



## Rick Taylor

May 12, 1954 - May 6, 2026

Jesse Richard "Rick" Taylor of Lubbock, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 71. Born on May 12, 1954, in Richland, Washington, Rick lived a life rich with love, loyalty, and adventure. He graduated from Roswell High School and went on to serve his country proudly as a Marine, later dedicating his life to public service as a police officer, then a small business owner.

His professional journey culminated in becoming a small business owner in the propane industry, where he was the heartbeat of AAA Propane. Despite the demands of his work, Rick's true joy was rooted in the love for his family and friends. Described as a gentle giant, he had an innate ability to make everyone feel seen and valued. Those fortunate enough to know him quickly discovered the warmth of his loyalty and the depth of his servant's heart.

He relished spending time outdoors hunting. He always appreciated the beauty of nature. His passion for cooking was evident in his many family gatherings, where he shared his love of hunting by preparing delicious meals from his successful trips.

Rick is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara Taylor, Sister, Lynne Kaiser, Step daughters, Lisa Coffman, Staci Gass and Veronica Kelton. He is also survived by his grandchildren Tia Dupont (Jereme Dupont), Zach Gass

(Ashtyn Gass), and Tyler Kelton, nephew, Taylor Morgan, as well as great grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as "Papa Rick." He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, friendship, and unwavering support, which will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Taylor, and his mother, Bonita Taylor.

As we reflect on his life, let us keep his memory alive-through stories of laughter, love, and the unyielding loyalty he inspired in others. Rick will be deeply missed, but his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched.

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rick was a special friend to many of us during our growing-up years in Roswell and especially to the graduating class of 1972. He will be missed.

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**Laurie Rizan** - June 16 at 06:10 PM

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“ In 1968 my mother and I moved to Roswell, and I met Rick in a freshman Civics class at Roswell High. We became best friends almost immediately and Rick and his family figurately took me into their home. I didn't actually live there but spent a huge amount time with Rick and the Taylor family. I have great memories of Bon's cold iced tea on those hot New Mexico afternoons! He and I did a lot of growing up together that school year. In '69 my Mom and I relocated to Colorado and over the many years our paths would cross every so often. He and I reconnected again when he moved to Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Recently, we had reconnected again through email and phone calls when he relocated to Texas. I am so glad for those last opportunities to share some of our life stories together one last time. God bless, my Brother. I will miss you greatly. Your friend, Don

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**Don** - June 12 at 04:40 PM