



## Johnny William Taylor

December 7, 1959 - July 11, 2022

On Monday, July 11th, 2022, Johnny William Taylor, age 62 of Powell, passed away suddenly at his home, in the beautiful backyard oasis that he and his wife built together. Born December 7th, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio he was preceded in death by his parents, Wilma and Emmett “Bud” Taylor.

John grew up in Dublin, Ohio attending Dublin High School, class of 1978, and was active in a number of organizations including the band program. This love of music would follow John for the rest of his life; no matter what chapter of his life John was in, you could bet there would be music.

In 1982 John graduated from Ohio Northern University with a bachelor’s degree in Biology, though the thing he was most proud of was helping to found the university radio station, WONU. After college John moved to Atlanta, Georgia, but eventually found his way back to Ohio where he raised his daughter, Jennifer. Coming full circle, John was a self-described “Band Dad” and supported Jennifer throughout her high school band and music career.

After retiring from a career in the healthcare industry, John leaned into a number of hobbies. The two most notable of which being his membership in the Emerald City Swing Orchestra, where he played the tenor saxophone, and his membership in National Auto Sport Association (NASA) Great Lakes

Region. John began his journey with NASA as a student learning to drive his Corvette z06, but what started as a hobby grew into so much more. John became an instructor and group leader within the organization and was instrumental in creating their HPDE2 curriculum. Through this program John was able to help hundreds of people learn and develop their skills as drivers.

John met the great love of his life, Ainslie, by a twist of fate. John sat next to her on an airplane by chance and they talked through the entire 6am flight. Within a year John proposed and they started the best chapter in his life together. John stated in his wedding vows, "I want the rest of our lives to be spent in the same manner that we met. I want to be next to you.", and he joyfully fulfilled that vow until the day he died.

Perhaps the thing John will be remembered for most is for the incredible father he was. Not just to his children, Jennifer, Thomas, Alison, and Nikki, but to anyone who needed someone to lean on. John was always there to listen and give advice, always happy to take the time to teach, and was unwavering in his patience and support. He was always the first person to try and make any situation as fun as it could be, living each day to the fullest, and encouraged that mindset with all of his children and grandchildren.

John was truly one of a kind and is profoundly missed.

John is survived by his wife, Ainslie Taylor; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Taylor & John "Nick" Downing; stepson and daughter-in-law, Thomas & Danielle Hickey; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Alison & Derek Howe; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Nicole Wheeler & Alejandro Vazquez; sister, Frankie Meyers; and grandchildren, Colin, Bella, Taylor, Jayce, Violet, Adalina, Luna, and Reed. John's children and grandchildren were the pride and joy of John's life. The legacy of John's kind spirit, passion for teaching, love of music, and zest for life will live on through them.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny William Taylor*

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“ *LOL !!! Finally YOU Paid with your LIFE with all the evil you applied to so many others, YEAH GOD had the final word, sure it's hot where you are, the arrest you had 1987 that is on legal record in Atlanta, Georgia, look it up folks, I've had to stay silent for 35 yrs, and can now give peace to those involved !!*

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**Birdie Lenda** - November 24, 2022 at 12:33 AM