



## Billy Ray Taber

May 5, 1935 - May 18, 2019

Billy Ray Taber, a resident of Henryetta, passed this life on May 18, 2019 in Okmulgee at the age of 84. Born May 5, 1935 in Hanna, OK to Willie Houston and Mary Elizabeth Ann (Mott) Taber.

Bill married Doris Roberts on June 29, 1953. For 65 years and 11 months, he ate dinners by her side, where she never left out the sweet tea and baked beans and he never forgot to ask for seconds or dessert. Together they had two children, countless animals, and created a happy home full of laughter, friends, hard work and games of Wahoo. They were known to regularly welcome others in to their home, sometimes for dinner and sometimes for extended stays.

Bill worked at Eagle Picher Smelter, OKC Refinery in Okmulgee, owned and operated Taber's Texaco and retired from the Oklahoma Dept. Of Transportation where he was known as a hard worker, friend and master of heavy machinery.

Bill had many hobbies involving the outdoors, from hunting and fishing to horses and roping. He shared his love of the outdoors with many faithful and obedient four legged best friends over the years and could often be found hauling hay with "Bluesie", working cattle with "Lamar" or checking on the chickens with "Jethro".

Bill was considered by many to be a master storyteller. He specialized in tall tales that were never short on fantastic details or a satisfying punch line.

Bill was a skilled carpenter, mechanic, handyman, welder, and builder. He demonstrated his construction ability by building his own family home in the 1970s and many years later by gifting his granddaughter with the only playhouse in Okmulgee County with running water and electricity. He enjoyed working with his hands and often used his skills to serve neighbors, family and friends.

Bill loved children and always found time to play games and tell jokes with them. He was a devoted grandfather that every one of his grandchildren are proud to call "PaPa". He will be remembered by his grandkids as a strong, talented, funny, loyal, loving, honorable man. In his later years he found great joy in spending time with his great grandchildren, sharing his love of animals and jokes with another generation.

Bill was a faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Henryetta for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters: Lorene Hunter, Doris Hardgrave and Ann Baggs.

Survived by his wife Doris Taber of the home

Daughters: Beverly Henson and husband Donnie of Okmulgee

Belinda King and husband Cliff of Gulf Shores, Al

Grandchildren: Aaron Henson and wife Bethany; Meredith Talley and husband Dustin; Trevor Henson and wife Lauren; Colin "Chummy" Henson;

Whitlee Peitz and husband Alex

Great Grandchildren: Rayleigh & Molly Pop Henson; Brant & Flynn Talley;

Harper & Hayes Henson

Brother: Dee Taber and wife Judith of Dewar

Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Baptist Children's Home.

Funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 21st at the Immanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Brayden Buss officiating. Interment will follow at the New Senora cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## New Senora

Arbeka Rd  
Henryetta, OK 74437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home  
1302 West Main Street  
Henryetta, OK 74437  
(918) 650-9090  
rogersfh@aol.com  
<https://www.rogersfuneralhomeinc.com>

## Service

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Baptist Church  
805 W Broadway  
Henryetta, OK 74437

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Ray Taber*



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**Rogers Funeral Home** - May 19, 2019 at 09:10 AM

JE

“ *Uncle Bill was always a lot of fun! I think everyone got a turn riding on his tractor at one time in our lives.*



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**Jennifer** - July 15, 2019 at 02:04 AM

BA

“ *Billy Ray was so good to go visit my Uncle Charles Minyard--Uncle enjoyed those visits so much and would always tell me about his "student" coming to see him--I always thought that was such a kind gesture. My sincere sympathy to the family.*

*Betty Minyard Allen*

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**Betty Minyard Allen** - May 20, 2019 at 09:58 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Belinda King** - May 19, 2019 at 11:21 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Belinda King** - May 19, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Taber.



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May 19, 2019 at 05:11 PM

JA

“ I rember how pretty your yard was every time I passed thr house.  
I'm so sorry for your loss,

Janie Britt Adams - May 19, 2019 at 12:32 PM

KB

“ So very sorry to learn of Bill's passing.

Kathy & Jim Brison - May 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM



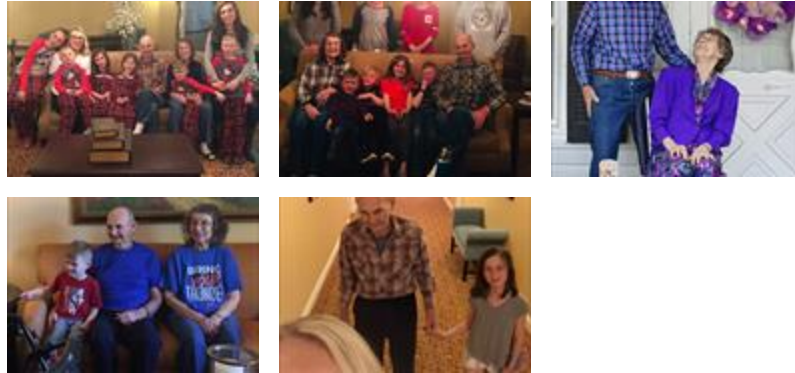
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Rogers Funeral Home - May 19, 2019 at 08:05 AM

BH

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Bev Henson - May 18, 2019 at 11:15 PM



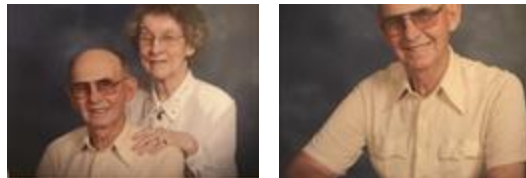
“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Taber.



May 18, 2019 at 10:12 PM

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Belinda King - May 18, 2019 at 12:41 PM