



## Burke Andrew Taylor

February 13, 1977 - August 6, 2017

### TAYLOR

Burke Andrew Taylor, 40, of Columbus, Ohio passed away from heart complications unexpectedly on August 6, 2017. He was born on February 13, 1977 in Columbus, Ohio to John and Amy Taylor. He graduated from Dublin Coffman High School, and earned a BA in Financial Management from The Ohio State University in 2001. Burke had a successful 16 year career in sales and was currently working as an Account Manager for Ansell Healthcare. He was a dedicated family man who was humble, kind, empathetic, and always willing to help others in need. His witty, outrageously funny humor was enjoyed by everyone who knew him. Burke was an avid golfer, loved fishing, nature, and sharing and teaching his children to do the same. He is survived by the three loves of his life; his adoring wife of 11 years, Kathleen Taylor of Columbus; their two beautiful girls whom he cherished so deeply, Avery and Maryn Taylor, and their beloved dog, Kylie; parents, John and Amy Taylor of Dublin; Father-in-law Martin and Mother-in-law Marilyn Winters of Columbus; sister, Emily (Kenji) Yoshikawa of New York, New York; and his nieces and nephews, Eva, Daniel, James and Vincent; numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins with whom he was so close. Family will receive friends on Friday, August 11, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM and 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W. Olentangy Street Powell, Ohio 43065. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 11:00 AM at ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH 6770 N. High Street

Worthington, Ohio 43085 with Rev. Gerald Kalb officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a Go Fund Me Campaign to for his children's education. Please visit: [gf.me/u/bsfucu](https://gf.me/u/bsfucu)

To send an online condolence, please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
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## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Lutheran Church  
6770 North High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burke Andrew Taylor*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Burke's passing. As neighbors of Kathleen's parents, we often had the opportunity to see the Taylor family, especially the girls, Avery and Maryn. Our sympathies go out to the Taylors, Burke's parents and sister, Marty and Marilyn, and all those who have lost a dear friend, colleague and relative. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we are here, across the street, if we can help in any way.*

*Teri and Geri*

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**Teri** - August 11, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ *I'm still trying to process that Burke has passed away. I've known him since our childhood. I remember staying over at each others houses and growing up together on the baseball fields. We havent seen each other in a few years but I still have a ton of memories and stories fresh in my mind about my friendship with Burke. The Palmer family is here to help during these hard times. Please let us know how we can help in the coming days, weeks and years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Jim Palmer*

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**Jim Palmer** - August 10, 2017 at 08:42 PM

AT

*I just reread this and was so touched with the beautifully expressed condolences from Burke's childhood friend thru high school. Thank you Jim and and your family for being there to comfort and support us thru that terrible time. I don't have words to express my feelings when reading this even tho it has been 6 years. The best to you and all of your family. That's true friendship.  
With so much love and appreciation,  
Amy Taylor  
We miss him so much.*

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**Amy Taylor** - May 07, 2023 at 06:16 PM

PW

“ *Just loved working with Burke. Such an upbeat and funny colleague. Always talking about his girls. You will be missed, my friend.*

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**Pam Werner** - August 10, 2017 at 11:28 AM

RH

“ *Burke missed his calling. He should be been a comidean!! He always had us in stitches at National Sales Meetings. He was the wittiest person know!. He will b missed!!!*

*Rick Hornsby*

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**Rick Hornsby** - August 10, 2017 at 09:37 AM

TH

“ *I met Burke this past winter at my workplace.  
He stood out from others, as he was always so kind, energetic, positive, and helpful.  
It was a blessing for me to know him.  
Take care,  
Tom.*

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**Tom Hibbeln** - August 10, 2017 at 09:21 AM

Laura Pakis

“ *Kathy, I just read about your loss. I am so sorry to hear this. Know you are in my thoughts. Laura Pakis*

