



Carl Taylor

February 7, 1946 - May 29, 2011

Carlton Eugene "Moose" Taylor passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the age of 65. Born in Corsicana, he was raised in the Dawson area. Carl graduated from Dawson High School and attended Navarro College. Active in his community, he was a member of the Optimist Club and served as President of the Corsicana Tiger Booster Club. He enjoyed coaching little league baseball and soccer for a number of years. He had a passion for sports. He loved football, baseball, and most of all drag racing. Later in life, he discovered darts and became a very skilled player, winning many awards. In his professional career, he was a successful Insurance Agent for many years. He was a top producer for several companies and was rewarded with many trips . He loved to travel and shared these special memories with family. His "dream" job began as a hobby. He enjoyed working at the Texas Motorplex in Ennis for over 20 years. He served in many capacities, his favorite, as starter. This opened the door for him to work for the National Hot Rod Association. He was privileged to travel with NHRA touring the country working many races and events. His biggest thrill was working with his close friend and mentor Buster Couch, starter for NHRA. He was very proud of his sons and adored his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Ona Mae and Carl Steen Taylor. He is survived by his wife Marsha, son Christopher Taylor and his wife Christie of North Richland Hills; son Todd Taylor and his wife Nicole of Trophy Club. Grandchildren Brendan and Sydney Taylor of North Richland Hills. Carl is also survived by Stevie Taylor of

Dawson and Cole Taylor of Powell, numerous friends and extended family. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the team of doctors and nurses who took wonderful care of him during his stay at Parkland Hospital ICU, and a special angel, Brandy Tarvin Ray. Visitation will be 6-8pm Thursday, June 2, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2pm Friday, June 3, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with NHRA Chaplain Mike Fulfer and Racers for Christ Chaplain Craig Garland officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Billy Covington, Trey Hardeman, Bob Heard, Stan Lawhon, Richie Price, Allen White, Danny Rager, Roger Tarvin, Randall Lewis, Tommy Jenkins.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Taylor*

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“ *My heart grieves for the family at this sad time. However, it does give me peace to know that God always makes a special place for people as wonderful as "Moose!" I have known Moose since I was a little girl and my dad would always hang around his racing buddies. Moose is one of those buddies that I grew up knowing that he was just like family. He always took care of us at the track and it felt good knowing he had his eyes on me and mine to watch over us. I was extremely grateful to be with him during his last moments. I was able to give him a big smile, and let him know that he was in good hands no matter what! People do not get that opportunity often, but God blessed me with a smile and a tight hand grip from Moose just before he flew away! I will always remember Moose and what he meant to me and my family.*

Marsha, Todd, and Chris, I know your dad loved you very much. I am so glad I had the opportunity to know him.

*My thoughts and prayers
Brandy (Tarvin) Ray*

Brandy (Tarvin) Ray - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

We will miss you, Moose....

~God Speed~

Angie Riza & David Wakefield - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Marsha, I'm so sorry to hear about Carl's untimely passing. If you need anything just call.

Roy Lynn McCain - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Moose was a good friend, as well as a valuable customer and friend to all of us at Latemodel Restoration Supply. I will miss him, and we wish the best for his family and many friends during this difficult time.

Scott Springer - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Carl was a lifelong friend who will be truly missed. He always had a kind word and a funny story to share with anyone he met. May your faith sustain you at this time.

Wayne & Ruth Smith - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ We will miss him

Ginnie smith - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Marsha, so sorry to hear about Carl's (Moose)passing. You will have a difficult year of first's ahead of you, and I pray that your memories will comfort and sustain you today and during the days to come. May God's blessings and strength be with you and your family.

Linda Franks Guthrie - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ We send our love to all of the family.
Glad that we got a chance to visit Carl, that one day at Parkland
Hospital.
Love, Nancy & Paul

Nancy & Paul Pfrommer - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ My heart is heavy for the loss of cousin Carlton. I do get some
peace knowing that he loved his work with the Race Car family.
That he did enjoy his life with his work and his wife, sons, family, and
grandchildren.

*I only wish I had the words to express my feelings..(along with my
wife Kaye.)*

*Carlton always showed me attention as a little boy. He loved my
sister Becky and my brother Elton who were in his age group at
Dawson High School and growing up with the Taylor family. I always
knew he loved my father, his Uncle James Taylor and my Mother,
his Aunt Leona Taylor as they returned their love to him as we all
grew up as kids. I am sorry for Stevie Taylor's loss of his brother.*

*Even thou I did not get to see Carlton, all that often over the years- I
always liked and loved him as my cousin. I am sorry for his loss and
my dear sympathy to his dear family. I won't forget him.*

*May the good Lord give his family grace and peace at this time of
family sorrow.*

Cousin Tony and Kaye- Dawson, Tx.

Tony and Kaye Taylor - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Tell Buster hello from me when your standing on the Big Drag Strip in Heaven
Kim

Kim Boales - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Just wanted to let you know I have you in my prayers. I have known Moose for well over ten years. It was devastating to hear of his passing. I spoke to him two days before his accident when he came into work. He came into my office with a "What's up Mikey" as he did every time ha came in. I will miss it dearly. Moose was a great guy and friends with everyone he met. The Motorplex will not feel the same without him at the tree.

