



JACKSON JOHNSON TAYLOR

1918 – 2008

Past Academy president and Fellow, Jackson Johnson Taylor, 89, of Mechanicsville, Va., died Thursday, July 31, 2008. He was born at "Shrub Hill," his family's farm in Winnabow, N.C., on November 20, 1918, and was the son of Edwin Wellington Taylor and Alice Jackson Johnson Taylor. He received his B.S. degree in physics from the University of Richmond in 1942 and in 1948, he completed his M.S. degree at Cornell University. He began his 38-year career as professor of physics (1948-1986) at the University of Richmond, serving as chairman of the physics department for 21 years. All of us remember him as an inspired and outstanding teacher. He was named a UR Distinguished Educator in 1976. In 1989, the Jackson J. Taylor Best Senior Seminar in Physics Award was established in honor of Professor Taylor, to recognize the student judged by the faculty of the Department of Physics to have presented the best senior seminar.

During WWII, he served aboard the "Duxbury Bay" as Lieutenant JG, USNR, Fleet Air Wing One, receiving two Battle Stars in the Okinawa campaign.

Professor Taylor was a long time member of the Virginia Academy of Science, serving as President from 1962 to 1963 and was elected Fellow in 1979. He also was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers (Chairman, Va. Area, President Chesapeake Section, National Council Representative), Sigma Pi Sigma (physics), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership) and Phi Gamma Delta.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Professor Taylor served as Elder and Clerk of Session at

Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, as Elder at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, as president of the Richmond Area Council of Presbyterian Churches and on various presbytery and synod committees. Most recently, he was a member of Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

Since 2002, Professor Taylor was an active member of the Covenant Woods community in Mechanicsville, serving on committees and using his passion for photography to enrich the lives of Covenant Woods residents by helping many residents develop their photographic skills and encouraging them to display their photos along with his own wonderful photos. He was an award-winning member of the Lee Artists Association. Professor Taylor is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Beaman Taylor.

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