Laura Pakis - August 10, 2017 at 06:48 AM

LJ

“ *Some of my greatest childhood memories are of playing with Emily and Burke. The Taylor family lived around the block from us in Olde Sawmill. Burke's goofiness, positive attitude, and kindness is something I will never forget. Such a remarkably kind and caring person who will be deeply missed.*



Lisa Yappel Janson - August 09, 2017 at 08:10 PM

RW

“ *Roy Wentzel lit a candle in memory of Burke Andrew Taylor*



Roy Wentzel - August 09, 2017 at 07:50 PM

RW

*My heart goes out to you, Amy and your entire family!*

Roy Wentzel - August 09, 2017 at 07:51 PM

LK

“ I met Burke my freshman year of high school and immediately loved him. As many others have said, his sense of humor was like no other and he always had everyone laughing hysterically! Always! One of my funniest memories of him was many years later after college he came to a Christmas party at my apartment and proceeded to hide miniature pigs in a blanket all around my apartment. I found them in different spots for days maybe even weeks after the party. Every time I found one I would die laughing all over again. This was his way. Even though I had not seen him in a while he was always making nice comments on family pictures on Facebook and I loved watching his family grow as well. I will miss his smile and his laugh and I send many prayers to his family and everyone who is feeling the intensity of this great loss.

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**laura knape** - August 09, 2017 at 06:23 PM

SS

“ Im so sorry to hear about your son. My daughter died suddenly at 43. It doesnt matter what their age...they are our babies. My hope for yours and his family is that you all join together with all the good memories. Love and hugs to all of you.

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**Susi Soler** - August 09, 2017 at 06:00 PM

MB

“ We're very sorry to hear of Burke's passing. Our prayers. Michael and Belinda Buss

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**Michael Buss** - August 09, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Burke Andrew Taylor.



August 09, 2017 at 03:45 PM



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August 09, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ Burke was a special human being. Hoping hos family and closest friends rejoice in his life and find peace during this heartbreaking time. Oxox We will miss you Burke. Forever in our hearts

**Amanda Kaylor Hubbs** - August 09, 2017 at 12:12 PM

HL

“ I was never one of the popular kids. I was teased mercilessly in elementary school; to this day I can't say the name they used to call me on the bus without feeling the heat rise in my cheeks. I had a couple of close friends in middle school who dumped me the summer after 8th grade, and let me know by toilet-papering my family's house, so I started freshman year without a single friend or anyone to sit with at lunch. I barely looked up as I navigated the overcrowded halls of my huge public high school in between classes those first two years. And I remember one particularly awful day sophomore year when someone bumped into me in front of the library, a place swarming with people, purposefully knocking everything out of my arms. All of my books and papers scattered, and a bunch of kids started kicking them around, laughing, and pointing. I truly thought I was going to die of humiliation, in that way only a 15 year old can.

Burke Taylor, who WAS decidedly a popular kid, knelt down next to me, made some ridiculous joke that made me laugh instead of cry, and helped me pick everything up. In fact, he was one of the only people who ever acknowledged me when I felt completely invisible those first two years of high school. I actually remember being taken aback by the fact that he knew my name, and that he always looked me in the eyes. He was always friendly, always kind, and UNBELIEVABLY funny.

I never reconnected with him after high school, not even on Facebook. But I am devastated to hear of his passing, and I wish I had ever thought to tell him that he made an incredible difference in my life, that his kindness was a lifeboat for me during those rough years. So I'm telling you.

