



John "Jack" Richard Taylor III

January 9, 1940 - January 7, 2017

John Richard "Jack" Taylor III, 76, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Saturday, January 7, 2017, in Tampa, FL. John was born January 9, 1940, in Ionia, MI, the son of John R. and Marie Jennet (Ross) Taylor. He graduated High School in Oscoda, MI before earning an Associate's Degree in Diesel Equipment from Ferris State College in 1961. He married Susan Catharine Rice on April 28, 1963, in Logansport, IN, and the two settled in Charlotte, MI. John worked at Crandall Bros. Trucking in Charlotte, before opening his own business, Triple "T" Service, and as the shop supervisor at Leaseway Auto Carriers, retiring in 2002. He was a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, serving as Property Management Chairman and Short-term Mission Project Coordinator. He worked to build infrastructure in the third world countries of Jamaica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Haiti and the Virgin Islands. Jack loved antique car restoration, and was skilled in woodworking and stained glass work. Above all, Jack loved his family.

Jack is survived by his wife of 53 years, Susan Taylor; son, John Richard (Kimberley) Taylor IV of Post Falls, ID; daughters, Sharee (Fred) Burdick of Charlotte and Shanna (James) Strader of Olivet; grandchildren, Emily (Jarett) Crump Gardner of Kansas City, Grant (Rikki) Taylor of Denver, T.K. and Madison Burdick, both of Charlotte, Jessica and Shelby Strader, both of Charlotte, and Tanner Heinze and Isabella Strader, both of Olivet; great-grandchildren, Charlotte Crump, and Riley Taylor; siblings, Timothy (Celeste)

Taylor of Oscoda, Shari (Joe) Maharg of Oscoda, David Taylor of Oscoda, and sister-in-law Marilyn Taylor of Oscoda, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members who all loved and greatly respected him. He is predeceased by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Charlotte with Reverend Richard Wilford officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte and from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Charlotte, just prior to the service. Interment will take place in West Carmel Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to CCCD (Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf www.cccdjamaica.org) or First Baptist Church of Charlotte, MI. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of John on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 11, 2017 at 11:25 AM

RM

Thank you for arranging and compiling this great tribute to a God honoring man who love Jesus, his wife, his children, and any and all others he reach out to with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. I felt as though I could be with the family whom I love and appreciate. Ric Mathew

Ric Mathew - January 11, 2017 at 04:10 PM

DC

Beautiful memories of a beautiful life led by a wonderful Christian man.

Donna Colegrove - January 14, 2017 at 03:47 PM

CA

Thank you for sharing this, especially since we could not be there.

Carolyn - January 15, 2017 at 03:52 PM

“ When we heard that Jack was nearing heaven's door, our hearts were heavy. While we knew he would soon be with Jesus, we ached for Sue, John, Shared and Shanon, and all their families. Even in the hope of heaven, death is not an easy transition. So, please know we were praying for you, and will continue to do so. Then the news came that Jack was inside those pearly gates, and I envisioned the rejoicing that was going on there, as Jesus welcomed a faithful servant Home! Memories flooded our minds, and it is nearly impossible to pick out any single one. Yet, one stands out most to me, and at the risk of being chided for embarrassing our son, I have to share it. It was the day Jack asked John about going to Jamaica when John was still in high school. We were sitting in the old kitchen at FBC, when John came through and asked John if he thought he would like to him with the team. Inwardly I groaned because I knew there was no way we could finance that trip, and I wished he had not put the matter in John's mind. Later, I talked to Jack, and he told me not to worry about it, he already knew that, and had the bases covered. And, he did! I knew in my heart that the gift he gave John at that time, by asking him and making it all doable, would reap a lifetime of rewards. And it did, and has. There are few things in life that mean more than when someone goes out of their way to boost the confidence and worthiness of one of your children. As many times as I have thanked Jack and Sue, it can never be enough. They loved both Becky and John. (I can't just speak of Jack without also thinking of Sue.) Dear, sweet people. Personally, my favorite memories are hearing Jack whistle while I was playing the piano. It always made me smile! Precious memories, how they linger. How they ever flood my soul. In the stillness of the midnight; precious, sacred scenes unfold. Thanks, Jack!

Carolyn & Ray Putney - January 15, 2017 at 03:42 PM

PR

“ *Sue and Family,*

So sorry to hear of your loss. I have so many fond memories of all of you from growing up at Church. I didn't know about Jack's passing until this afternoon when a friend posted that she was at First Baptist Church for a Funeral Service for a friend named Jack, so I started searching. Had I known I surely would have been there today. I will be praying for you and your family. May God give you and you family that peace that surpasses all understanding.

