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Hold rites for Elder Taylor

Elder Dennis D. Taylor, 60, of rural Grinnell died Monday morning at his home of a heart condition. Oct 27

Funeral services for Dennis D. Taylor were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Elder Rex Franklin of Bettendorf and Elder Dovey Talbert of Blairsburg officiating. Music was provided by John R. Taylor.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada, Tex. Burial will be in Crosbyton, Tex.

Born Dec. 2, 1919, in Crosby County, Tex., he was the son of John Tifford and Eliza Adella Roberts Taylor. He attended school in Crosby County and later graduated with the class of 1937 from Crosbyton High School. He attended Texas Technical University at Lubbock, Tex.

On Dec. 24, 1939, he married Rachel McClure at her parents' farm home in Crosby County. Following their marriage, the couple farmed in Crosby County and later near Agilene, Tex. In 1945, they moved to a ranch near Rye, Colo., and later returned to a farm in Crosby County.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor moved to Grinnell in 1966.

Elder Taylor spent 13 years ministering to the congregation of the Primitive Baptist Church northwest of Grinnell. He was ordained in 1955 at the New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada, and served Primitive Baptist congregations in Texas and New Mexico before moving to Grinnell.

In 1962 he ran for the 19th district's congressional seat in Texas on the Republican ticket. He was president of the Crosby County Farm Bureau for many years and was a charter member of the Ruritan Club and The Toastmasters' Club in Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel, of rural Grinnell; his three sons, John R. Taylor of Grinnell, Joe Taylor of North Hollywood, Calif., and Tom Dennis Taylor of Crosby County; and two sisters, Mrs. Bill (Ozena) Norris of Floydada and Mrs. Luther (Nell) Norvell of Hereford, Tex.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother.

Memorials may be made to the Harmony Plains Singing School, and may be sent to the Smith Funeral Home.