



William Donald "Don" Taylor

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William Donald Taylor aka Don Taylor, 72, of Clearwater, FL, passed away on September 23, 2019. Don was born on February 24, 1947 to Bill and Virginia Taylor. He was a graduate of Jesuit High School in Tampa where he excelled in several sports: Basketball, Baseball, and Football. He was inducted into the Jesuit Hall of Fame for the class of 1966. He was All City and All State in Football where he played Defensive Tackle. He was a pitcher on the 1966 Jesuit Baseball team that won City Champs.

After graduating, Don became the Superintendent of Pinellas Juvenile Detention Center and later Pasco Juvenile Detention Center. Don was amazing with the children at the center and he had a special gift of working with the challenged children. He connected with them on a personal level and provided mentorship as they looked up to him. He built relationships with the children and prided himself in his abilities to provide opportunities they may not otherwise have been afforded. Don was a die-hard sport fan and his teams included the Alabama Crimson Tide and Tampa Bay Rays. He loved watching sports and attending sporting events with his family and especially Rays games with his granddaughter Brianna. Don was an avid fisherman and would rather be on the water than any other place in the world. He loved to take the boat on the water and show his fishing spots to his friends and family. He loved trout fishing in Homosassa with his buddies.

Don was the consummate "family man" and he would give you "the shirt off his back". Anyone who knew him knew how selfless he was. He always put others first. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife of 47 years Kathy Taylor; children Kristina Woods (Chris), Donny Taylor (Jamie); granddaughter Brianna Webber, and pups Bailey and Candy. His sisters Donna Cummings (Jeff), Patty Martin (Rodney), cousins Danielle (Mark and Grace), Donna Jean (Greg, Lexi, Jett, and Brock) and Tiffany (Roman). Preceded in death by his sister Virginia Lee and



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parents Bill and Virginia.

A celebration of life is planned for Saturday September 28, 2019 from 11 to 1 PM EST at Moss Feaster Funeral Home at 1320 Main St, Dunedin, FL 34698.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Don Taylor please visit our Sympathy Store. Don also supported the Southeast Guide Dogs and donations can be sent in lieu of flowers in Don's name.




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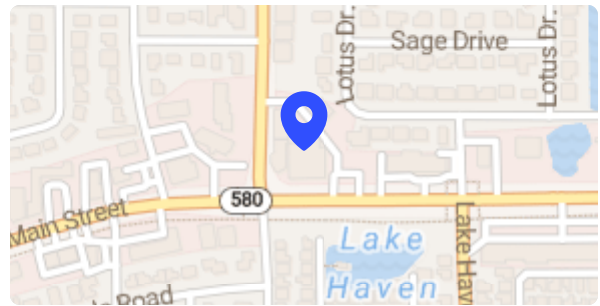
Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, September 28, 2019

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services - Dunedin**

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698





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Anonymous sent a Condolence Snacks to the Taylor family.



October 17 at 3:20 PM



Jimmy Sever posted:

Don, I will miss you so much you were like a Brother to me and I will always treasure our friendship. I know the last year what's so hard for you are we talked about living and dying well each other and cried with each other at my house I he told me how much you love your family I'll never forget you grabbing my hand telling me that you love me as a friend calloways remember that. I'll miss going fishing with you I just talking to you everyday you're the best friend anybody could ever have and I miss you so much God bless you. Love you Jimmy

September 29 at 9:57 AM



Matt Bostinto posted:

Don was my second father growing up. Hes the reason I played sports and he kept us kids in line. I was able to tell him I loved him and appreciated him several weeks before he passed. He took us everywhere and loved his family and everyone around him. God bless your soul Don. Thank you for everything. My sincere condolences to the Taylor family

September 28 at 5:00 AM



Baby Sister Patty And The Martin Family sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Taylor family.



September 28 at 4:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.



