



Paul Benjamin Taylor

November 14, 1941 - October 30, 2016

Paul Benjamin Taylor, 74, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at his home. Paul was born November 14, 1941, in Wheeling, WV, the son of Benjamin Albert and Katherine Ida (Waldinger) Taylor. He graduated from high school in St. Clairsville, OH before attending Ohio State University. Paul moved to Lansing, MI, to take a job in the machine shop at General Motors. In Lansing, he met the love of his life, Karen Jack, and the two married in 1965. Paul began work as an apprentice and worked his way up to toolmaker as well as serving as Union Steward for many years. Following his retirement, Paul and Karen moved to the countryside of Charlotte, where they enjoyed their lifestyle and neighbors. He practiced his passion of woodworking, and they enjoyed trips to Florida, where they collected seashells on the shores of Sanibel Island. Paul and Karen lived a very happy, exemplary 49 years of marriage.

Paul is predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Karen Taylor, in 2014; and his brother, Tom Taylor. He is survived by his sister, Nancy (Dameron) Miller; cousin, Ann (George) Dobie; sister-in-law Patricia Taylor; several nieces and nephews; close friends and neighbors, Carol and Ben Yutzy; and close friend, Sam Greer.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home with Deacon Tom Fogle officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice Compassus or the Eaton County Humane Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Paul's on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
4444 West Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Karen for many years and she became a very lovely friend. You couldn't know and love Karen without knowing Paul. The two went hand in hand. The love they shared was beyond space and time.

The two of them now gone, their love of land, nature and animals, reminds me of part of Wordsworth's Ode:

*There was a time when meadow, grove, and stream,
The earth, and every common sight,
To me did seem
Apparell'd in celestial light,
The glory and the freshness of a dream.
It is not now as it hath been of yore;-
Turn wheresoe'er I may,
By night or day,
The things which I have seen I now can see no more....*

*But there's a Tree, of many, one,
A single Field which I have looked upon,
Both of them speak of something that is gone:
The Pansy at my feet
Doth the same tale repeat:
Whither is fled the visionary gleam?
Where is it now, the glory and the dream?*

“Intimations of Immortality”, William Wordsworth

- Carrie Watts

Carrie Watts - November 03, 2016 at 07:40 AM

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“ I knew Paul...after he was introduced to me by my brother (who worked with Paul). Later he married Karen, my friend from Lansing Business University. In my early marriage we would double date. What a nice couple. I am so sorry for the families loss. Paul will not be forgotten. Lyn Wilmore

Lyn Grunwald Wilmore - November 02, 2016 at 05:35 AM