

**Woodcarve in
the Beautiful
Texas Hill Country**



Jerry Bob Taylor

January 24, 1935 - July 15, 2019



Jerry Bob Taylor of Brownwood, former Baptist encampment manager and Texas Baptist Men leader, died July 15. He was 84. He was born in Brownwood on Jan. 24, 1935, to Bob and Mildred Taylor. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior during a campus revival at Howard Payne University. Taylor graduated from HPU in 1966, and went on to become pastor of churches in Brady, Blanton, Lohn, Brownwood, Midkiff, Big Spring and San Marcos. From 1970 to 1981, he served on the TBM staff, where he was instrumental in developing the disaster relief ministry that became a model for Baptists nationally. As a volunteer, he assisted with the recovery process after the 9-11 terror attacks, and he served in Africa feeding refugees from Rwanda's civil war. The disaster relief communications room at the TBM headquarters in Dallas is named for him. After he retired from TBM, he became camp administrator for Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp in Stanton. Under his direction from 1981 to 1995, the camp served more than 69,000 guests, and Taylor witnessed 1,739 give their lives to Christ. After returning to Brownwood to retire, the Taylors opened the Tuf Times Art Gallery. Taylor—an acclaimed woodcarver and sculptor—was a

member of several artist associations through the years. He participated in numerous judged art shows, and he designed and created the Will Rogers Award that is given annually at the Academy of Western Artists awards ceremony. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Taylor. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Laverne Taylor of Brownwood; daughter Lori Hurt and husband Doug of Brownwood; two grandsons; a great-granddaughter; and a sister, Jo Ann Ricker of San Angelo.