



Lance Taylor

December 3, 1962 - May 26, 2023

Lance Van Taylor, beloved husband, father, son, grandfather, and friend, passed away on May 26, 2023. Lance was born in Russellville, Arkansas on December 3, 1962 to Joe and JoAnn Taylor. Lance was welcomed into Heaven by his uncles, Charles Van Zandt and Charles Fowler, his grandparents: Jim and Ruth Van Zandt and JD and Ruby Taylor along with his mother-in-law, Nancy Martin.

Lance was a 1981 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School where he was a noted athlete. During his senior year, he set the record for average yards carried in varsity football and was voted MVP that year as well. He also loved hunting and racing motorcycles with his family and friends. His fearlessness was legendary! After graduation, his enthusiastic personality and willingness to go the extra mile for the companies he worked for enabled him to be successful with UPS, Lowe's Distribution Center and, most recently, as a Senior Store Manager at Mattress Firm. On Thursday's you could find Lance on the golf course with his buddies, Mike, Dave, Ray and Terry. Tee time was 0 dark thirty, weather permitting and sometimes even when it wasn't. Lance loved the Lord with all his heart and tried to live his life in a manner that would be a witness to anyone who knew him. Originally from Arkansas, he loved his Razorbacks but his daughter chose to go to college at A&M so he liked to tell people "his heart was with the Razorbacks but his money was at A&M"! Above all else, Lance's number one priority was his family, whom he loved beyond all imagining. A devoted husband, loving father, cherished son and adored

grandfather, Lance's legacy of unconditional love will be proudly carried on into future generations by those he treasured.

Lance leaves his memory to be forever cherished to his beloved wife, Robin Taylor, of Terrell; children: Lane Taylor, Lakan Metcalf and husband, Bobby, Sara Alford and husband, Nick, Brian Shilling and wife, Heather; parents: Joe and JoAnn Taylor; grandchildren: Kaelyn, Alexa, Luke, Easton, Avery, Annie, Addyson, Allyson, Caleb, Hanna, Brayden and Austin; brother, Brad Taylor and wife Melani; nieces and nephews: Kenzi Russell and husband Dustin, Jaci Tubb and husband Jaden, Zandt Taylor and Zaden Taylor along with several great nieces and nephews; father-in-law, Dr. Billy Martin and wife, Carolyn, as well as many other extended family, a host of friends, all of whom loved him dearly.

Funeral service will be at 10:00am, Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1717 N. Frances St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Lance Taylor*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 05, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Lance Taylor*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I remember Lance and Brad used to come to our house and play basketball with my brother Joe and I. They were great kids. We all moved to other towns and I lost track of Lance and Brad but my brother Joe played tennis with Brad a number of times. Hated to hear that Lance has passed away so suddenly. I pray that his loved ones will be comforted and they can be confident that they will see him again in the new life in heaven. I feel very sad for your loss and pray that we will all meet again with a reunion of joy.*

Bill Harris Hughes - June 02, 2023 at 01:34 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 31, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 31, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ *Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of Lance Taylor*



Donna Tapp - May 31, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 11:56 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 11:49 PM



“ *I am reading the comments of my amazing 7th graders about their friend and my student baby, Lance, and I am overcome with their comments. We who teach don't often get to witness how our students turn out, but in reading my student babies' responses to their loss of a friend and classmate, I am reassured that they were as great as we thought they were as 7th graders. I know that Lance's purpose in life was not, for a moment on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, to let ME know that he and his classmates were and are fine people, that they were contributors of huge import to their families and communities, and that Lance especially added to the lives of everyone he met. My condolences to Lance's family and to all his friends who treasured knowing him.*

Annada Jones - May 30, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ *Lance was one of the finest people I knew in high school. Stalwart moral character, precociously clear and mature reasoning, the self disciplined to live a life in line with the principles he believed in, and always concerned for others.*
One of my life hacks has been to associate with people who I believe learning from them will make me a better man. It started in high school, and Lance was one of them.

Bruce Woodall - May 30, 2023 at 09:00 PM



THanks, Bruce. You always choose the right words. My condolences to Lance and his family.