*Love In Christ,
Penny (Patrick) Ryan*

Penny Ryan - January 12, 2017 at 07:55 PM

“ Jack Taylor memoirs

In 1980 our family first met Mr. Taylor who instantly became “Jack.” Our family ranged from ages 10 months to 43 years in ages and as the new Minister of Education, Youth and Music at 1st Baptist, Jack and Sue were volunteers working with the youth. Quickly, the Taylors endeared themselves to us and we accepted the challenges of shared ministry. We have prayed together, laughed together, cried together, sorted through many puzzling circumstances together, and continued enjoying being colleagues in Christ. From several varied locations, as years passed, we randomly spoke with each other by mobile devices when Jack might be passing in his big rig. Our last conversation was that we would meet for coffee at a nearby truck stop but that will be in glory. Announcing his death to our adult children, Sarah, Chris, Josh, and Ben began a bombardment of their quick memories. “Jack is now permanently smiling and whistling all kinds of hymns!” “His Sunday robe is likely a white suit with pockets full of wrapped candies to generously give to every little kid.” “Of course before giving the candy, on top of his big smile his handle-bar mustache wiggles and from out of nowhere an imaginary dog barks as candy appears in Jack hand.” Jack was a blessing in so many, many ways by bringing an uplifting and honest observation to an issue. Because he was a great story-teller, laughter always followed when he told of the funny situations that happened in his life. His tender heart never permitted him to be far from the needs of others whether in his own community or his many missions trips.

Seeking to know Gods heart and to make that his way of living, Sue, John, Sharee, and Shanna, have been greatly blessed in having Jack as husband, and father. He was a man of God who diligently sought to care for the needs of others.

Our deepest sympathies to Sue, John, Sharee, and Shanna and their families. Jack now celebrates the victory over sin which Jack lived to share with others here on the earth. May our Father in Heaven bring comfort and peace to your hearts as together we give thanks for God’s grace and mercy allowing us to gather together in heaven. Ric’n-Elli Mathew, Sarah, Chris, Josh and Ben.

Ric Elli Mathew - January 12, 2017 at 03:52 PM

SB

Mathew family. Your message has captured Daddy to a tee. I also have some many wonderful memories of times with your family. Your freindship with my parents crossed many miles and years. We all appreciate you coming to celebrate dad's life. Thank you again for kind words and memories of dad.

Sharee

Sharee Burdick - January 14, 2017 at 11:46 AM

SB

“ *My dearest Sue. My deepest condolences to you and your amazing family. I loved Jack, and have been thinking of how he offered work to me during difficult times over x30 years ago now... you both have been so loving and inspirational to me. My plan was to see you tonight at visitation, but now see I am once again fallen a little "short." Please know how much I love you, and have always admired and looked up to you both as true Christians and an inspiration to what we all should value as sacred...our relationship with Him, and the commitment to helping all those lost souls along the way. God Bless you and yours Sue.*

Susan Bryan

Susan Bryan - January 12, 2017 at 02:32 PM

KW

“ *Dear Sue and family,
I just found out about Jack's passing. I am so sorry for your loss.
Please know
you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you during
this difficult
time.*

Kathy Wolf

K. Wolf - January 12, 2017 at 11:02 AM

JS

“ From the Smith family (Jim, Margaret in Arizona at this time , and Jim smith Jr.) We send condolences to your family. So sorry for your loss my God bring piece to your family.



Jim smith - January 11, 2017 at 10:33 PM

AR

“ Though our hearts are saddened by the loss of Jack, we know his light shines in the heart beat of his children and grandchildren. We so wish to have been there to celebrate his life and share this time with his family. May God's grace shine upon Susan at this time and may they all feel comfort that Jack has heard "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Aaron and Lisa Rance

Aaron Rance - January 11, 2017 at 09:46 PM

SB

*Thank you Aaron & Lisa. Your kind words mean so much. We all have such great memories of time with you and family. Daddy is in good company in heaven. Finally he and Uncle Bill can talk without our moms monopolizing the conversation. Lol Much love.
Sharee*

Sharee Burdick - January 14, 2017 at 11:38 AM

LF

“ Susan, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Always enjoyed sharing with Jack when you were in the area. Larry Foutz



Larry Foutz - January 11, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 11, 2017 at 11:28 AM

NB

“ We have had a great loss here on earth but heaven has gained a hard working servant. Jack has been one of our special cousins. We have been about 4 hours away from Charlotte, so we have not spent much time together. Since we have been wintering in Florida for several years, we have had the opportunity to have a lot of great times together and have made many wonderful memories, since living just across the drive. We pray GOD will give each one of you peace and comfort during this day and the days to come. We know Jack's whistling is being enjoyed by many in heaven along with his many many stories. Our hearts are heavy and we'll miss his presence. We send our sympathy and love to all.



