



Clay Taylor

September 29, 1968 - June 24, 2007

Clay W. Taylor, age 38 of Amboy, died Sunday June 24, 2007 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Sept. 29, 1968 in Dixon, IL the son of Robert and Ann (Keho) Taylor. He had been employed as an Operating Engineer with Local 150 for the past 15 years. He was a member of Vendetta Motorcycle Club in Dixon and the Verdi Club in Rockford. He had also been a Moose Club member. He was preceded in death by his father, paternal grand parents, maternal grand father and adopted maternal grand parents. He is survived by a son Clay Douglas Taylor/Sanford of Homer, IL, his mother Ann Taylor of Amboy, 1 sister Amy (Don) Proconier of Amboy, his maternal grandmother Mary Dunstan of Homewood, IL and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be on Thursday June 28, 2007 at 10:30 AM in the Amboy Community Center with the Rev. Colleen Lawrence, pastor of the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow in Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2:00 to 8:00 PM in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home. A memorial has been established.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clay Taylor*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Clay Taylor*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Clay's family and to the many people who loved him.*

Karen Majewski - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to you during this time of loss. Clay and I were very good friends, and he will be missed by myself and all those whose life he touched in his special way. My prayers go out to you that God will keep you strong. I only wish that I could be with every-one to celebrate his honor. He was truly a great friend, and I will cherish the memories that I have with a true friend. God bless you all!*

Steve Gascoigne

steve gascoigne - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ We offer our sincerest sympathy to the Taylor families. May God bless.

The Barlows of Beeville, Texas

Frank and Doris Barlow - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ As my best friend Tammy's boyfriend (and her first real love), Clay played a huge role in my last couple years of high school. Can't think of anyone I've ever trusted riding me on a motorcycle other than Clay and Mike - or whomever else Clay brought so Tammy's best friend wouldn't be a fifth wheel just hanging around! In recent years I had run into Clay multiple times since I landed back in Dixon, and he treated our friendship as though there had never been a gap in it. That smile - that laugh - that generosity.. Everything about him is memorable. He is an inspiration to those of us he left behind. Makes ME want to be a better person!

Barb Chidley - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ ann, i could not believe when i read of clay's accident. he was a bright, shining star. he will be remembered, loved, and truly missed by hundreds of people just as we all miss bob, and, as sad as it is, they are together and are guardian angels for many. all my love and prayers are with you.

hartley

{bob's nurse at the nursing home}

hartley christensen - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My deepest sympathies to Clay's family. He was truly one-of-a-kind. When I think of Clay, the first thing I think of is his gorgeous smile that could light up a room. He was a fabulous person and will be greatly missed.

Sheila Miller - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Who will test the ice on the pond? Who has a welder and can fix this? Who has a shed where we can build a homecoming float? - The answer was Clay Taylor.

Being a neighbor, I would hear Clay make his early Saturday morning run on his ATC and took it as a signal that adventures were in store that day in our neighborhood. The group would rally for baseball, hockey on the pond, all kinds of motor sports, and lively stories and conversations. At the center of all of this was Clay Taylor. As I can see from the tributes above, this was his way throughout his life. He will long be remembered for his willingness to help others and the ability drive and fix almost anything. And we shall smile as we recount his stories. Thinking of you on this day. God Bless, Bob and Amy Shaw

Bob Shaw - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Clay was my oldest friend. We met when we were about 4 years old. I have more memories and stories of him than anyone else in my life. And even though we won't have any more adventures, i have a feeling that, when I am an old man, it will still be that way. Clay was just an incredibly warm hearted guy who would do anything he could to help out a friend. I wish I could be there with you all to help share the burden during this difficult time.

Dan Shapiro - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Clay was one of my best friends. We had many great times together when we were in school. He was one of the first persons I looked up every time I came home on leave. I really looked forward to you coming to Arizona this winter for some great riding. I'm sure you have a beautiful view from where you are now. You were what a friend should be, quick to laugh, never met a stranger, and always had your back. You were loved and will be missed by everyone.

Jeff

Jeff Lahman - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I can honestly say that I cannot remember when Clay did not have a smile on his face. From grade school to our 20 year class reunion, he always seemed to be smiling. He was always quick with a joke or some comment to make you laugh. Although we had not seen each other much in the last couple of years, when we did, he never skipped a beat. Laughing and joking around. My heart felt sympathy goes out to you Ann and Amy. He was a good friend and he will be missed by all.

Kyle Walter - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Ann & Family,
Just read of the death of Clay, we are so sorry to hear of this. You have our deepest sympathy, will be thinking and praying for all of you.

Sincerely
Don & Nola*

Don & Nola Colwell - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Clay,
I'll never forget you, man. It was always a pleasure to hang out with you, and even though I'd only seen you a few times over the last few years, the times that I did see you will remain fresh in my mind forever. You are one of the few people I knew who never had an enemy, and more friends than a guy could count.
You will be missed,
Gumby

Jeff Dees - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I met Clay an hour or so before he got in the accident and we exchanged numbers so he would help me put a new engine in my truck. I hardly knew him but I could tell he was a great person. My prayers go out to the family and little boy he left behind, just remember God has a reason.

Jennifer Fecht - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ God love all of you that are hurting so bad, we have been blessed with such a funny intelligent crazy warm all around good guy. I know that smile will be taken with him but also left in all our hearts. Your wings will be large my friend!!!

Becky & Slink Lamkin - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ I will never forget coming home after 8 years in the military and having this huge long haired harley dude staring me down at the bar in Amboy. When he walked over and asked if I was Lonny I think I pee'd my pants. I think it took about a half an hour before I was truly convinced that this was Clay Taylor. Clay never changed, he was a good friend who always had a smile on his face and I swear that man knew everybody. I'll miss you Clay, God really broke the mold when he made you. We'll keep Clay and his family in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

Lonny and Lisa Eisenberg

Lonny Eisenberg - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ My deepest sympathy to Clay's family for their loss. As a fellow Amboy class of '86 graduate, I have many good memories with Clay. He will be missed.

Jeff Veverka - June 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM