



Gerald "Joe" Taylor

February 23, 1931 - May 28, 2021

Taylor, Gerald "Joe" May 28, 2021 age 90 of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Kay. Loving father of Debbie (Dennis) Tochman and Mike (Judy) Taylor. Proud grandfather of Andrea (Ryan) Hoff, Nick (Diane) Tochman, Stephen Taylor and Kyle Taylor, and great grandfather of Owen, Aiden, Brooks and Nolan. Partner of Wanda Vendittelli. Joe was very involved with the City of Livonia for many years. He served in many capacities including many years as a councilman. Due to his devotion and

service to Livonia, he was elected to the City of Livonia Hall of Fame.

Mr. Taylor will be In state 9 AM Thursday, June 3rd until the 10 AM Funeral Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Private interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-9959 or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4509.

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Cemetery Details

Parkview Memorial Cemetery

34205 Five Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48154

Previous Events

In state

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Colette Catholic Church
17600 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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17600 Newburgh Road
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Tribute Wall



“ Gerald "Joe" Taylor

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I became friends with Joe when he was a city councilman for the City of Livonia. What a great man and awesome leader. We would go to breakfast every so often at the Senate Coney Island. After years of knowing each other, we found out that my daughter and his grandson Nick grew up together and were good friends too. I had moved to AZ the end of 2020 for my job and fell out of touch with Joe. Thanks for your leadership, your sense of humor and your leadership Joe! My life is better for having you in it! Please save me a seat in our Fathers House!

Dick Williams

Dick Williams - June 26, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald "Joe" Taylor.



June 03, 2021 at 04:08 PM

CS

“ Joe’s wife, Judy, was my introduction to the Taylor family. We met at Cass Elementary in the mid 80’s and she was one of my favorite people in the world. I was fortunate to work with Debbie, and then Joe on the Planning commission. The greater the person, the greater the loss. Joe has earned his rewards, but for those that remain the loss is as great as the legacy he leaves. God Bless. Our deepest sympathy to Debbie, Wanda, and the Taylor family - You learned from the best!
Carol and Jim Smiley

Carol Smiley - June 03, 2021 at 04:00 PM

KM

“ Joe was a gentleman and lived a life of service and virtue. It was a privilege to serve with and learn from him during my tenure on the Planning Commission. I was blessed to continue my friendship with him beyond our time together on planning. It was a joy be with him to celebrate the renaming of the Livonia City Council chambers in his honor. However, as my colleague and friend Scott Bahr said, Joe’s legacy to Livonia extends well beyond the council chambers. Condolences to Wanda and Joe’s family on the loss of this wonderful man.

Kathleen McIntyre - June 03, 2021 at 03:46 PM

DG

“ Your father was an amazing man dedicated to his family, community and His God. Always so kind and friendly to all who met him. Our utmost thoughts and prayers are with the whole family as you mourn the loss of your loving father, grandpa, and wonderful servant to others.
Love,
Debbie and Mark Greiner

Debbie Greiner - June 02, 2021 at 04:33 PM

SB

“ As a news junkie and a Livonia Observer carrier when I was growing up, I was well aware of who Joe Taylor was and thus somewhat in awe when I ended up sitting next to him for four years on Planning Commission. I benefited greatly from his advice and encouragement, and I'm thankful for his many years of service to our community. His legacy extends far beyond the City Council chambers that bear his name.

-Scott Bahr, Livonia City Council

Scott Bahr - June 02, 2021 at 02:31 PM

MT

“ Family gatherings were always more special with my Uncle Joe, He always made me feel right at home, and the kindness he showed my wife and children was very much appreciated. Christmas Eve dinner at Uncle Joe's house was a celebration we always looked forward to. One Christmas, in particular, stands out in my mind. Our son, Michael, was about 5 or 6 and he was fascinated by numbers and digital clocks. Uncle Joe had such a clock, but it spoke the time in English and many other languages. Michael was enthralled and spent most of the night playing with that clock. At the end of the evening, Uncle Joe gave that clock to Michael as a Christmas gift. To our son it was the greatest gift he had ever received and one he always treasured. I am not sure who smiled the most; Michael or Uncle Joe!

Our thoughts are with cousins Debbie and Michael and all their families during this most difficult time. We wanted them to know how much we loved their dad and the impact he had on our lives. We are better people...kinder people...gentler people...for having him in our lives.

Love,

Mark and Betsy Taylor

Mark Taylor - June 01, 2021 at 06:32 PM