Annada Jones - May 30, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *Aunt BJ and Uncle Steve. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lance Taylor.*



Aunt BJ and Uncle Steve. - May 30, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sergio Duran & Andy Vo purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lance Taylor.*



Sergio Duran & Andy Vo - May 30, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 03:14 PM

HA

“ *Harry & Stephanie Kimball Ola Arkansas purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lance Taylor.*



Harry & Stephanie Kimball Ola Arkansas - May 30, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.*



May 30, 2023 at 12:16 PM

BB

“ Spending the night with Lane when I was kid was always a good time with Lance around. Probably the most memorable was the Central baptist Church ski trip when we go snowed into the lodge. In the event center where we were trying to make the best of things Lance decided to show us his gymnast skills. Pretty impressive he could do flip! Flat footed if I recall correctly. Praying for the family. Lance was always an encouragement, although I've not seen him in many years I know he will be missed.

Bryant Bulkley - May 30, 2023 at 11:05 AM

BW

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Bruce Woodall - May 30, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.



May 30, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DM

“ When something like this happens, it leaves all of us trying to figure out how to pick up the pieces. There are no words, only love and support during this sorrowful time. We pray you feel Gods touch and know He is with you throughout these trying times. We are here for you Robin.

David Mahaffey - May 30, 2023 at 07:03 AM

SM

“ Lance was always so real, so loving and kind. I remember when he and Robin were dating, he always wanted her to be happy and comfortable with every situation. He was fun, funny and full of joy! He performed a skit at Emmanuel Baptist Church called "The Phone call with God"...He did an excellent performance! He renamed Robin's sweet little dog from Tucker to Tucker Bob, He shared his cookies and his heart...He was So real, So loving and Kind! Love you Lance, miss you. Prayers for Robin, His parents, brother, children, grandchildren and family.

Sandy and David Mahaffey - May 30, 2023 at 12:22 AM

AH

“ Lance and I attended school and Central Baptist Church together. He was someone I respected a great deal and enjoyed being around. I always felt befriended around him. I know he's glad to be home now, though I know those he loved are heart sore missing his presence. Prayers for solace to the whole family.

Angie Miller Hansen - May 29, 2023 at 10:18 PM

KM

“ I went to school with Lance and graduated with him. He was always a gentleman. He was very thoughtful and kind to others. He was actually voted Most Thoughtful our senior year.
Prayers for his family.

Karen McCool Moreland - May 29, 2023 at 08:34 PM

CB

I agree. Lance was so kind and thoughtful. Praying for his loved ones!
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Cheryl Blount - May 29, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.



May 29, 2023 at 08:21 PM

KL

“ My memories of Lance are all from high school. He was the kindest most gentleman like teenager. Always had a smile and kind word to share. The world lost a great guy much too soon. Many prayers for all of his family and friends in the days and weeks ahead. Till we meet again our friend 🙏❤️

Kim Owens Lemons - May 29, 2023 at 08:10 PM

SR

“ So sorry to hear this. I’ve know the Taylor family since I was a kid. Lance, Brad Joe and Jo Ann and my family hunted together for several years. Dad and Joe worked together and lance and I graduated high school together. I would love to see Joe and Jo Ann as well as Brad. Prayers for the entire family.

Sonny Rogers - May 29, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lance Taylor.



May 29, 2023 at 04:53 PM

DZ

“ I cry every time I think of Lance's death, so I won't leave condolences to all of you -- Joe, Jo Ann, Robin, Lane, Lakin, Brad, and all other family members.

Instead, I'll just share two of my fondest (and sometimes funniest) memories of Lance. The first is the 6-7-year old Lance who loved for his uncle to throw him and his brother and cousins pass after pass in the field across from Jim and Ruth's house. When a pass finally smashed his nose, he kept going -- every once in a while wiping the blood carefully on his shirt so that when he tucked in his shirt, it wasn't visible. I thought "what a tough little kid," but not tough enough to stand up and tell his mom he busted his nose and bloodied his shirt -- at least not this moment when there were still footballs to be caught.

The second was the last time I saw him, maybe a year ago. One weekend, Joe and Jo Ann had told Lance and Brad they could not stay with them - or maybe had to sleep on floors/couches - because Denise and I were staying at their house, so Lance and Brad had a brothers' weekend out and came by to visit Joe and Jo Ann and drop 100-200 jokes/barbed comments about getting no love or respect from their parents - or uncle. The Lance and Brad (or Brad and Lance, depending on who you asked) Show didn't stop there, but went on for another few hours of stand-up comedy. I have never seen Lance as animated and happy as on that day he and his brother conducted a "Roast" and comedy act. I saw the 6-year old boy.

I don't think the 60-year old man ever lost the 6-year old boy. And we are all sadder for not seeing either of them on earth again. But there will come a time, and I bet he will have a new show ready for us.

Doyle Edward (Bud) Van Zandt - May 29, 2023 at 04:39 PM