



James "Jim" B. Taylor

May 9, 1947 - February 22, 2018

James "Jim" Byron Taylor, age 70, passed from this life to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Jim was a loving and active husband, father and grandfather. He had a deep love for people which motivated his long career as educator and administrator in the Kalamazoo Public School. His passion for ministry and giving back prompted him to serve for many years as a camp dean for hundreds of special people and underprivileged youth. He delivered hundreds of the finest children's messages in his church and was known for always finding creative ways to raise finances for people in need. He leaves a rich legacy of changed lives for the better. Jim was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Dorothy Taylor. Jim is survived by his wife, Sally; children; Jill and Randy TenBrink of Holland, and Erin and Corey Werth of Spring Lake; grandchildren, Nathan, Declan, Elizabeth, Kellen; brothers, Don Taylor, Joe Taylor; sister, Tammy Cornwell; brother-in-law, Scott Kohl, and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be at 2:00 pm on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland, MI 49423. Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor Humane Society, 14345 Bagley St, West Olive, MI 49460 or Venturing Crew #2413 c/o Without Walls Vineyard Church, 8485 Homestead Dr., Zeeland, MI 49464.

Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" B. Taylor

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Jim will be missed by our Church Family at Oshtemo United Methodist and the Snyder family. I have fond memories of campfires, Sunday Dinners, Vacations, Special peoples Camps and his Children's Sermons. Mr T will never be forgotten. Sending love the Sally Erin and Jill !"*

Joseph Snyder - March 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We'll done, good and faithful servant! The world is a better place because you lived. See you in heaven, my friend!"*

Jeff Parsons - February 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Jim was a coworker back in the day at KPS. I remember him as a friend to all who happened to touch his life. He had so many different talents and interests. I especially remember when he had the fruit drying "oven". The fruit he dried was so good! I also remember his talking about the birds his family had and remember him every Christmas when we decorate our Christmas tree and hang the ornaments that he made for our family. May Jim rest in peace in the presence of our Lord and may God's grace be with his family in their grieving his lost."*

Nina Hamlin - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“*Jim was such a good friend during our years together at KPS....an amazing man. Sally and family, I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

Bev Griffioen - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PC

“*Sally and girls. I am so sorry for your lost. I will always cherish my time with Jim doing camp stuff. His smile was so contagious. It was my pleasure to know such a wonderful man.*”

Pam Cowgill - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SD

“*Sally and family, I am heartbroken to hear that Jim has left this earth, but rejoice that he is safe in the arms of Christ and know that I will see him again. I have such wonderful memories of Jim from my years with Camp New Day as dean at Albright! He and the staff would stop at nothing to help make that the best week for the campers; Jim especially became Christ's hands and feet as he ministered to the campers and the staff during what was often a very difficult week. I will forever remember him as a gentle and loving man who truly reached out to all and, like Christ, most urgently to those on the fringes of the community. Memories of him driving his Harley Davidson golf cart around camp with his dog by his side and long visits as we watched the campers receiving their blankets, canoeing, swimming, firebowl, tubing and all of the other wonders many of those intercity children enjoyed for the first time... these are just some of the things I will treasure from my friendship with Jim. Thank you for sharing him with the campers and us as staff... may you find courage, strength and peace in your memories of his love and presence, and hope in the promise of the eternal life in which he now rejoices. Sending prayers, hugs and love...*”

Sue Daniels - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BM

“*Jim was an answer to our prayers for a Christian leader in KPS school system. He mentored our son in special education and taught him self confidence in standing up for his Christian values and beliefs. Jim informed him of the power our son had because he could talk first to teachers about God. They were not allowed to discuss "religion" unless the student brought it up first. You are all richly blessed to have known Jim as a husband, father and grandfather. Our prayers are for Gods comfort to surround you. " well done good and faithful servant".*”

Bill and Mari Micheals - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SC

“*Sally, Jill and Erin Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at such a difficult time. Rest in Peace Jim. Love you all Uncle Scott and Aunt Shelley.*”

Scott - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“*Such a bright light in the hearts of many special campers and those of us that were lucky enough to have known Jim will be missed but never extinguished.*”

Kate Miller - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JA

“*Jim you were such an amazing mentor and wonderful person you will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.*”

Jason Allen - February 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“Jim touched the lives of many people with his numerous random acts of kindness and through his teaching skills. He had a servants heart and hands, especially to his group of "special people". His loss will be felt by many. Sending our blessings and condolences to my great friend, Sally, and the Taylor family. The memories of our good times shared together will live on forever.”

Mary Anne - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“Cub scouts, boy scouts, double dating to our senior prom, weddings and many more treasured memories. I will miss my long time friend. Jim was a class act from childhood right up to his passing. I am a better person because you were my friend. Brett”

Brett Stanger - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM