another close friend, I know knew John better- as he too was an upper classman. Both of these guys helped me along my journey--and I sincerely appreciated their help in my journey at the University of Nebraska. Our dorm floor was quite unique, because of those upper classmen. My thought and prayers go out to the entire Family at this time. Sincerely, Jim Smith

Raymond James smith - December 26, 2024 at 10:07 PM