



Donald "Bones" Taylor

January 7, 1945 - November 27, 2020

Donald K. "Bones" Taylor passed away, after a brief illness, on Friday, November 27, 2020, at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, IA.

He was born on January 7, 1945, to Robert Taylor and Alma (Kroeger), in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He was the youngest of 5 children. He graduated from State College High School (NUHS) with the class of 1963. He enlisted in the Iowa National Guard and was a lifetime member at the AMVETS Post 49, in Cedar Falls. He married Karen J Walz (Weatherwax) on March 1, 1968. They later divorced.

He started working at John Deere, in Waterloo, Iowa at age 18, and retired from there in 1999.

In Don's younger years, he enjoyed racing at NEITA Raceway and in Byron, Illinois, with his Silver 1963 Corvette Stingray. He later became a spectator at Tunis, Vinton and Independence Speedways.

Throughout his life he enjoyed many outdoor activities, including riding RAGBRAI for many years, yearly fishing trips to Canada with many family members and friends, as well as fishing trips to Leech Lake in Minnesota with close friends. He also had an interest in watching high school and college wrestling, football and basketball. For many years, and up until a few weeks before his passing, Don joined friends at various courses around Iowa for golf outings.

He is survived by his children, Laura Burnam (Wesley) of Hartland, WI, Keith Taylor (Robin) of Lakewood, CO, Erica Freudenberg (Mark) of Waverly, IA and

Daniel Taylor (Jamie) of Independence, IA, and his siblings, Robert Taylor (Jane), Barb Starbeck, Mary Bozarth, and Bruce Taylor (Mary) and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents and his brothers-in-law Robert Starbeck and Joe Bozarth.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday May 8 at Richardson Funeral Service. Burial with military honors will be immediately following at Hillside Cemetery in Cedar Falls. Following burial at 1:30pm, the family has invited guests to AmVets Post #49 for a luncheon and time of fellowship. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Richardson Funeral Service: 615 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. Any memorials received by family will be donated, In Memory of Don, to organization(s) yet to be determined.

Previous Events

Gathering

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Burial with Military Honors

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery
Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Tribute Wall

SK

“ sorry to hear about your dad passing . we usually ran into him at fareway or wally world and he was always saying hi and we would talk. prayers are with you. take care j Joe and Sue Kemp

Susan I Kemp - May 08, 2021 at 10:59 AM

FF

“ From the Mugge family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald "Bones" Taylor.



From the Mugge family - May 03, 2021 at 01:48 PM

RB

“ Laura and Wes,
Excellent method to communicate and collect comments and memories. Judi and I send our warmest heart felt condolences.
Lovingly,
Judi and Uncle Bob Burnam

Robert Orlando Burnam - April 22, 2021 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ So sad to hear about "Bone". My husband, Daryl Beeghly was a classmate and we would also see your dad when he came to Conrad to golf. Collette Beeghly

Collette Beeghly - April 18, 2021 at 07:23 PM

VA

“ We have been gone for the winter and just heard the news. We are shocked and saddened. We were neighbors out here in the park. We always chuckled that we saw Bones and another neighbor Jim shopping in Walmart. Hardly saw one without the other. Always a smile and a wave from Bones as we drove by. He will be missed. We are so sorry for his family.

Steve and Vicky Arends

vicky arends - April 04, 2021 at 11:19 AM

ER

Thank you. Yeah, he and JJ were quite a pair!! And EVERYONE saw Dad at Walmart. He will be missed by so many. Everyone comments on his smile. Thank you for your kind words, from his family.

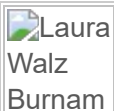
Erica - April 13, 2021 at 11:48 AM

BU

“ *Laura, Keith, Erica and Dan*
I was shocked to see your Dad's obituary and want to send you my sincerest sympathy.. Haven't seen you kids for awhile, but would run into your Dad once in awhile at Menards or grocery store and catch up on where you were.
He always had a friendly smile when he saw you.
May God's love give you strength during your time of sorrow.

Barb "Walbaum" Ubben

Barb Ubben - December 04, 2020 at 10:07 PM

 Laura
Walz
Burnam

Thank you Barb. We sure will miss him.-Laura

Laura Walz Burnam - December 08, 2020 at 05:36 PM

ER

Thank you Barb. He is missed terribly.-Erica

Erica - April 01, 2021 at 04:57 PM

BB

“ *I remember back in the 60’s Bones and Speed had the coolest cars on “the Hill”. Even had a few under age beers!*

Bill Behrens - December 04, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JE

“ *Bones was such a good guy. Thinking that it wasnt really his time to go but cant change that. He will be missed by all. We could set out clocks by his time arriving at the AMvets.Hard to believe that he is no longer with us. Rest in peace Bones.*

james elliot - December 04, 2020 at 08:14 PM

RM

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Bones Taylor. He was my best friend growing up since we only lived one block apart. Posted a few of pictures of our growing up together. Many fond memories of all are Halloweens we survived and fishing and hunting trips we probably shouldn't have survived. Those were some of the best times of our lives, even when his sister Barb caught us smoking in the back yard and told both of our parents. He will be greatly missed.*

