



Thomas A. Taylor

March 23, 1951 - May 29, 2018

Thomas A. Taylor, 67, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born March 23, 1951 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Robert Lee and Pauline Elizabeth Gibson Taylor.

He and Diane Dillingham were married July 14, 1971 at Cape Girardeau.

Tom was a Cape Central High School graduate and attended college until he was old enough to join the Highway Patrol.

He was a State Trooper 30 years serving on road duty, the Governor Security Unit, and retired as a Lieutenant in the Drug & Crime Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He then worked as Special Projects Manager for Gavin De Becker and Associates.

He was a member of Maple United Methodist Church. He served as President of National Governors Security Association.

Tom was devoted to his wife and to his work and was a lover of animals.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Taylor of Cape Girardeau; two sisters,

Jeanne (Jim) Kelpé of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Karen Grayson of Jackson, Missouri; a number of nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert "Bobby" Lee Taylor, Jr.

Friends may call 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 1:00 pm Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with Brother Ken Johnson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Tri-County Hospice Services,
Wounded Warriors or
The Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Diane and Family, I just came upon the obituary for Tom and it breaks my heart! This is almost a year later March 2019. I am sorry I didn't know in order to pay my respects in a timely manner. I knew Tom when he served on Governor Bond's security detail. I later learned of his national prominence and association with Governor Schwarzenegger. I recall seeing him on TV one day. He was in the background and I thought "that is Tom Taylor". I Googled him then and found what an exciting career he was having. Just now I was Googling the names of acquaintances from the past when this came up. Tom was a true professional and gentleman. His demeanor and personality made him likable and memorable. I am truly saddened by this news. Please accept my extremely late condolences. What a loss!!! Rita Heckman Hinton

Rita Heckman Hinton - March 12, 2019 at 12:51 AM



“ Cylinder Holder Pendant was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Taylor.



June 04, 2018 at 12:00 PM

GE

“ I met Tom through my work almost a decade ago. Toms calm and thoughtful insight helped me protect someone. I communicated with Tom at points over the years and hearing this news wished I had know him better. He had a professional calling that I think reflected his nature. He will be missed by many whether they knew him well or not. I write from another country and so wish I could attend to pay respects to Tom and his family. Geoff

geoff - June 02, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ Tom was a great man that touched the lives of many in a positive way. He will be missed by all. Love and prayers to his wonderful wife Diane.

John Rose - June 02, 2018 at 10:25 AM

DT

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diane taylor - June 01, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ Tree of Life Memorial Urn Pendant was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Taylor.



June 01, 2018 at 10:56 AM

KM

“ *Diane, Jeanne, and Karen,*

My many thoughts and prayers are with you all. Praise God he is free of disease and pain and in the presence of the Lord.. I know you all will miss him, as will all of his friends. May God's loving arms surround you all and comfort you in the coming days, May your loving memories comfort you each and every day. I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend Tom's Memorial service. I will be there in spirit. Tom was such a wonderful out-going and caring friend. He will never be forgotten.

Love in Christ,

Karen Webb McClendon

Karen McClendon - June 01, 2018 at 07:57 AM

GH

“ *Diane, please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. It is a sad thing when a love one passes from your life. Sorry to hear that Tom had to battle cancer for so long before it got the best of him. I sure you will now have a big void in your life, but stay strong and keep the faith. Sadly, Gary Hurt.*

Gary Hurt - May 31, 2018 at 08:49 PM

JT

“ *Tom was a great guy. Worked with him for several years while he was on the Governor Security Detail. When I read his book I couldn't put it down. He was very professional and dedicated to his work. Glad I knew him! Jerry Tellman*

Jerry Tellman - May 31, 2018 at 05:48 PM

DB

“ I was Tom's teacher and coach at Washington Elementary School. I was the sponsor of the Washington School Patrol. When Tom was in the 5th and 6th grade he was our Patrol Captain. The other Patrol Members liked and respected Tom and they would select him to be their leader each year. I could see at this early age Tom was an exceptional person and a natural leader! I knew that Tom would do well in life and by the he lived his life he certainly confirmed my thoughts!

I know Tom will be greatly missed! He was such an inspiration to others!

We are so fortunate that he touched so many lives in a wonderful way! I was always so proud to say that he had been a student of mine!

Doug Berry

Doug Berry - May 31, 2018 at 04:29 PM

KG

I remember u, Coach Berry! That's something that he was so into leading and patrolling at such a young age. I didn't know that. He was a fantastic man and big brother too!! I always admired him for how he moved to the top and was such a great bodyguard for everyone he was watching!! I'll miss him so much!! Thanks for the memory Coach!! :)

Karen (Taylor) Grayson

Karen Grayson - May 31, 2018 at 08:10 PM

PM

“ Diane my thoughts are with you with the loss of Tom. He fought a great fight for so long and now he can be at peace. He was a husband, a friend to many, a writer and a warrior. He will be remembered for the many lives he touched. Rest In Peace Tom.....

Pamela McQuay-Grimes - May 31, 2018 at 07:51 AM

BB

Diane, there are NO words to tell you how terribly sorry I am to hear of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying for comfort and peace.

Beverly Bond - May 31, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Taylor.*



May 30, 2018 at 10:45 PM

VM

“ *I pray you will find comfort and peace at this time of terrible loss.*

vicki michael - May 30, 2018 at 09:24 PM

SO

“ *Diane and family,*

I can't tell you how sad and sorry I am about Tom's passing. What a great man and great friend. I am praying for you for God to give you comfort. I will be available, Di, if you need anything. Love you!



Susie Pickett O'Connell - May 30, 2018 at 08:53 PM

SJ

“ I was stunned to hear of Tom’s passing. Tom was a consummate professional, reserved, very bright and a true gentleman. He was very well respected in our Highway Patrol recruit class.

We worked together during my tenure in Jefferson City, an association that I will always remember for his uncanny political instinct and ability to diffucs touchy interpersonal issue involving a very difficult 1st lady.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on his passing.

Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson - May 30, 2018 at 08:12 PM

ME

“ I love you Uncle Tom.... My heart is completely broken... give Papa Bob and Grandma a big hug for us... ❤️ Mindy



Mindy (Kelp) Eubanks - May 30, 2018 at 03:26 PM