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I'll do a condolence letter for the Governor to sign.

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To: 'Kris Perry'; 'Michelle Fabrello'; Todd Palin; 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: 'Melissa M. Stepovich '
Subject: FW: Commissioner Bishop's father in-law

The attached obituary is Click Bishop's father-in-law and Melissa Stepovich sent flowers from the Governor and First Gentleman. Thanks Melissa! Kari.

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From: Melissa M. Stepovich [mailto:melissa_stepovich@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:10 PM
To: Kari L Spencer; Michelle A Fabrello
Subject: Commissioner Bishop's father in-law

William T. Taylor

William Thomas Taylor, 77, passed away at home into the arms of Jesus on Friday, Feb. 23, 2007.

Bill was born in Kinston, N.C. on Oct. 1, 1929, to Kate Smith Taylor and Guy Taylor.

Growing up in tough times without a father, he learned to fish and hunt to help feed his family.

Bill's mother gave permission for him to join the Army at 17 to serve in the 82nd Airborne Paratrooper Division. After basic, he switched places with another soldier once he learned that every other person was being sent to Japan, so he could come to Alaska in a combat rifle team.

Alaska was not as sweet as he thought it would be and he had his mother write the territorial governor to get him out of here. But it didn't take long for him to take a liking to Alaska. When he was discharged in 1949 in Montana, he used his \$600 separation check to return to Alaska. Bill loved Alaska and its people.

In the early days, Bill used a dog team as transportation around Fairbanks. He worked at the base power plant, as a cab owner-operator, fought forest fires, delivered coal for Johnny's Express, and joined Teamsters Local 959 around 1959. He worked for Green Construction Co. for many years and retired from the Teamsters in 1978.

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Bill's passion was his family, but his other loves were fishing and dog mushing on the Yukon and Tanana rivers.

The family subsistence and commercial fished in Rampart and Manley Hot Springs. Eventually they built a fish processing plant in Manley Hot Springs, Yutana Fisheries.

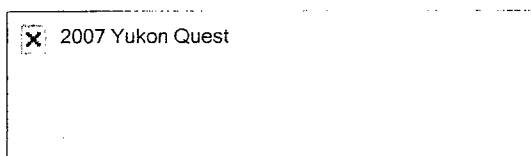
In the 1960s Bill put together a team for sprint racing. He won many races but was proudest of winning the Open North American in Fairbanks in 1968. Bill died on the opening day of the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous. His son, Ricky, was to compete in that race for the first time.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ann Evans Taylor; siblings, Edward, Frank, Rosa and Fred; and sons, Billy and Jimmy.

He is survived by his children from his first wife, Edna: Donna El-Amin of Anchorage, Linda Taylor of Houston, Texas, and Michael Paquette of Fairbanks; his daughter, Doris Marie Lee of New Bern, N.C., his children with wife Ann, all of Fairbanks, Darlene and Click Bishop, Greg and Monica Taylor, Ricky Taylor and Sandra Taylor; mother of two grandchildren, Karen Shafford; grandchildren, Stephanie, James, Ashley, Candace, Cassandra, Cleveland, Todd and Aaron Gates, Lori Bishop and Paul Brinkman, Lisa Bishop, Marina, Alex, Hanna, Brooke and Christian; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kadence and Isaiah; siblings, Guy Taylor of Kinston and Susie Harper of Nashville, N.C.; sister-in-law, Doris Taylor of Kinston; and sisters and brother-in-law, Ethel and Richard Smith, Paula Evans, and Elaine Long, all of Fairbanks.

Visitation will be at David Salmon Tribal Hall on Thursday, March 1, at noon. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. A potluck at the hall will start at 5:30 p.m. Please bring memories to share.

Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory.



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