



Kelly Emerson Taylor

November 7, 1954 - December 3, 2025

Kelly Emerson Taylor, aka Big Wind, passed away December 3, 2025 surrounded by his family. He will be remembered for his quiet strength, his generous heart, and the unwavering support he offered to everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Born on November 7, 1954, Kelly grew up with a strong sense of responsibility and a deep appreciation for the simple, important things in life: family, honest work, and being there when others needed him. He carried those values throughout his life, whether he was offering a helping hand, sharing a story that made you laugh, or giving steady words of advice at just the right moment.

Kelly dedicated many years to his work in the Army, and then later on the farm where he built lifelong friendships. Outside of work, he found joy in camping and mountain man activities.

Above all, Kelly cherished his family. He was a devoted father to Jeff and Jen, and a proud grandfather to Cora, Darcy, Val, Shannon, Cameron, Trinity, Mason, and Jax . His presence was a source of comfort, his humor a constant light, and his love a steady foundation that will continue to guide his family for years to come.

Kelly is survived by his extremely patient and loving wife Katie, his kids Jeff and Jen, and his siblings Launee, Lacey, Sheila, and Linda, He is preceded in death by his parents Fred and Beulah and brother Kyle.

A visitation will be held at United Methodist Church in Chapman on on January 16th from 5-7 pm and a celebration of life on the 17th at 11am. Family and friends are invited to attend and share memories of a remarkable man who touched so many lives.

His legacy of kindness, resilience, and love will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

Memorials are to the Chapman Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
426 Sheeran Ave
Chapman, KS 67431

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I just can't believe you ain't here. You, Charlie, Blue and Dave. Gone. I just can't get it in my head.*

Bullet - January 15 at 05:25 PM

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“ *Love you HSAT crew purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Kelly Emerson Taylor.*



Love you HSAT crew - January 13 at 10:09 AM