



John Ensley Taylor

April 28, 1941 - April 23, 2026

John Ensley Taylor, 84, passed away on April 23, 2026, surrounded by his family, following a life dedicated to his country, his family, and his enduring passion for fishing.

Born in Benton, Arkansas on April 28, 1941, John served with honor and distinction in the United States Navy for nearly 20 years. He retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8), carrying with him the values of discipline, loyalty, and camaraderie that defined both his military service and his everyday life.

After his naval career, John continued his commitment to service and mentorship as Division Head of Industrial Trades at St. Augustine Vocational Technical School, where he taught and inspired students for many years before retiring after nearly 20 years. Never one sitting still and known for his strong work ethic and attention to detail, he later founded his own dock-building business, where he took pride in creating lasting work along the waterways he loved.

John was the beloved husband of Nancy Taylor, with whom he shared 36 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they built a life rich in love, laughter, and cherished memories.

In his leisure time, John could almost always be found on the St. Johns River or any nearby body of freshwater, patiently waiting for a bite. Fishing was more than a hobby—it was his sanctuary. He found peace on the water and joy in sharing stories of his time on the rivers and lakes with family and

friends. During his years as a member of the Bold City Bass Club, he won numerous trophies.

He was a true friend to many—the kind of man who would give you the shirt off his back, always ready with a helping hand or a warm conversation. His kindness, generosity, and steady presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Nancy Taylor; his children, Barbara Taylor, Cindy Ashley, John Taylor, Michael Taylor, Veronica Dang, and Kevin Bailey; nine grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; his brothers, Todd Taylor and Jeff Taylor, and their families, as well as numerous dear friends.

A memorial service to celebrate John's life will be held at 2:00 PM on May 16, 2026, at Providence Bible Church, 7730 State Road 13 North, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice Bailey Family Center for Caring in his memory.

Fair winds and following seas, sailor.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAY **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Providence Bible Church
7730 County Rd 13 N
St. Augustine, FL 32092-2400
(904) 417-8562

Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy we're sorry for your loss, You and Family are in our Prayers. May Gods loving kindness comfort you and your family through this sad time.
Ben & Barbara Strawn

Ben Brbara Strawn - May 17 at 12:09 PM

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“ Jacqueline K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Ensley Taylor.

Jacqueline K. - May 14 at 09:06 AM

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“ Elle & Henry Faherty purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Ensley Taylor.



Elle & Henry Faherty - May 12 at 06:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Ensley Taylor.

May 11 at 07:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Ensley Taylor.



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“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of John Ensley Taylor.



May 05 at 01:20 PM



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May 03 at 06:44 PM



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