Nancy and John Beachler - January 11, 2017 at 08:09 AM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III.



January 11, 2017 at 01:05 AM



“ We are so sorry for all of your loss! It totally sucks!! You will get back to feeling normal soon. We love you all and we are here for you if / when you need anything! XOXOXO - Renee & Kyle Christensen.



Renee Christensen - January 11, 2017 at 12:12 AM



“ Nancy And John Beachler lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III



Nancy and John Beachler - January 10, 2017 at 09:22 PM



What a great loss here on earth but we know GOD has gained a hard working servant. Jack has always been a special cousin. Living about 4 hours away from Charlotte, we didn't get together very often. Since we have been wintering in Florida for the last few years, it has given us a chance to spend a lot of time together. We've had lots of great times and made many wonderful memories. We send our prays for each of you and ask GOD to surround you with love and care as you celebrate his life. Our thoughts and our sympathy are extended to each and everyone of you. We can only imagine the whistling and stories being told in heaven. Rest in peace.

Nancy and John Beachler - January 10, 2017 at 09:54 PM

NS

“ 30 years ago when I first met Jack he asked me if I would like a kiss! I soon learned that was a Hershey's kiss from the pocket on his sport coat. My sympathies to the entire Taylor family.

Nancy Shaver

Nancy Shaver - January 10, 2017 at 06:34 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III.



January 09, 2017 at 09:35 PM

RS

“ Dear Sue and Family,
We send to you our love and prayers.
Jack was a very special friend to us as a family, during the years I served as pastor of First Baptist; 1974 to 1985 and 2001 to 2002.

It was a privilege to walk together for this significant time of our lives and we will never forget.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble." May you feel His love and care, His grace and mercy, His peace and joy, His very presence in your lives.

*We love you and send our prayers for you,
Pastor Dick and Roberta Swanson, Randy, Ken, Brian and Karen*

Rev, C Richard Swanson - January 09, 2017 at 06:23 PM

Steve Brandt

“ *knew the whole family well I always remember him with his curled mustache. acted much like his father. His son John I spent a lot of time with when we were young when they would visit Oscoda in the summer time. He will be missed I am sure but he is all that have gone before him who believe in Christ as our savior.*
Steve Brandt

Steve Brandt - January 09, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III.*



January 09, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Wooddale Community Zephyrhills Florida lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III*



Wooddale Community Zephyrhills Florida - January 09, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Randy Clark - January 09, 2017 at 09:35 AM

JV

“ I have a lot of memories, but two are vivid memories of Jack. The first was, Jack liked us kids and would take the time to talk to us while the other adults would talk among themselves. He always had candy in his picket to share with us kids, along with some advice. We all really liked him.

The second was this, Our church went through selling houses on 4th Street so we could build the gym. Jack bid on one of the houses and was about to purchase it until he found out that we wanted to buy it and move it to live in, on our country property. Jack generously let us purchase the house and move it. It is our home now.

Jack was quite a guy, and a Christian I have always looked up to. I will miss my Sunday hugs from Jack. The chair in the back row of our church will always be Jacks chair.

The next time I see Jack will be in heaven. I know this, because he loved Jesus, and lived that love.

Janice Vinson - January 09, 2017 at 08:39 AM

DG

“ Dick & Connie Graf lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Richard Taylor III



Dick & Connie Graf - January 08, 2017 at 09:31 PM

LC

“ So, SORRY for YOUR loss....prayers of comfort from the Alan Cassiday family.

Laura Cassiday - January 08, 2017 at 08:32 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. My kids will only ever know him as "The candy man" he always had a piece of candy in his pocket at church! Love and prayers to the whole family, he will be missed :)

Lisa Blakeney - January 08, 2017 at 07:46 PM

BP

“ so very sorry to hear of Jack's passing you are all in our thoughts and prayers Bill & Bonnie Partridge and family

Bill & Bonnie Partridge - January 08, 2017 at 10:19 AM

LN

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Laurie Newland - January 08, 2017 at 07:39 AM