



Paul Taylor

June 11, 1925 - November 26, 2018

Paul E. Taylor, 93, of Port St. Lucie, FL, formerly of Decatur, IL passed Monday, November 26 at Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages, FL. He was born in Decatur, IL on June 11, 1925 the youngest son of Arbia & Blanche Webb Taylor. He was preceded in death by his parents & 5 older siblings. Paul graduated from Bement HS in May, 1943 and enlisted in the US Air Force shortly after. He was honorably discharged as a Second Lieutenant after WWII ended. Paul graduated from Millikin Univ in 1949 & began a 32 year career as a teacher & coach; teaching at VIT, Macomb, Dupo, Argenta-Oreana, & retiring from Stephen Decatur HS in 1981. He was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990. Paul was an IHSA football & basketball official for over 20 years, in addition to his coaching duties. He also was one of the original "birddog" scouts for the Houston Astros (Colt 45's) baseball team in the St. Louis area. Paul married his high school sweet-heart, Barbara E. Ball in April, 1945, & they had 49 good years, & 5 children. She passed in May, 1994. Paul's survivors include Terry (Linda), Sherry (Larry) Harris; Kim (Nan); Kevin (Teri); and Pat (fiancé Amy Wild). He is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Ryan Taylor (CO), Cory Taylor (CO), Tami Tomlinson (FL), Laura Varacalli (IL), Curt Taylor (IL), Kris Taylor (IL), Ketra Taylor (FL), Heather Taylor (FL), and Hope Taylor (FL); 10 great grandchildren, & 3 great great grandchildren. Also surviving is Paul's special friend & companion Phyllis Bona of Port St. Lucie. A memorial service will be held Friday, December 14 at 1:30PM at the First Congregational Church in

Port St. Lucie. A reception for family and friends will immediately follow at the Saints Golf Club House in PSL on Morningside Blvd. Contributions to Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162