



Lawrence Taylor Bahn

September 18, 1951 - May 17, 2021

Dr. Lawrence Taylor Bahn, 69, passed away peacefully at his home, Taylor Oaks, in Cape Girardeau on Monday, May 17.

He was born on September 18, 1951 in Cape Girardeau, and attended the Campus School, graduating from Cape Central High School in 1969. A talented cello player, Taylor played with the community orchestra while still in high school. Taylor was an Eagle Scout with Troop 3 and a member of Order of the Arrow. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State College with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. Dr. Bill Kane is quoted as saying that Taylor Bahn was the smartest guy in McGill Hall. He continued his education with a Masters degree in Biochemistry from the University of Memphis, and attained his DDS degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Dental School. Dr. Bahn went on to complete a Residency in Periodontics at the Louisiana State University-New Orleans. There were a few jokes at this point about Taylor being a professional student. He practiced Periodontics in Cape Girardeau for 33 years while being the only periodontist between St. Louis and Memphis for most of that time.

While in Memphis Taylor began playing rugby at the center and winger positions with the Old No. 7 Rugby Club and also played on the Kansas City Rugby Club, where he made and maintained many lasting friendships. Two of his friends and their families later formed the 'Alpha Dog' Ski Team with Taylor and his crew.

Taylor married Nancy Jo Wilson of Harviell, Missouri in 1982, and began

practicing periodontics in 1984. He was raised as a Presbyterian, but became a member of Cape La Croix United Methodist Church, and enjoyed Bible Study with friends at Centenary UMC. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather to his family, and a good friend to many others. Taylor was a gentle spirit, a kind man with a congenial personality while possessing good humor and a dry wit. He was good cook and perfected his world famous seafood gumbo recipe. Taylor enjoyed duck hunting and training the family's retrievers, Buck and Suzy; he also liked canoeing, camping, taking care of the family farm, and other outdoor activities. Taylor was an avid sports enthusiast for all sports on the television and in person. He served as Scout Leader for son Jackson's Troop 5 Boy Scout Patrol. He also enjoyed dance recitals, the swim meets, and all his children's high school activities, among them being Carsen's tennis team matches. Taylor was active with coaching all three children's recreational soccer teams, and Caitlin's traveling U-15 Girls' Sabres Soccer Team to a first place finish in the Missouri Kellogg Bowl.

Dr. Bahn was a member of the American Academy of Periodontology, attaining his Diplomat Status, the Missouri Dental Association, the Southeast Dental Society, serving as president; and the local Implant Study Club. He judged the Regional High School Science Fair annually, and was pleased to give the Bahn Award to many outstanding Science Fair winners.

Taylor is survived by his wife, Nancy, and their children, Caitlin Rebecca Bahn (Kirtley) Weitzel of Belle Isle, Florida; Jackson Taylor (Samantha) Bahn of Salida, Colorado, and Dr. Agnes Carsen Eileen Bahn of Cheyenne, Wyoming; two grandchildren, Beya Lane and Raphael Grimm Bahn; a brother, William (Janna) Bahn, of Santé Fe, New Mexico, and numerous cousins, other relatives and friends from near and far.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. E. Lawrence and Leta Lewis Bahn, and uncles and aunts.

Thank you to all our friends and family who have been praying for Taylor and offering words of support, which has made this trial lighter. Taylor maintained his good humor to the end and was without complaint. We think of Taylor in

heaven laughing with his parents and good friends, Drs. David Crowe and Robert Leyen. We shall miss him.

Visitation will be 10:00am to 12:00pm Saturday at Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 N. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00pm Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donation may be made to The Tailor Institute for Autism or to a charity of their choice.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Centenary Global Methodist Church
300 N. Ellis
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ *The last time I spoke with Taylor we got into an animated discussion of our grandchildren. He loved his family deeply. Sending love and hugs to you and your family Nancy. He will be missed. Debbie and Kent Griffith*

Debbie Griffith - May 26, 2021 at 09:41 AM

LH

“ *Prayers and Hugs to you Nancy and your family. He was such an inspiration to so many. He will be missed. The Hengst's Family*

LaDonna Hengst - May 25, 2021 at 05:18 PM

SO

“ *I am so sad to hear of Taylor's passing. He was a good friend and a great guy. I will keep all of his family in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.*



Susie O'Connell

Susie Pickett O'Connell - May 23, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MW

“ *Nancy and family, I was so sorry to hear Dr. Bahn has passed. I remember the day we ran into each other after I had just lost my husband and you were so comforting to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you, His loss will be felt by so many. Marion Weiss*

Marion Weiss - May 23, 2021 at 05:21 PM

MF

“ I have so many great memories of Taylor, one of my only 2 first cousins. Taylor and I were only 4 months apart, and he seemed like another brother to me. Growing up we spent many holidays together and went on some fun float trips with our families. Once when I was a sophomore at George Peabody College in Nashville, he magically appeared when my brother Bob and I were unloading my hanging clothes out of the backseat of my family's 1968 Ford Galaxy 500. I am not sure how he found us, but he probably called my mother. Another time, the summer after my junior year in college, I went to Panama City Beach with a friend from school and her parents with their Airstream Trailer. Taylor happened to be at the same beach with Greg B, and we ran into them and spent a little fun time together there. Neither Taylor nor I knew we would be at that beach at the same time. I will miss Taylor very much, but I know he is at peace in heaven now.

