



Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.

June 21, 1980 - January 30, 2026

Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor, Jr., 45, of Clarington, OH passed away unexpectedly in Cambridge, OH while on the job.

He was a beloved son, brother, grandson, father, grandfather, uncle, nephew, and cousin to his large and loving family.

He was born on June 21, 1980, to Thomas "Tom" Taylor, Sr. and Kathy Armann Burch.

T.J. was a 1998 graduate of River High School and Swiss Hills Career Center where he participated in golf and baseball. While there, he competed for two years in the International Defensive Pistol Association. He was the owner and operator of Taylor's Welding and Fabrication and was an elected Trustee for Switzerland Township. His life was defined by his incredible work ethic, talented carpentry skills, and ability to build and repair anything. He built a thriving and successful business that saw many custom works created in his shop and service site visits across Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

He was an avid truck puller who, alongside his father, custom-built two pulling trucks named "2nd Amendment" and "Gunpowder and Lead Reloaded" that he and his aunt and fellow truck puller, Jenny Abbott competed with all over the tri-state region during the last 20 years with the Southeast Ohio Pulling Series and Power Pulling Productions.

Outside of work, T.J. found happiness and love in his girlfriend Kayla with whom he shared a special bond. His proudest achievements and work were being a loving and devoted father and Pappy to his two sons Dawson and

Trey and never missed an opportunity to be with his four grandchildren, Carter, Myles, Layla and Banks. An avid animal lover, TJ also loved his two dogs, Zeus and Stella, and cats, Jordy and Tigger.

In addition to the above, T.J. was a skilled hunter, shooter and marksman, and enjoyed golfing, having cookouts, watching Pirates baseball and being with his family and friends. He was beloved for his generosity and work in helping so many in need without accepting any recognition. His many acts of service and generosity will continue to live on in so many ways.

T.J. was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Gene "Skip" Taylor, step-grandfather Louis "Lou" Lemmon, maternal grandparents Rowland and Betty Armann, aunts Barbara Armann, Patsy Armann Meadows, Susan Armann, and Marie Armann, and step-uncle James Conger.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his two sons Dawson Weekley (Sam Bagwell) and Trey (Harlie) Taylor, his four grandchildren Myles and Layla Weekley, Carter and Banks Taylor, his girlfriend Kayla Moore and her children Sadie and Luke Moore, his sister Summer Mozena, his grandmother Sonja Taylor, nephews and niece Maddox, Brody, and Mackenzie Mozena, aunts Jenny (Roger) Abbott, Geanie Conger, uncles Mike (Lori) Armann, George Armann, and James (Helen) Armann. Additionally, he leaves behind many close cousins whom he cherished like siblings.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, from 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm at Grisell Funeral Home, 751 3rd Street, New Martinsville, WV, where funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 11am. A private burial will follow at Clarington Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in T.J.'s honor to Monroe County "Shop with a Cop", The Monroe County Sheriff's Office, or the Monroe County Sheriff Office Dog Pound, 47129 Moore Ridge Rd, Woodsfield, OH, 43793, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

CK

“ *My deepest condolences to all.
Carma Kovalo and Family*



Carma Kovalo - February 07 at 02:03 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Chris Farmer lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.*



Dan & Chris Farmer - February 06 at 09:54 AM

DA

“ *Tom, your family and friends of your son. We pass on our deepest
condolences that he will rest in peace, and may the Lord give you
and family strength through this loss. Dave & Susan Armstrong*

David Armstrong - February 04 at 05:31 PM

RB

“ To T.J.'s Boys and grandkids and to Jenny and any other family members we are so sorry for your loss . T.J. Will differently be missed by many but never forgotten..
Pulling Season won't be the same without you T.J. but we know you will be up there looking down over us all.
Greg and Robin Burke(Truck Pullers and a big fan of yours)
Rest in peace buddy



Robin Burke - February 04 at 04:06 PM

DL

“ Deborah, Landon and Logan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Deborah, Landon and Logan - February 03 at 09:13 PM

JF

“ Jim and Trish Flanigan purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Jim and Trish Flanigan - February 03 at 08:25 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



February 03 at 07:56 PM



“ David Bennett and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

David Bennett and family - February 03 at 07:56 PM



“ With love, in memory



Lauren - February 03 at 07:05 PM



“ Phil and Kate purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Phil and Kate - February 03 at 11:39 AM

MZ

“ My handsome cousin I wish that I would have gotten to know you better. I only met ya once and I told you I was your long lost cousin from West Virginia. You gave me a big smile and said nice to meet ya. Rest in Paradise!! You will be missed dearly. Save a seat for me cos we got to get to know each other. Please watch over your Mom she is your number one fan!! Love ya cuz



Missy Zweyer - February 03 at 11:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



February 03 at 10:46 AM

WF

“ With love from the Rosen family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

With love from the Rosen family - February 03 at 09:47 AM

WF

“ With love from the Rosen family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



With love from the Rosen family - February 03 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ Jay Saner lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.



