



Andrew Christopher Taylor

December 30, 1960 - June 22, 2025

Andrew Christopher Taylor was born on December 30, 1960 in Chester, England to Derek and Alice Taylor. He went peacefully to the presence of His Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday June 22, 2025 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Most would tell you that Andrew was a kind, generous, gifted and brilliant man. Just look at how his life started back in England! He started his engineering career early, and at the age of two, he requested and received a de-dah screwdriver for his second birthday. "Doo-die-der" is (screwdriver). His father had to make him a plug board with plugs, sockets, and switches to keep him away from the real thing. He was educated at Birkenhead School and subsequently at the Imperial College, University of London, where he earned his degrees in electrical and electronic engineering. He moved to Wales and joined Physiological Instrumentation. There he developed the world's first practical pulse oximeter for which he later received worldwide patents. The company was bought by Novametrics Medical Systems, and then he moved to Wallingford, Connecticut, USA.

Whilst in Connecticut he learned to SCUBA dive, which took him to dive sites in Egypt, the Caribbean, the Galapagos Islands, and Australia. He enjoyed teaching SCUBA and became a Master SCUBA Diver Trainer. His professional career took him to Boulder, Colorado where he joined Ohmeda Monitoring where he ran their oximetry business. In Colorado, he gained his

paramedic license and volunteered with the Denver-based air ambulance service and weekends as part of the local ski patrol. There he found his love of flying and was convinced to get his pilot's license. Subsequently, he moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan and joined Mallinckrodt Medical Inc. Here again he pursued his love of flying, eventually attaining level of flight instructor and an airline transport pilot's license. Most weekends he flew with his friend John for lunch destinations such as Washington, D.C., Nashville, St. Louis, Chicago; They flew so much, they ran out of destinations. When Mallinckrodt was sold, he and his friend Jim started Michigan Research Institute which provides oversight for diverse projects such as a technique for pasteurizing in shell eggs, annular deformation welding, Marine Corps MTVR (Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement), a product to mitigate toenail fungus, and certain aspects of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. He was an active member of NorthRidge Church, volunteering as a Video Technical Director and supporting others.

He has been to all seven continents; most recently to Antarctica with his friend, Eugene. He holds dual nationalities, British and American. He is survived by his brother, Nigel, and his aunt Betty.

There will be a Celebration of Life service of Andrew Taylor's memory on Saturday, August 23rd, 11 AM at NorthRidge Church (lower level – aka: The Underground). Memorial visitation begins at 10 AM prior to the service at 11 AM. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

NorthRidge Church
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Plymouth Charter Twp, MI 48170
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Tribute Wall

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“ Andrew was a cousin to my wife Kathleen and part of our extended family.

I first met Andrew when he was studying in London and his parents were concerned that he was not eating properly. He became a regular guest at our home, and we became good friends.

On graduation, Andrew was recruited by a company in Wales researching problems and finding solutions. We visited Andrew and found what could only be described as a commune of very intelligent young people. Andrew was researching an alternative to taking blood from premature babies to find the level of oxygen in their blood. Andrew invented a battery device that slipped over a finger and gave a reading of blood/oxygen and heart rate, thus stopping an intrusive and painful practice.

We visited Andrew in Ann Arbor, and trying to be helpful I offered to chop fire wood for him. I duly found an axe, only to see Andrew drive in with a petrol driven wood splitter on a trailer. He did think bigger than most people.

I have seen a photo of Andrew when he was a volunteer in the Air Ambulance, jumping from a hovering helicopter onto a mountain peak to help an injured person. I thought that was most heroic; until I witnessed Andrew coping with his illness, when his mind was active and sharp; but his body was shutting down. We spoke many times via FaceTime and he never appeared disheartened.

I would like to thank Patsey for her kindness and dedication, caring for Andrew as she did until he died. May our God bless you and watch over you.

*Anthony, Kathleen, Jennifer and Elizabeth
The Moore Family, United Kingdom*

Anthony Moore - August 23, 2025 at 05:16 AM

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alan chewter - August 22, 2025 at 10:48 AM

BE

“ Andrew was my instrument flight instructor back in 2003 while I was in the Ann Arbor Flyers. His experience flying in the often bumpy conditions in Boulder and generally unflappable nature made a lasting impact on my flying. I gained experience being calm in bumps and other stressful flying situations. My long instrument cross-country was into OSH with Andrew. Being cleared to land on all 3 runways was a memorable OSH arrival. RIP Andrew.

Beth - August 20, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Andrew and I became great friends as he was my instructor and we often flew together. It became a ritual to have food and a drink at Black Rock in Ann Arbor after our flights. I was impressed to learn something new and amazing about Andrew each time we would do this. One night I told him I named my daughter(Olivia) after Olivia Newton-John. He pulled out an old picture of a teenage Olivia Newton-John. “Do you recognize my babysitter”?
Andrew was a great instructor. Patient and soft spoken. If I was frustrated I would get the calm Andrew with a “How can I help”. I was his last student and he was not doing so well. Whenever I would bring up his health he would say I just need to see you finish this. So selfless even while fighting his own battle.
Godspeed Andrew!

Chris Bartoi - August 18, 2025 at 10:29 PM

HF

“ *His friends from Ann Arbor Flyers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Andrew Christopher Taylor.*



His friends from Ann Arbor Flyers - August 18, 2025 at 05:14 PM

BG

“ *Andrew is best known for something he said, frequently: I love to help. And, every chance that arose, he did.*

Benn Gilmore - August 17, 2025 at 07:36 PM