September 27 at 6:39 PM



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Justin Guadalupe posted:

Truly one of the best Man to ever give me advice and show me how a real man takes care of his kids and is good to his wife...Just a real righteous man...He did alot for me as a kid to enjoy life better..I feel for the Taylor family. Hope everyone is doing ok and stay strong...

September 27 at 5:57 PM



Dan Labella posted:

Don, so sorry to learn of your passing. You were a good friend, neighbor, softball teammate, and co-worker and will be missed . Always enjoyed our talks. Rest In Peace my friend. The LaBella family

September 27 at 5:39 PM



Jack Kaufman posted:

Don, my great lifelong friend, we had so many childhood memories and it now is so hard to believe you are gone. Deepest condolences to your family. You were a great friend and a better person.Jack

September 27 at 4:20 PM



Gus Larussa posted:

Don's actions were always louder that his words,he was a great competitor and one of the best ALL around athletes ever at Jesuit.YOU will be missed.RIPgus la russa

September 27 at 2:56 PM



Amanda, Michelle Green And Fred, Susan Casale sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Taylor family.



September 27 at 10:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Taylor family.



September 26 at 9:24 AM



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Donna Cummings posted:

Kathy...Thank you so much for your kindness, patience and loving devotion to my brother. I will miss all the wonderful times I had with him...going out on the boat, having breakfast with him and Bailey, and spending that magical weekend at Disney World together. Most of all, I will miss him greatly every summer at Sand Key. We had the best of times...fishing, relaxing, and enjoying everyone's company. Donald started that summer family tradition many years ago that I will continue to do in his honor and memory for many years to come. I will miss him dearly and I will always consider you my sister.... I love you... and thank you again....Donna Marie.

September 26 at 8:16 AM



Lynn O'Neal posted:

Remembering precious memories of times our families spent together. With love Aunt Jewell (Taylor) Hughes and Lynn O'Neal your cousin.

September 26 at 7:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.

September 26 at 5:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Taylor family.

September 26 at 4:29 AM



Richard And Susan Huerta sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Taylor family.

September 25 at 6:23 PM





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JS

John Sobieraj posted:

So Sorry to hear of Your passing Don... You were a Great Friend and Mentor to me and my family... God's Blessing to You Don and to Your Family... RIP

September 25 at 3:34 PM

PM

Patty Martin posted:

My big brother Donald Taylor will be greatly missed. I was very fortunate to be the baby sister of Donald Taylor and one could not have asked for a kinder more loving big brother. I will always treasure every moment I was blessed to share with him, laugh with him, cry with him and be loved by him. Donald you and my big sister Virginia will be sorely missed. I know you're in heaven together with mama and daddy and I cant wait until we can embrace once again. Love Always, Your Baby Sister Patty

September 25 at 2:23 PM

JC

Jeff Cummings posted:

The best brother in law a person can have. Our summers in Sand Key with the family, fishing, relaxing and having a great time will not be the same without him. Next summer when I return to our favorite fishing spot I will remember the fun we had trying to out fish each other. You're now a captain of the boat of your dreams, so good luck and land that big one. Miss you..... Jeff

September 25 at 12:57 PM

DC

Donna Cummings sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

Thank you so much for a wonderful summer we spent together. I will always cherish in my heart weekend at Disney world

September 25 at 12:48 PM



DC

Donna Cummings September 25 at 1:04 PM

Love ya love ya Donna Marie



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Randy Canal lit a candle in honor of William.



September 25 at 12:26 PM



Jimmy Sever September 25 at 1:01 PM

He was my Buddy, Friend, Brother, I will miss him so much we talked all most every Day, when I had Cancer he lit a Candle for me every week, I will miss you my Very special Friend God Bless You



Randy Canal September 25 at 12:29 PM

He was one of my best friends.He would call me every Sunday morning from church and tell me he said a prayer to the Virgin Mary for me.This practice will be carried on by me for the rest of my life.Rest in peace my brother Randy



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Taylor family.



September 24 at 4:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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