Love,
Cousin Mary Reese Finley

Mary Finley - May 22, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Taylor Bahn.



May 21, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lawrence Taylor Bahn.*



May 21, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *I grew up as neighbors with the Bahns and worked for William and Taylor's mother as a housekeeper when I was young. Taylor came by our house to offer condolences after my mother died in 2015. I'll never forget how gracious and thoughtful he was to our family. Sending prayers to William and to Taylor's wife and family.*

Debbie Sopko - May 20, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ *Ab and Sherry Painton/ Newt Daniel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Taylor Bahn.*



Ab and Sherry Painton/ Newt Daniel - May 20, 2021 at 03:53 PM

TS

“ I remember Taylor so well from our days as members of Troop 3 in Cape. One hot summer day at Camp Lewallen he took me on a 5 mile hike to qualify for Second Class. In those days there was a maximum time limit to complete the 5 miles. We hustled and made it. Taylor and Willie were terrific leaders and patient with all of the younger scouts in ways I can just now appreciate. My best to the family. - Tom Sawyer

Thomas Sawyer - May 20, 2021 at 02:39 PM

NS

I had the pleasure of getting to know Taylor, when he played Rugby while in KC, (in Dental School), with the KCRFC. Along with Dave Swartzbaugh, the 3 of us gravitated to each other during his time there. What a lovable teammate and character he became. I cherished his friendship, his quick wit and humor, while we played beside each other, in adjoining positions, communicating throughout every practice & game. Taylor was not particularly big, but made himself “a force” on the Rugby field. Bright as hell, never missed a tackle, never dropped a pass, always in the right place. He was an exceptional, Rugby player, and epitomized how a great mind on the pitch was “how the game was intended to be played.” His skill set was “the major factor” in us winning nearly every game we played during his time in KC. He was such an outstanding person, I counted his friendship as one of my lifetime assets. I’ve often thought of him, and knew he’d be a complete man in everything he approached. I wish I had connected in recent years, and am so saddened in his recent passing. For Nancy, and his kids & grandchildren...please know Taylor as “one of the FINEST PEOPLE, to ever walk this earth. He will be extraordinarily missed. He made our lives BETTER...WITH HIS PRESENCE & friendship. To be Taylor Bahn’s friend...“was a privilege.” Rest in Peace, my Friend. You were “The BEST.”

Neil Sloman - May 23, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SR

“ Susan and Clifton Ransdell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence Taylor Bahn.



Susan and Clifton Ransdell - May 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM

LF

“ LESLEY MCNEELY (AUGSPURGER) AND FAMILY purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence Taylor Bahn.



LESLEY MCNEELY (AUGSPURGER) AND FAMILY - May 20, 2021 at 10:52 AM

LM

“ Lesley M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lawrence Taylor Bahn.



Lesley M. - May 20, 2021 at 10:41 AM

CC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Sending our prayers to the family.
Chuck & Connie Clark

chuck / connie clark - May 19, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BL

“ *Nancy and Family,
So sorry for your loss. Taylor was the best. We are glad you all came to stay in New Orleans for a little while, those were some good times.*

*Love,
Bob and George-Ann Lovinggood*



Bob Lovinggood - May 19, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Taylor was my teammate on the Kansas City Rugby Club. It has been many years since I last saw him. So I will remember him as the good guy he was, and for his sure hands and quickness which served us well as our flyhalf.
RIP Taylor.*

Robb Tipton - May 19, 2021 at 04:31 PM

LL

“ *1 file added to the album Friends*



LONNIE R LUSK - May 19, 2021 at 04:15 PM

KM

“ A relative, friend, and a very, very good man. Taylor was kind, caring, considerate, highly intelligent, articulate, always the professional, who carried with him a quiet and peaceful air that followed him everywhere he went. I can't say or write enough about Taylor except to exhort that he left us all much too early. Certainly the earth is a much lesser place without Taylor in it and God has reacquired an extraordinary soul. Deepest condolences t A relative, good friend, and a very, very good man. Kind, caring, highly intelligent, articulate, but with a quiet and peaceful air that seemed to follow him about. I can't say or write enough about Taylor except to exhort that he left us all much too early. Certainly the earth is a much lesser place without him in it and God has reacquired an extraordinary gem. Taylor, we will sorely miss you. God Bless and Godspeed, my friend! My condolences to his wife, Nancy, and to Caitlin, Jackson, Carsen and their families. Taylor, we will sorely miss you, your smile, your good heart, your confidence and profound graciousness. God Bless and Godspeed, my friend. God has you safely with Him now!

Ken McManaman - May 19, 2021 at 12:42 PM

NA

“ I was a patient of Dr. Bahn. Only seen him once a year but was always the same - friendly and polite. Prayers for the family. 🙏



nancy - May 19, 2021 at 07:46 AM