Hilary Lowbridge

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hilary lowbridge - August 08, 2017 at 10:35 PM

AM

*I met Burke my freshman year of college at Ohio State. It was really late at night and it was raining. I was at a gas station trying to put new wipers on my car (which wasn't going very well), and a car pulls up full of college kids. One was Burke, and not only did he offer to help me, he sent his friends on their way to make sure I was taken care of and they worked. He was SO kind and very easy to be around. I dropped him off back at his dorm, and we were friends ever since.*

*I am truly devastated to hear that he passed away. In complete shock, and so very, very sad. I'm so heartbroken for his parents, siblings, wife and most of all his little girls. I can tell he was an amazing father.*

*Praying the Lord comforts and holds everyone who is hurting so badly in ways only he can do.*

*Burke - Thank you for your sincere love and amazing heart...you gave so much of it to so many, and that is beautifully evident. I'm thankful this is not the last chapter, and that I will be able to see you again in heaven with Jesus one day.*

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**Amanda Mercurio** - August 09, 2017 at 12:36 PM

PI

“ *As the parents of one of Burke's close friends, we had the genuine pleasure of sharing many special, and mostly hilarious, moments with Burke. Two of those memories are captured in the photos we added to the tribute wall, in the "Friends" album. Our sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to his dear family and friends.*

*Peter & Joyce Zawaly*

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**Peter Zawaly II** - August 08, 2017 at 10:35 PM

PI

“ *2 files added to the album Friends*



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**Peter Zawaly II** - August 08, 2017 at 10:10 PM

JL

“ Kathleen, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. The few times I met Burke he was so engaging, funny, effervescent, and obviously a family man through and through. I hope you find some comfort seeing him in your girls.

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**jourdan lebay** - August 08, 2017 at 09:08 PM

BP

“ John and Amy, we're so sorry to hear about Burke's passing. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.  
Jo Marie and Barry Price

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**Barry Price** - August 08, 2017 at 07:57 PM

EW

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and living memories to forever hold in your hearts. Evelyn & Donald Warren (former neighbors)

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**Evelyn L Warren** - August 08, 2017 at 07:24 PM

CW

“ I had the wonderful experience of working directly with Burke at Ansell Healthcare when I lived in Chicago from 2014-2015. I had heard the timeless stories of the legendary Burke Taylor before I had a chance to meet him and work with him. He had that magnetic personality, his sense of humor and razor sharp wit were what made his family, friends, customers and acquaintances feel so comfortable around him. Burke always had a quick snap, hilarious come back regardless of any situation and I would occasionally "steal" some of his lines to help with my weak attempts at being funny. I can't remember the last time I met somebody whose face and eyes would light up so brightly when asked about his wife or daughters. He was always quick to tell an endearing story of what his daughter, Avery had recently done or said to him that was a story only Burke could tell in his unique, detailed manner. Burke really made me look forward to being a father one day myself because of the happiness and joy I could see on his face when he described quality time spent with his family. He was one of the first individuals at Ansell I reached out to last week when our daughter was born and he sent me a typical Burke excited message back "YES!!!! Congrats brother. Your life has changed forever. It's the best! That's awesome man!"

*You were truly one of kind, Burke Taylor. Rest in peace my friend.*

CW

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**Chad Wharton** - August 08, 2017 at 06:41 PM

LD

*I had the pleasure of working with Burke at Ansell. I didn't see him often, but when I did, he ALWAYS spoke of his beautiful family with the greatest pride and joy. My son's name is Avery, and we would always talk about our "Averys" every time we saw each other. Burke's love for his wife and daughters was palpable, and the subject of which is already a common thread in many of these messages. I hope that love provides the family with some comfort during this difficult time.*

*Rest in peace, Burke.*

*Leigh Duffy*

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**Leigh Duffy** - August 09, 2017 at 09:49 AM

MW

*We were so saddened to hear of Burke's passing. He was, indeed, one special human being and we will cherish memories of times we spent with him. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers.*

*Maribeth and Bill Wolfe*

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**maribeth wolfe** - August 09, 2017 at 04:26 PM

SG

*To Burke's wife and family. to John and Amy and Emily and her family. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this sad time.*

*Bob & Sue Goelz (Bob worked with John may years ago at ITT.*

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**Sue Goelz** - August 10, 2017 at 05:04 PM

JT

*Thanks so much for your kind thoughts*

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**John Taylor** - August 16, 2017 at 07:09 PM