Garry Eugene Taylor, 78


Garry was born in Chicago, but lived most of his life in Iowa. He and his wife, Audrey, moved to Florida in 2001 and since then have been snowbirds sharing their lives between Vero Beach, Fla. and Holiday Lake, Iowa.

Before retiring, he owned and operated Custom Floor Covering Service in Cedar Rapids. GT enjoyed planning, drawing and building things with his own hands. He also loved teaching younger people how to build things as well. And he was always very proud of his work. Among the many things he accomplished, he was especially proud that he planned, drew, and built their cabin at Holiday Lake, and taught his grandson how to build a floating dock.

He had a very happy life and felt that he was blessed to be able to share his love with so many and blessed to have to the opportunity to tell all those he loved how grateful he was for their part in his beautiful life.

GT was an active member of Riverside Church of Sebastian, Fla. and the Grace Community Church in Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Taylor; daughter, Doreatha (Ann) Taylor and her husband, Scott Howell, of Vero Beach, Fla.; grandsons Sebastian Howell and Finn Howell of Vero Beach, Fla.; brother, Tod Taylor and his wife, Sharon, of Oxford Junction, Iowa; sister, Darlene Taylor of Mesa, Ariz.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Sharon and Don Irwin of Davenport, David and Judy Heath of Vero Beach, Fla., Becky and Danny Wurffelkuhl of Edgewood, Iowa, Gladys Taylor of Tipton, Iowa; many nieces and nephews, many many surrogate sons, daughters and grandkids and a lifetime of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Taylor, and Mary Duct Taylor, and his brother, Gregg Taylor.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Grace Community Church, 511 6th Ave., Grinnell, Iowa, 50112, in memory of Garry Taylor.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at Grace Community Church in Grinnell, with Pastor Rick Magstadt officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

The family would like to thank the caring staff and volunteers of the VNA Hospice and Lawnwood Regional Pavilion.

Arrangements are by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory, Sebastian, Fla.