



Buddy Lee Taylor

April 29, 1957 - March 1, 2022

Buddy Lee Taylor went home to Jesus on March 1, 2022 at the age of 65.

Buddy was born to Aaron and Margaret Taylor in Wichita, Kansas on April 29, 1967. As a child he was energetic, joyful and ornery.

Buddy married the love of his life, Barb Neher Taylor on June 14, 1980, after meeting in college at MidAmerica Nazarene University. A somewhat drifting religion major in college who mostly focused on jokes with classmates, Buddy was inspired by his new found love and quickly began to concentrate on improving his grades and graduating from college.

The couple has spent these past 41 years of marriage in a collaborative and caring relationship based on mutual support and a deep love for each other. But Buddy's love for jokes and humorous storytelling never faded. In fact, he thrived on the exchange of entertaining ideas with friends and family, and his smile would light up their day!

Over the course of their marriage, Buddy began to enjoy the role of "Barbie's" (as he called her) shopping companion, helping carry shopping bags, selecting colors for home decorating and discovering a new interest in arts & crafts. But when at home, Buddy could always be found (and heard) laughing at his favorite old TV shows on TV LAND including Andy Griffith Show,

Dragnet and Leave it to Beaver.

As a professional for more than 40 years, Buddy worked in the insurance industry. First, in claims for several of the nation's top corporations and later as an independent contractor operating his own successful risk management business for many years from a home office.

Faith in God and engagement with church was central to Buddy's life. Although Buddy and Barb moved throughout the country during their marriage – from Kansas City to Chicago to San Diego to Bartlesville, Oklahoma – they always found friends at a church home where they were active and discovered volunteer opportunities. Buddy flourished during four international mission trips with his church to Australia, Brazil, Guatemala and Swaziland serving the Lord and sharing the word of God.

Travel was how Buddy enjoyed making memories, and he was incredibly generous. A very giving couple, Buddy and Barb took several on overseas trips, as well as hosted vacations for various other family members throughout the years creating lasting memories that will live on forever.

Some of the trips were taken to watch his beloved Kansas City Chiefs. Forever a Chiefs fanatic, Buddy traveled from California and Illinois to KC and even to New York for playoffs one year to see the Chiefs play always delighting a friend or relative with a free ticket and special dinner on the town.

Buddy was blessed with a loving family. He is survived by his wife, Barb Taylor; sister and husband, Elena and Jim Goldsmith, and many cherished nieces and nephews and extended family. He will always be remembered by his family as a wonderfully generous and caring man. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Dewey Church of the Nazarene, 1401 N. Wyandotte Ave., Dewey, OK 74029.

Honorary pallbearer will be Buddy's nieces and nephews: Randy Neher, Julie Galiart, Jacob Wiering, Justin Wiering, Zachary Neher and Natalie Neher.

Donations can be made to Dewey Church of the Nazarene.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dewey Church of the Nazarene
1401 North Wyandotte & Hwy 75
Bartlesville, OK

Tribute Wall

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“Buddy worked for us at Safety Evaluations of America for well over a decade. He was hard-working, professional, always helpful and would go the extra mile. We talked many times over the years. We did not learn of his accident situation until after Buddy passed. The staff at SEA expresses their sincere condolences to Barb and Buddy’s family.
May God rest his soul.
Gary Turner, Matt Turner, Jennie Weaver, Rich King and Bill Youngblood.

Gary Turner - March 08, 2022 at 03:22 PM

MC

“Buddy, you will be greatly missed. Your kind sweet presence is always welcome. Didn't we always have a great time at VBS? I can hear your laugh right now. Your laugh was so contagious. The way you reached out to me during Al's illness meant so much to me.

Barb, you are in my prayers. I am very blessed to have friends like you and Buddy.

Mary Chappell

Mary Chappell - March 04, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ Oh Buddy how we loved you! Always making us feel loved and special! We will ALWAYS treasure you as a dear precious friend! We will NEVER forget that you traveled to Indiana from California to take special care of Anthony during my brain cancer surgery! We love you, this is not goodbye, but see you soon in heaven! Our love and prayers are with Barb and your family! Paul, Sheila and Anthony

Sheila Whiteford - March 04, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Buddy will be greatly missed by Dewey Church of the Nazarene. He was such a faithful, committed Christian. He was a blessing to so many with his generous heart and beautiful singing voice. He was so willing to serve his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in any way he could. It was hard to hear of his passing, but we know he is enjoying the promises of God this very moment, the promises he trusted in for so many years. Pastor Joel Heid

Joel Heid - March 03, 2022 at 10:38 PM