

# Ronald Emery Taylor

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**R**onald Emery Taylor, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully at his home in Orem, Utah, on January 10, 2025, at the age of 75. Born on November 11, 1949, at Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah, Ron was the 3rd child of Emery Antone Taylor and Helen Marbra Johnston.

- A Life of Dedication and Excellence \*

Ron grew up in South Ogden, Utah, attending Club Heights Elementary, South Junior High, and Bonneville High School. Ron's dad nicknamed him Ichabod, which caused some confusion in his early years when he wandered away from home and was found by a policeman who worked to reunite him with his family. Ron excelled as both a student and athlete during his schooling years. An outstanding pitcher, Ron's talent on the baseball field was showcased in many "no-hitter" games. His HS pitching records from the 1968 HS season still stand. His leadership skills shone as he served as Student Body President at both South Junior High and Bonneville High School. His siblings lovingly refer to him as "Ronnie". Known to his friends as "Red" or "Sunshine" for his bright red hair and infectious smile, Ron's personality left an indelible mark on everyone he met.

After high school, Ron was drafted by the Atlanta Braves and played one season of professional baseball with the development team before choosing to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Italy. He spent time at both Brigham Young University and Weber State College to pursue higher education. It was during his time at Weber that he met and married the love of his life, Celeste Price, in the Ogden, Utah, LDS Temple.

- Poetry By Ron \*

"When whispering thoughts like rays of light  
Streak forth upon existence,  
Silencing the onslaught of time,  
Intangible dimensions unveil and  
Life appears but a window pane,  
Dividing Eternity."

-Ron Taylor 1971



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- Professional and Church Contributions \*

Ron and Celeste settled in Provo, Utah, as they completed their education. Ron was called to help develop PAF, the original Family History program for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, contributing to what would become a groundbreaking resource for genealogical research. While studying at BYU, he taught Italian at the Language Training Mission (LTM) and participated in the Church's creation of the Topical Guide.

As a skilled computer analyst, Ron worked for BYU's Institutional Research and Development department, later developing software for Harmons Grocery Stores and assisting numerous small businesses with their computer needs as well as many neighbors and friends. During the final 16 years of his career, Ron served as a computer technician in multiple Alpine School District schools, where he impacted both colleagues and students with his expertise and kindness.

- A Devoted Family Man \*

Ron and Celeste were blessed with 10 children: J. Anthony of Park City, Utah; Tiffany and Josh Barney of Lehi, Utah; Jarom and Amy of Draper, Utah; Ryan and Tara of Logan, Utah; Christopher and Darcy of Hillsboro, Oregon; Kendrick and Kristina of Millcreek, Utah; Dustin and Charissa of Highland, Utah; Shawn and Kylie of Spanish Fork, Utah; Jason and Andrea of Banks, Oregon; and Matthew of Orem, Utah. He is the proud grandfather of 27 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, with another sweet great-granddaughter on the way.

Ron coached and supported many of his children in youth sports and scouting activities. He enjoyed exploring the world, taking his family on numerous road trips around the western US, Canada and Mexico as well as a number of more exotic adventures to the Eastern US, England, Ireland, Spain, Guatemala, Argentina, and more. A devoted father and grandfather, he inspired his family with his love of gospel discussions, scripture study, and genealogy.

- Genealogy...he was always doing it.\*

Ron had a lifelong passion for family history and spent countless hours researching his ancestors, amassing a database with thousands of names. He enjoyed finding connections between people, particularly when his sons brought home potential romantic interests, and always kept pen and paper nearby to record new discoveries. As an active member of the Taylor Family Association, Ron contributed research and provided valuable computer expertise for many years.

- Preceded in Death and Legacy \*

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Emery and Helen, and his siblings Jolene and Mark. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Celeste, and siblings Larry D. Taylor of Plano, Texas and Marilyn T. Fowers of Syracuse, Utah.



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Ron's legacy of faith, love, service, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

- Funeral Services \*

A viewing and funeral service to honor Ronald Emery Taylor will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the chapel located at 155 W 1600 S, Orem, Utah. The viewing will take place from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery.

Ron will be profoundly missed, but his enduring example and spirit will remain a cherished blessing to his family and friends.

The Taylor Family is deeply grateful to Harmony Home Health & Hospice for their unwavering support, compassion and care during this difficult time in Ron's life, specifically Bryce, Jill, Laurie, Holly, Bethany and Caralee.

Any wishing to view the proceedings remotely are welcome to do so using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9Uo0Rb0LCIs>

The Taylor family would like to share the following online photo album with family and friends that knew and loved him.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tNJcffyyleCdSXF6>



# Events

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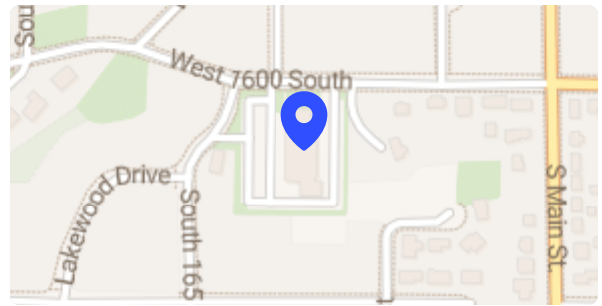
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## Viewing

