



Norman William Taylor

January 5, 2018

Norman William Taylor, 94, of Lancaster, PA died on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Homestead Village following a long illness. He was born in Wigan, England, the son of Albert and Jessie Slonker Taylor and lived in the United States since 1953. He and his wife, the former Eleanor Dorothy Harper, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on July 18th 2017.

During World War II in Britain, Dr. Taylor earned a degree in engineering and served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of the British Army in India, reaching the rank of Captain.

Dr. Taylor received a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the University of London, graduating with honors and earned a Master's degree and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University. Tohoku Gakuin University in Japan conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree on him in 1988.

After teaching at Yale, Lawrence University and the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Taylor joined the faculty of Franklin and Marshall College, where he was the Charles A. Dana Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Economics Department. He was also Director of the Japanese Studies Program and of the Asian Studies program. In 1967-68, he was a Visiting Professor of Economics at Tunghai University in Taiwan. He retired from fulltime service at Franklin and Marshall in 1988, but continued to be involved in Asian Studies there for another eleven years.

Dr. Taylor was a member of the American Economic Association, the Economic History Association, the Association for Asian Studies, and the American Association for Chinese Studies, of which he was a member of the board of directors. He was a longtime member of Highland Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Taylor is survived by a son, David, husband of Rhonda Schappell Taylor of Conestoga; a daughter, Laurie, wife of Derek Leadbetter of Durham,

NC; four grandchildren : Amanda Eiche, Christine Rintz, Diane Dellaero and Claire Leadbetter; and one great granddaughter, Sydney Eiche. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Albert Taylor and four sisters: Phyllis Taylor, Jessie Sharples, Margaret Pearson and Agnes Chamberlain.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Service at The Bachman Center at Homestead Village on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the service. A private interment will be held at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Norman's name may be made to the Norman W. Taylor Family Scholarship Fund C/O Franklin & Marshall College P.O. Box 3003, Lancaster, PA 17604-3003.

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“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ It was with great sadness that we learned today of Norman's passing last year, since my father Arthur's death some 6 years ago we have lost touch with you in the USA. I managed to get a copy of Norman's obituary and I have circulated this to our family in and around Wigan.

Sadly we are now second generation relatives as all aunties, uncles and cousins have now passed on to a greater cause. I miss your annual letter at Christmas with news of how you all are progressing and how your family is growing and flourishing. Norman had a great life in the USA and a loving partner for life in you Eleanor and I know that you will all be proud of his contribution and legacy both in Pennsylvania and in Japan.

Our thoughts are with you all, belated condolences.

With love

David Butler
Wigan

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“ Eleanor, I express my sympathy to you at this time of Norman's passing. We of course met at Family & Children's service on 630 Janet Ave. where you were my supervisor for part of the time. In more recent years I would see you and Norman at my Wheatland Chorale concerts. I wish you peace as you celebrate the wonderful life

of Norman and in the days, weeks and years that follow. I am now retired and enjoying a pension from F&CS. Music and gardening are my passions. Lamar Dourte

Lamar Dourte - January 10, 2018 at 07:43 PM