His Legacy... John William Taylor, 80, of Oroville, was born September 8, 1928 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma to William Jess Taylor and Marion Irene Sheffield. He passed away January 28, 2009 in Oroville. John graduated from Sapulpa High School in Oklahoma and later graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School. He married Myra Spurlock in 1950 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. John served in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1973, 17 of those years were active duty, including tours of duty in the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts. John proudly served as a soldier for a total 27 years. His hobbies included restoring furniture, woodworking, hunting, fishing and golf. He attended Foothill Blvd. Church of Christ in Oroville.

His Family... John was preceded in death by his first and second wife Myra Spurlock and Marie Matthews, sister Jean Gibbs, brothers, William Jess Jr. (Billy), James Robert (Bobby) and daughters Jamie Ruth Uphoff and Deborah Ann Wright. He is survived by his son John Amzi Taylor of Oroville and sister Peggy Frank of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. John also leaves behind five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His Farewell Service ...There will be a Memorial Service February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Foothill Blvd. Church of Christ in Oroville with a reception to follow. Memorial contributions on John’s behalf can be made to Foothill Blvd. Church of Christ and Christian Encounter Ministries (Grass Valley, CA). Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home, 534-3877.