**Saturday**, January 25, 2025

9:00 AM - 10:45 AM MT

**Orem Church**  
155 West 1600 South, Orem UT

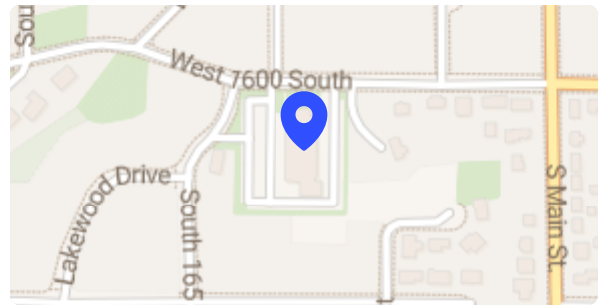


## Funeral

**Saturday**, January 25, 2025

11:00 AM MT

**Orem Church**  
155 West 1600 South, Orem UT



## Cemetery Details

**Orem City Cemetery**  
UT



# Tribute Wall

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**Jim And Jeanie Frederick** posted:

On this solemn occasion we want to express our heart felt condolences to you and your family. Ron helped us so many times with our computers, and we appreciated it very much. After we moved to Midway, Ron and Celeste came up to our home, and Ron helped us setup our computer systems. We remember Ron being very generous with his time and knowledge. We are fortunate to share 3 wonderful grandchildren: Melissa, Chloe and Dylan. We had enjoyed many wonderful times and get togethers with your family and ours when they were young. These were memorable times. Ron will be greatly missed. We love you, Jim and Jeanie Frederick

January 25 at 6:36 AM



**Celeste Taylor** February 1 at 9:32 AM

Thank you Jim and Jeanie. I agree, we have shared many wonderful times together and we get to share the joys life brings with 3 grandkids.



**Anthony Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Ronald.

Rest in peace father 🕯️

January 21 at 5:06 AM



**Dale Carter** posted:

The summer between our Jr and Sr year of school Ron, Dale Stewart and I worked on Doug Stephens ranch hauling hay and moving sprinkler pipe. Dale's father, Morris was the ranch manager. One day we had just put a load of hay in the barn and took our lunch break in the shade. Dale Morris said "Taylor \$20 says you can't hit the left headlight on the hay truck." Ron carefully pick out a rock and let it fly. The next thing Morris said was "Here's your damn \$20, I'm going to town to get a head light." Great job Ron !!!

January 19 at 1:31 AM



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**Ellen Deamer** posted:

I knew Ron at South Ogden Jr. High and Bonneville High School. I always looked up to him as a person who loved people and someone who wanted to make a difference. He was well liked, a leader, brilliant, outstanding in sports and a smile that was full of fun! I am a better person for knowing him. While at Weber State University, Ron attended a Institute party sponsored by LDSSA. It was I that introduced him to his special wife Celeste. At the 55 Bonneville Reunion he said: " I remember her looks, the color of her clothes and everything about her!" He loved Celeste and I loved her too! Celeste, I want you to know that you are in our prayers. May you and your family take comfort in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May you have the peace you are seeking and know how much so many people love you. Deepest condolences to you and your ten children. Love, Paul and Ellen Deamer

January 17 at 8:53 AM



**Celeste Taylor** January 18 at 1:54 PM

Oh Ellen, your sweet message brings back so many memories especially that Friday night at the Institute. Thanks for sharing.



**Jim King** posted:

I was fortunate to play baseball with Ron at South Junior High and Bonneville High School. He was the fastest pitcher in the state. Jim King

January 17 at 5:37 AM



**Celeste Taylor** January 18 at 1:55 PM

Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to Ron. He really had the best of friends as he went through growing up.



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**Ralph Pacheco** posted:

I met Ron around 1974 when he and his wonderful wife, Celeste, were serving in the BYU 57th Branch. After Carol and I were married, I had the privilege of working with Ron as we began putting systems in place to automate Harmon's grocery. Ron and I would drive up to Harmon's HQ, almost daily. Ron was the fastest and most effective software developer that I had ever seen. We had fun and wrote a lot of code. On breaks, we would go next door to the Harmon's bakery and buy what Ron called "programmer's food:" donuts. Ron had a great sense of humor and was all about improving family history research, through the use of rapidly emerging computer technology. Ron had a great love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a deep knowledge and understanding of the scriptures and church history. Our families became good friends. We loved our association with Ron and Celeste and were able to get to know some of their children. I am thankful for the association that I had with Ron. He will be missed. Truly one of the best, most complete men that I have ever known. Brilliant, results-oriented, athletic, wise. Deepest condolences to Celeste and their wonderful family.

January 15 at 5:45 AM



**Celeste Taylor** January 15 at 7:27 AM

Thank you Ralph for all your kind and very true words regarding Ron. He always enjoyed being around you and Carol.



**Priscilla Stutz** posted:

Our "Brother" Ron Taylor, will be sorely missed by all of his Church and Neighborhood Friends, Ron was very influential in the development of the LDS Church Family Search program, and a frontrunner for computer programming. He was a genius!! will be ever grateful for his efforts in teaching me how to use a computer, and how to search for my ancestors. He freely gave his time to help several of us understand and learn "Modern Technology! Thank you Ron!!

January 14 at 12:06 PM



**Celeste Taylor** January 14 at 2:33 PM

Thank you for your kind words of praise. Ron loved the folks in our neighborhood.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ronald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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