Ron Mugge and family. 12-4-2020

Ron Mugge - December 04, 2020 at 03:22 PM

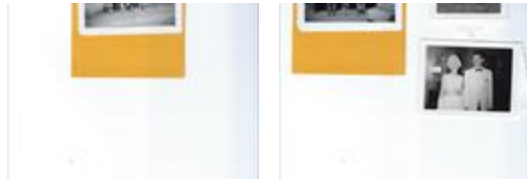
 Laura
Walz
Burnam

Ron, please find me on Facebook- Laura Walz Burnam or email me at burnam.laura@gmail.com. I have some pictures for you.

Laura Walz Burnam - December 06, 2020 at 12:43 PM

RM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Ron Mugge - December 04, 2020 at 02:59 PM

ME

“ Taylor Family....I wasn't a close friend but whenever I saw Bones he had a quick smile and clever comment...I will miss our chance encounters....my condolences

Mark Evert - December 04, 2020 at 10:42 AM



Catherine Rohlf

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album

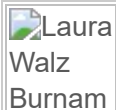


Catherine Rohlf - December 02, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JJ

RIP Bones sure going to miss you 🥺🙏

Jim Johnson - December 02, 2020 at 03:33 PM



Laura Walz Burnam

Catherine, please share any stories from your history with our dad.

Laura Walz Burnam - December 02, 2020 at 04:06 PM

SC

I first met Bones thru my Dad at the Amvets. Bones was in a circle of friends that always sat at the same table. The group was fun to listen to. First liar didn't stand a chance at that table. I can still see everyone sitting at the table and their names. When Dad's partner was not available I would sub and we played against Bones in Pepper at times. Bones was in the group of guys with my Dad that went up to Leech Lake to fish perch in the fall. They always had great stories to tell, including an incident where they almost burnt the cabin down.

When I was transferred to "Z Bldg" at Deere, Bones was on the D/544 production line, just in back of my office. I would go out and talk to him frequently.

Bones was a great guy with a heart of gold. You couldn't pick a better friend to be with.

My condolences go out to Erica and and the rest of the family for their huge loss. Bones will always be remembered as a great guy who was willing to pitch in and help.

Steve Corwin

Steve Corwin - December 02, 2020 at 05:07 PM

ER

*Thank you, Steve. My dad thought so much of you. Can you imagine the reunion that crew is having? I think of you and your dad often.--
Erica*

Erica - December 02, 2020 at 10:17 PM

KE

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Don Taylor. He was my best friend all thru our years @ school. You could always find us in our teen years at a gas station wether it be at Mitchell’s, Skip Juhl’s, or John Cole’s. We were always buying old cars and working on them together. When we could afford a decent ride, we were out drag racing at various drag strips. He was my best man at my wedding and I was his best man. We spent many Thanksgiving dinners together, at his sister Barb’s house, or his house after we were each married.

Keith and Toni Ericson - December 02, 2020 at 11:47 AM

MT

“ We are saddened to have suddenly lost our brother and brother-in-law. Always enjoyed our get togethers with family. Bruce and Don shared the same birthday and always talked on that day. Will look forward to a summer gathering to celebrate his life with his family.

May God's love buffing you peace.

Bruce and Mary Taylor

Mary L Taylor - December 01, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MP

“ I have many wonderful memories of you kids and your Dad. Scott, Teresa and I send you all our deepest sympathy.

Meri Jo Petersen - December 01, 2020 at 08:23 PM

LW

“ We had some great trips to the National Wrestling tournaments. Like the one to St. Louis we nicknamed "Days Inn Beirut". Or the one up to Minneapolis where Danny and my son Brian went off on their own and Bones and I found this bar under the event center with TV's showing the wrestling. After about three weights, we decided to go up into our seats. This was before cell phones, so Danny and Brian were beside themselves wondering where the heck we were. Great memories with Bones. Guessing if there is a Pepper game in Heaven, Bones will be in it. You were a good friend. Condolences to the family.

Larry Webb - November 30, 2020 at 09:50 PM

BW

“ Always loved the annual wrestling trips to the National tournaments with you and my dad. Some of my greatest memories. God Bless.
Brian Webb

Brian Webb - November 30, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RS

“ We were so sorry to hear Don passed, so many memories of going through school together. Such a special guy, Our condolences to his family.
Robyn and Arden Stokstad

Robyn Stokstad - November 30, 2020 at 03:32 PM

KB

“ I am sorry to hear that he had passed. He was a terrific person. My condolences to his family and friends.

Kathy Berning - November 30, 2020 at 03:23 PM