Raymond Brierly Taylorson

June 10, 1932 - December 2, 2019

Raymond Brierly Taylorson of Chestertown, MD, died on December 2, 2019, at Heron Point. He was 87.

Mr. Taylorson was born on June 10, 1932, in Providence, RI. He was the son of the late Raymond Brierly and Gertrude Campbell Taylorson. Mr. Taylorson graduated from Lockwood High School in Warwick, RI, Class of 1950. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a PhD in Plant Physiology.

On September 1, 1956, he married Janice Brow. He then entered the United States Army as Lt. at Ft. Detrick, MD. After this service, he took a position as Plant Physiologist in weed control at the Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, MD, with the U.S.D.A., a position he held for 23 years. He retired in 1990 and moved back to Rhode Island.

Dr. Taylorson worked at the University of Rhode Island for the next 13 years teaching and practicing weed control and turf management. He retired in 2004 and in 2005 and moved to Chestertown, MD.

Ray spent a year at the University of College of Wales in Aberystwyth as a visiting scientist. He also spent time in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East as

leading scientist for the US AID program.

Dr. Taylorson was a member of the Northeastern Weed Science Society of America and a past member of Ducks Unlimited. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, shooting, and gardening.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Brian Taylorson of Kent Island, MD; four grandchildren, Christopher, Jason, Cadie, and Jennifer; a sister, Joan Barbara Ward of Kansas City, KS.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or Ducks Unlimited, 1 Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120.

Tribute Wall

RT

Robert E Tibbetts purchased the Purple, Violet, a nd Yellow Wildflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Raymond Brierly Taylorson.

Robert E Tibbetts - July 06, 2025 at 05:24 PM

I only knew Mr. Taylson as a customer of a local business but he, and his wife, were always so lovely. Nothing short of smiles, kind words and good attitudes. Thoughts and prayers

B - December 09, 2019 at 01:12 PM

SJ

Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Brierly Taylorson

Suzanne Jackson - December 04, 2019 at 03:54 AM

MR

Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Raymond Brierly Taylorson

Maryann Ruehrmund - December 03, 2019 at 04:04 PM

MR

Mrs. Taylorson, I am shocked and saddened to learn of your loss. Please accept by fondest and deepest sympathy. Maryann

Maryann Ruehrmund - December 03, 2019 at 04:05 PM