



## Dennis E. Taylor

August 21, 1951 - January 29, 2022

A funeral service for Dennis E. Taylor, age 71 of Lindale, Texas, is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 05, 2022, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Bro. James R. Cowart officiating. Interment will follow at Bethesda Cemetery in Lindale.

Dennis passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022, in Lindale. He was born on August 21, 1951, in Lindale to the late Fred Edwin and Ruth Evelyn (Hilburn) Taylor. Dennis was a lifelong resident of Lindale and was instrumental in starting the Lindale Chamber of Commerce Rodeo 30 years ago, where he was a Rodeo Clown for many of those years as he loved to entertain. He was very community oriented and was a member of the Hideaway Lake Kiwanis; Lindale Chamber of Commerce; and the East TX UPRA. Dennis worked with the Smith County Sheriff's Department before being elected as the Smith County Precinct 5 Constable. Dennis served as Constable for 30 years. He was preceded in death by wife, Carolyn Taylor; son Zachary Taylor; grandparents, Thomas and Maurine McGahey Hilburn, and Jasper Cheatham and Alma Crews Taylor; many aunts, uncles, and special friend, Elaine Fitzgerald.

He is survived by aunts, Dollie Boaz, Vernice Pruitt, and Doris and J.C. Wood, all of Lindale, numerous cousins, and other loving family members and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Burton, Mark Waters, Cliff Robertson, Terry Crawford, Danny Brazier, and Tommy Goodman.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Wilson, Bobby Vaness, Rodney Hays, Joey King, Jeff McClenny, Randy Bateman, and David Craft.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 04, 2022, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

The family has asked that memorials be made to the Lindale Chamber of Commerce Rodeo.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethesda Cemetery

11824 FM 2710  
LINDALE, TX 75771

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home  
206 West South Street  
Lindale, TX 75771  
(903) 882-3141  
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## Chapel Service

FEB 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis E. Taylor*



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**Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home** - February 02, 2022 at 10:50 PM

BT

“ *I'm just now hearing of this after 3 yrs. Dennis was one of my best friends in the rodeo business. His personality set him apart from all the people involved. Go out of his way, to help others no matter what the situation called for. RIP my friend. You're gonna be missed by all. Your friend, Brother Taylor*

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**Brother taylor** - May 12, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ *Dennis E. Taylor*

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October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Dennis E. Taylor*

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October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

CH

“ Dennis lived in our neighborhood it was always great to see him driving around he would always stop to see what was going on with the family. It's so sad we won't get to see him anymore he will be missed a lot  
The Harmon's

Christine Harmon - February 10, 2022 at 01:45 PM

FK

“ So sad to hear of passing of Dennis, I first met him 50 years ago. He served Smith County Sheriff's Department along with my deceased husband, and won the heart of my 5 year old daughter when he climbed the rodeo arena fence, ran up to where we were sitting and kissed her on the cheek, leaving a big smear of make-up. It seems all my memories of him, he was smiling, enjoying life. I know he is well remembered by many friends and family. Rest in Peace, Dennis

Frances Layne King - February 04, 2022 at 08:10 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. Dennis was a great guy who served his community in more ways than I even realized. He will be greatly missed. Condolences, peace, and blessings to the family.

John Sims - February 04, 2022 at 03:54 PM

LG

“ Dennis, always protecting & loving his community.  
Lynn and Amber Guy



Lynn and Amber Guy - February 04, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ 83 files added to the album LifeTributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 02, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ Gloria Smith lit a candle in memory of Dennis E. Taylor



Gloria Smith - February 02, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ When I moved to Lindale in the mid-80s as Editor of The Lindale News, Dennis was one of the very first to introduce himself. He made sure that I knew of all the happenings in town and got me involved in the Lindale Chamber and his idea for a Rodeo, and he didn't stop until he made that happen! So many committee meetings and work and now the Rodeo has grown to be one of the top events for Lindale!

You could mention his name anywhere in the East Texas area and they would say... yes I know him! No one can ever doubt the love he had for his community and his job in law enforcement! He will be missed by many.

Betty Burris - February 01, 2022 at 11:43 AM

JB

“ JD And Debbie Barnett lit a candle in memory of Dennis E. Taylor



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**JD and Debbie Barnett** - January 31, 2022 at 10:49 PM

TN

“ Tanja Clinton Nunn lit a candle in memory of Dennis E. Taylor



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**Tanja Clinton Nunn** - January 31, 2022 at 06:45 PM

MJ

“ Dennis became my good friend when we were in the band together at Lindale High School. He was two years ahead of me in school, and took me under his wing. After a Friday night ballgame, he gave me some relationship advice, and became my forever friend. Through the years, we continued to keep in touch. After my beloved husband died, Dennis checked up on me often. I always knew Dennis was there for me. I will miss him very much, and will always treasure his faithful friendship.  
Marcy Johnson

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**Marcy Johnson** - January 31, 2022 at 03:02 PM

JG

“Dennis Taylor, always the quintessential Texas law man to me, was an early mentor, 40-year friend and the reason I heard the calling of law enforcement. Who knew that a 15yo kid who befriended Dennis on his weekly visits to the Lindale News to drop off his weekly Constable article in the 1980s, would enter into a 32-year career in the most honorable of professions? He took me on my first ride-along and I credit Dennis with giving me my first opportunity to wear a badge and join my law enforcement family. He instilled a sense of fair play, empathy and compassion that I carried with me throughout my law enforcement career. He was also kind enough to speak with J.B. Smith one day while we were meeting with him regarding some burglaries happening north of Lindale to let him know I was a “good kid” and wanted a paying position. Dennis’ word was gold and I was essentially hired on the spot as a Deputy for the Smith County Sheriff’s Department. Dennis remained my friend for decades, even as I moved to the Dallas area, losing touch now and then but reconnecting at events like Countryfest as I reserved for Lindale P.D. late in my career. He was an inspiration to do good for the community you live in and to give back to the people who gave you their trust. God bless and rest you my friend, the world is certainly less bright without you. Jamie Guy

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**James (Jamie) Guy** - January 31, 2022 at 01:11 PM