Jay Saner - February 03 at 08:26 AM

JC

“ You will be missed dearly. From one of your truck pulling family members who will miss you!



Jackie Craig - February 03 at 06:18 AM

KH

“ Kris Hinrichs lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.



Kris Hinrichs - February 03 at 01:00 AM

KH

“ We have known T.J. since he and Trey Hinrichs were in second grade playing baseball and living their best lives. Over the years it was fun to get to know T.J. and the awesome and amazing man he grew into with his positivity and love for his family and friends. He will be sorely missed because he was larger than life and impacted everyone who knew him. He left a lasting impression. Please go on telling all of the T.J. stories that you can so his memory lives on in others. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to you and your entire family at this time. Please feel free to reach out if you need anything at all and I will drop everything and come. Know that we all loved T.J. and we love each of his family members. With our deepest sympathy and love, the Hinrichs family: Kris, Trey, Jess, Sam, Kyle, Megan, Laura, and Chase Hinrichs

Kris Hinrichs - February 03 at 12:56 AM

FF

“ From Your Night Shift Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



From Your Night Shift Family - February 03 at 12:10 AM

FF

“ From Your Night Shift Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

From Your Night Shift Family - February 03 at 12:10 AM

BF

“ Buck & Linda Crumm and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Buck & Linda Crumm and Family - February 02 at 06:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



February 02 at 05:38 PM



“ Becky Thornberry Selmon lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Becky Thornberry Selmon - February 02 at 04:01 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



February 02 at 03:28 PM

CT

“ Carl and Karen Trifonoff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

Carl and Karen Trifonoff - February 02 at 03:28 PM

JV

“ I'm so sorry to hear this about T.J. "little toot". Very talented man, always with a smile. Prayers to the family and especially to Tom.

John Veres - February 02 at 03:17 PM

RF

“ Rusiecki Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

Rusiecki Family - February 02 at 02:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



February 02 at 02:38 PM

DF

“ Dagmar, Alexandra and family purchased the Faithful Rest of All for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Dagmar, Alexandra and family - February 02 at 02:34 PM

NR

“ Noah and Lacey Ramsay purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Noah and Lacey Ramsay - February 02 at 02:32 PM

DC

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss, I hope that you all can find comfort and peace in all of the wonderful memories you shared with him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Deanna Chappell - February 02 at 01:17 PM

AN

“ Condolences to all



Anonymous - February 02 at 01:13 PM



“ Lydia McIntire And Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.



Lydia McIntire and Family - February 02 at 12:52 PM

EF

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to all of TJ's family and keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers

Ed and Colleen Frasnelly - February 02 at 12:49 PM

SF

“ Thoughts and prayers for TJ's family in this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort knowing that he will always be watching over you all.

Sam & Rhonda Franklin - February 02 at 12:46 PM

CT

Many hugs and prayers for tjs family may God 🙏❤️ give you peace and feel his presence in a mighty way rest in peace to. Crystal and George tinnel

Crystal Phillips tinnel - February 02 at 01:10 PM

SG

To my family Prayers and thoughts go to allof you I know howsad this is for everyone, Much Love Sue

Sue Georgees - February 02 at 01:42 PM

CW

“ Chris &Rich Wright lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.



Chris &Rich Wright - February 02 at 12:44 PM

CW

Rest easy TJ

Chris &Rich Wright - February 02 at 12:45 PM

SF

“ Sam & Rhonda Franklin lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.



Sam & Rhonda Franklin - February 02 at 12:42 PM

LM

“ Lydia M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

Lydia M. - February 02 at 12:42 PM

LJ

“ Lori And Lew Gray Jr lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr.



Lori and Lew Gray jr - February 02 at 12:38 PM

AD

“ Austin & Emily Miller, Selina & Donald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

Austin & Emily Miller, Selina & Donald - February 02 at 12:05 PM

AD

“ Austin & Emily Miller, Selina & Donald purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



Austin & Emily Miller, Selina & Donald - February 02 at 12:05 PM

JF

“ James crumm, Yolanda Daugherty, and famil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..

James crumm, Yolanda Daugherty, and famil - February 02 at 12:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Gene "T.J." Taylor Jr..



February 02 at 12:04 PM