



## Jeffrey L. Taylor

December 19, 1961 - May 15, 2016

Jeffrey L. Taylor, 54, of Benton Harbor died Sunday, May 15, 2016, at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, May 21, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. The visitation will begin at Noon on Saturday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share messages, memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Jeff was born on Dec 19, 1961 in Benton Harbor to Joe and Mae Taylor. He married his wife, Betty Knight, in 2011. He received a Masters in Finance degree from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Jeff was employed by IBM as a computer software consultant. He enjoyed computers and bargain hunting. Jeff loved spending time with his family at the family's barbeques or playing cards. He was a funny and big hearted person who was kind, but sometimes an outspoken individual.

He leaves behind his wife, Betty; his children, Jennifer Taylor of AZ, Michelle Taylor of Grand Rapids, Jeffrey Taylor, Jr. of Grand Rapids, and Jayson Taylor of Grand Rapids; his parents, Joe and Mae Taylor of Benton Harbor; his 7 stepchildren, Sharonda Allen of Benton Harbor, Shonitha Knight of Houston, Robert Marshall of Ft Carson, GA, Krystal Marshall of Houston, Kacey Allen of Houston, Telisha Tryce of Grand Rapids, and Derrick Allen of Houston; his

brothers, James Taylor of Benton Harbor, Joe Nathan Taylor of Grand Rapids, Joseph (Cindy) Taylor of Benton Harbor, Joshua Taylor of Battle Creek, and Jermaine (Temara) Taylor of South Bend; his sisters, Patricia Taylor of Benton Harbor, Annazette Taylor of GA, Dorothea Hudson of OH, and Amber Taylor of Westland, MI and his 20 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and 2 sisters, Machelles and Margrette.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KW

“ 2 files added to the album Jeff at IBM Holiday gathering in 2014



Kenneth Williams - December 06, 2018 at 02:47 PM

RN

“ I've known Jeff since we were kids at Boynton School. His family lived up the hill from us on Empire. Our paths have crossed a couple of times in the past 36 years, and I'll always remember our days growing up and the friendship we shared as Classmates in the Benton Harbor High School Class of 1980. Rest In Peace my Brother!!!  
...Richard Nash...

Richard Nash - May 21, 2016 at 10:01 AM

TP

“ I was very saddened to learn late this week of Jeff's passing. He and I worked together both at Meijer and, most recently, at IBM on the same project for several years. I could always count on him to help brighten a day in the office, whether it was sharing updates on old friends from our Meijer days, or Jeff suddenly appearing at my desk, grinning from ear to ear, with a witty observation on life in the office or life in general. My heartfelt condolences to all of the Taylor family. Jeff's life was well lived, and he will be missed by all who knew him. Jeff, rest in peace, old friend. You made many days far better than they had been before you stopped by.

Tom Pattison - May 20, 2016 at 07:50 PM

SH

“ My condolences to the entire Taylor family. Jeffrey was my classmate and I had a lot of respect for him. He was very quiet then, but he learned to speak up through all the great things he did in life. To Betty, I pray that you find comfort and strength in the arms of the Lord. Prayers and blessings!

Sherri - May 19, 2016 at 06:35 PM

MI

“ I have been carpooling to IBM with Jeff every week for the past 2 years now and I am shocked and deeply saddened by this. He was always cheerful and full of laughter even at 6am. I will miss you a great deal Jeff. The car ride to work will never be the same now without you. My deepest condolences to the family. Rest in heaven my brother.

Mina - IBM

Mina Eskander - IBM - May 19, 2016 at 12:00 PM

CN

“ I work with Jeff on the Amica team for the last 4 years at IBM. He always bring the laugh, joy, cheerful to the office. Love to be around him. He works hard, is friendly, and helpful to everyone. I miss him and pray God's peace to his family.  
Chuong Nguyen



Chuong Nguyen - May 19, 2016 at 11:12 AM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Taylor Family and all of Jeffrey's friends, may God's love and Grace be with you during this difficult time. Jeffrey and I worked together on my first project at IBM back in 2012. Jeffrey was big as life, with his big smile, his uplifting personality, his kind heart and his beautiful soul. Jeffrey made everyone around him feel special. When you were down, Jeffrey would always be there to lift your spirits. I remember many days on our project where Jeffrey would make me laugh so hard, tears would be running down my face. He always had a funny story to share. When I left Lansing last Friday, I gave him a big hug, told him I will miss him and I wouldn't see him for awhile because I knew I wouldn't be back until sometime next year. I am heartbroken to learn that Jeffrey has passed but, I know another angel was born and that he'll be watching over all of us.

*Cindy McEvilly - IBM*

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**Cindy McEvilly** - May 19, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JD

“ Love, prayers, and condolences to the Taylor family in this time of grief, as well as the many lives Jeff touched with his wonderful personality. He was a great man, and will be truly missed.



*/jess dahlberg and family -- IBM*

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**Jess Dahlberg** - May 19, 2016 at 10:27 AM

TM

“ Taylor Family,  
Family all the way from the Taylor Family in  
Tennessee, we send our sincere love and  
support for the loss of our Family member  
Jeffrey. Not able to make it up Michigan but  
God's love and Grace be with you...



*Tony Beard... son of Laura E (Taylor) Beard*

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**Tony Beard- Taylor Family member** - May 19, 2016 at 10:12 AM

LS

“ I was saddened to learn of Jeff's passing. He was the sunshine at  
work. He always made a point of saying hello and brightening our  
days with his laughter and warm personality. As a colleague, you  
could always count on Jeff to get the job done. No matter what  
assignment he was given he embraced it and completed it with  
style. To Jeff's family and many friends I offer my heartfelt  
condolences.

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**Loren Sohn** - May 19, 2016 at 09:30 AM

PA

“ To Jeffrey Taylor Family's

*Psalm 23:1-4 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME. We will miss you Jeffrey, R.I.P. We send our prayer and love to the Taylor family's.*

*From the Campbell's Family Benton Harbor Michigan & Rochester New York*

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**Pamela Campbell Adell** - May 19, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JJ

“ *I first met Jeffrey at work. He was always upbeat and positive. He had a friendly word for everyone. I felt he was larger than life. I remember the pleasure I received whenever we conversed. He was a bright light at work; he will be missed by everyone.*

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**John Hogan - IBM** - May 19, 2016 at 08:05 AM

MH

“ *I met Jeffrey for the first time 2 years ago at IBM. He was always upbeat and made the rest of us feel underdressed :). A wonderful person all around and it will make me saddened when I walk into the Lansing Center. He will be much missed by all and I hope his family takes heart in knowing he was loved by all that met him. May God Bless you all.*

*Mike Hallisey - IBM*

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**Michael Hallisey** - May 19, 2016 at 07:59 AM

RD

“ Prayers and Condolences goes to the family. Jeffrey was my Classmate. On behalf of the Class of 1980 we will always remember Jeffrey. REST IN POWER!!!

*Rhonda Word-Douglas*

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**Rhonda Douglas** - May 19, 2016 at 06:45 AM

TB

“ Joe, Cindy and Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Have faith and He will comfort and guide you through this difficult time.*

*Tom Burger*

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**Tom Burger** - May 19, 2016 at 06:40 AM



LE

“ I met Jeffrey briefly at work, and it was clear he had a love of life and for the people around him that set him apart. God's peace upon the Taylor family ... No worries ... Let not your heart be troubled ...

*"The last enemy to be destroyed is death" 1 Cor. 15:26.*

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**Leon** - May 19, 2016 at 06:31 AM

JU

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing of Jeffrey. It was an honor to have know such a great person and we will truly miss him. May God embrace you in comfort during this difficult time. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to The Taylor Family.  
(Classmates of 1980 - BHHS)  
Keith Bogan & Judy Lee-Carr

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**Judy** - May 18, 2016 at 05:51 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey L. Taylor



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**Judy** - May 18, 2016 at 05:48 PM

CM

“ My thoughts & prayers are with Jeff's family & friends. I have fond memories working with Jeff at IBM. He was always ready with a big smile & would say something to cheer me up when I wasn't smiling myself. Jeff will truly be missed.  
Chris Myers

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**Chris Myers** - May 18, 2016 at 04:13 PM

BI

“ I have fond memories of working with Jeff in 2012. He was a dapper guy with a big smile, a great attitude, smart and fun. I always looked forward to getting back to E. Lansing and talking to him again. My condolences to his family. We'll all miss him.

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**Brett at IBM** - May 18, 2016 at 03:46 PM

SA

“ I am co-worker from IBM team and work at Lincoln, Amica. I am very sorry to hear of the loss and pray to Almighty to give strength to his family during this tough time. May his soul rest in peace....His presence will be missed....

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**Santosh** - May 18, 2016 at 03:38 PM

MA

“ Jeff is like a big brother to me in the office. He always has a smile and hug for me. He is always in good spirit and spreads them where ever he goes. This is a great loss.. I will miss you very dearly Jeff. My deepest condolences to the family.



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**Mathi** - May 18, 2016 at 03:33 PM

RG

We always knew when Jeff was near in the office at IBM. You could hear him talking, and people laughing, bringing cheer wherever he went. This is a shock, and we will miss his presence. You could not be sad when around him. I pray that God's supernatural peace will be with the family right now.

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**Rich Geigert** - May 18, 2016 at 07:46 PM

KI

“ I am a co-worker with Jeff when he worked at IBM in Lansing. This fellow was the kindest man I've met in a long time. He always had a bright smile and greeting when he walked in the door. I dubbed Jeff "Mister Sunshine" because of his friendly cheerful demeanor. Jeff was always upbeat and it was a pleasure having him as a coworker. The Lansing Center will not be the same without him and he will will be deeply missed. Goodbye old friend, we will miss you..

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**Kenneth Bell at IBM** - May 18, 2016 at 02:56 PM

RW

“ Jeff was a very good friend. His passing leaves a hole in my heart. May God's holy spirit give you strength and peace.

*Rohn Wagner*

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**Rohn Wagner** - May 18, 2016 at 02:46 PM

JO

“ I only knew Jeffery at the office, he was always smiling and laughing. He had a great sense of humor and he will be missed greatly at the office. I am sorry for his family's loss.

*Fellow IBMer*

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**Joaquin** - May 18, 2016 at 02:44 PM