



Harold Taylor

Harold Taylor, 94, Groton, died Sunday, July 14 at Beverly Healthcare Center in Groton. His funeral will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 18 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton. The Rev. Stephen D. Swenson will officiate. Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 19 at Riverside Cemetery in Pierre, under the direction of Paetznick -Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. There will be an hour of visitation at the chapel prior to the service.

Harold William Taylor was born on April 12, 1908 to Carl and Verna (Skates) Taylor in Ollie, Iowa. He attended and graduated from high school in Amboy, MN. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and served in WWII. On December 8, 1937, he married Ruby Johnson in Esterville, Iowa. The couple moved to Minnesota, and Harold worked at various rock quarries. They lived in Pierre from 1955-1981 and during that time, Harold worked on the Ft. Randall Dam and did highway construction work. Ruby died in 1965. Harold retired in 1972 and entered into Beverly Healthcare Center in 1992.

Harold was a member of the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Survivors include his son; Richard (Judy) Taylor of Groton, one brother; LaVaughn "Bill" (Phylis) Taylor of Fountain Hills, Arizona, one sister; Myrtle Cox of Omaha, Nebraska, four grandchildren; Amanda Barber, Richard Taylor, Dannielle Taylor and Nicole Taylor, three great -grandchildren; Bryana Barber, Brenden Barber, and Tage Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one brother, one sister and one infant daughter.

Casketbearers will be Jim Mattern, Jamie Mattern, Larry Drobny, Richard Taylor, Cody Barber and Jim Ulrig.