Ralph Kelly Taylor, 77

Ralph Kelly Taylor, age 77, passed away at home on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, in Avon Park, Fla. He was born in Erwin, N.C., to John and Penny (Byrd) Taylor. He was a retired Southern Baptist minister and a member of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church. He had been a resident of Avon Park since 2004, after living in Orlando for

He is survived by his wife, Delores Taylor of Avon Park; daughters, Linda Lilly of many years. Brooklyn, and Liz Pace of Avon Park; sons, Bobby (Marla) Taylor of Hazel Green, Ala., and Jonathan Taylor of Avon Park; 21 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. Other local survivors are Mindy Bacon, Kelly Krahn and Miguel Villanueva, all of Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings; a son, Ralph Taylor II; and

Memorial services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, at Avon Park grandson, Knight Hancock. Lakes Baptist Church with interment to follow at a later date at Union United Methodist Church Cemetery, Lillington, N.C. Arrangements are entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Avon Park, Fla.