Mike Linley - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

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Rosellan and Fred Richards, Jr. - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ My prayers go to family and friends. It was always a good time when Moose was around. I will miss you my friend.

Floyd Colley - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ There's no doubt about it, if you truly knew Moose you knew his passion for his FAMILY, GRANDKIDS, FORDS, DRAG RACING, and DARTS. Moose never failed to take in each and every one of us on the track crew and always had something to teach us. His presence at the track will be missed but the techniques he taught the crew will carry on forever. I will miss the "thumbs-up" from the starting line, watching him line up the "new guys" in the groove so they could have a great run, and his calls to the Compulink operator- "BOARDS". Always remembered, but never forgotten.

Ashley Kellough - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jerry and I played darts with Carl (Moose). He was a great friend and guy. He will be missed dearly. May god bless and watch over you all during this time of loss.

Stephanie and Jerry POarch and family

Jerry and Stephanie Poarch and family - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Moose gave me a job at the track one year and he has since then taught me so much about the track. he was a close friend and a very good coworker. i have never met anyone like him he will be missed so much and i will never feel the same at the track anymore. i know how it feels to lose a family member because i lost my mom when i was younger it is very sad. we will be praying for the family to pull through this.

michael w spurgeon jr - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My thoughts ans prayers go out the the Family during this time of loss. He was a good friend and taught me alot about darts and drag racing. He is no longer in pain and has moved on to the place we all strive to get to. God Be with you!

Shelby Kuta - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Marsha and boys -- My thoughts and prayers are with you through this great loss.

Pam Thomas - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We're all going to miss Moose. He was one of my best *Hot Rod Buddie's*. He was willing to take us *kids* under his wing when we wanted to hang around the various *Hot Rod Shops* around town. He never made too much fun of us when we said stupid stuff and was one of those guys willing to do whatever it took to be a winner. His smile and laugh will always be with me. I know when I see a car or something in the future I'll be able to think of exactly what he would say (good or bad!) and as long as that happens he'll never be far away. It will be the same for everyone in the family.

Marsha and Chris and the whole family...our prayers are with you.

JIM

Jim Moore - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Sorry for your loss.May God bless you.

Charles&Brenda Parrish - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Praying for you and your family. Moose was a kind fun-loving guy and will be missed by all who knew him

Margy Cooper - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Marsha, I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lisa Yates - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have know Moose for a very long time. Him, along with a lot of the track came to my wedding back in 1994. He was a great man and will be missed by many. My heart goes out to the family and friends as they go through this loss in their lives.

Sharon Honza - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Marsha, Words cannot express our sadness we feel about Moose. He was always great to work with at the track. Dudley got to know him playing darts against him the last 2 years. We both consider him a good friend. We will be praying for you and your family during this time.

Love to you, Kathleen

Dudley & Kathleen Fox - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ He will be forever missed and memories will be cherished!! I will miss him telling me to " get up there and shoot your bull!!"

My prayers go to the family and friends of Carl (Moose). My the Lord give you peace in this very painful time.

Debbie Nenneman (Hoban) - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Marsha, Chris and Todd, I am so sorry for the loss of "Moose." Every now and then my dad would ask about him. I can remember all of the times we spent together growing up. All the baseball memories and the rides to the baseball games in that mini-van and listening to the oldies but goodies and especially "Bad Moon Rising." Every time I hear that song it reminds me of Moose. I pray that you find peace in your hearts and remember and cherish all of the good and fun memories. He will be missed dearly by all of us. Me, Henry Sr., Maria, Henry Jr, and Sebastian Cantu God bless you and we love you!

Crissy Cantu - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Marsha and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Robbie Derden - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We will miss you"moose". U were a great man and a great dart player.

Emily Barlow - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Just wanted to send my condolences to the family of Moose. He always had a way of making people around him smile and could be gruff when he needed to be. I will miss him very much he was and is a great man and loved his family very deeply.

Michael Vigil - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I write this with tears in my eyes from sadness and joy. I have lost such a dear friend, full of life, joy and just plain fun. I hurt for each of you, I understand your pain. Moose and I have been friends since 1977 or before, as time went by I met Marsha and she became a dear friend too. Seems like there was always a Mustang involved. LOL Moose loved what he did, you could tell by the pride he would show with all his Mustangs. The boys thought so much of him too. A Mustang Hero in their eyes. I find joy knowing he is free of pain and on a wonderful ride to Heaven now. Time will help ease the pain and having so very many friends and family that love you so much will help too. Cherish all the wonderful memories you have and keep them close to your heart. We love you guys and will be there for you. If there is anything we can do to help please let us know. Prayers are with you all. Forever Friends...

Diane Douglas - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to school with Carlton at Dawson. We graduated class of 1964. He was always cheerful and pleasant to be around.

My sympathy and prayers are with his family during this time.

May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I remember Carl when I was growing up as his grandparents lived just behind me in Purdon. He loved even at that time, fast cars, but he was always very careful
Prayers to the family...

Glenda Whittenburg Bowling - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Our condolences to your family, we will be praying that you have the strength and faith to endure this great loss. Moose was a wonderful friend and he will be missed very much. We are glad that we had the pleasure to know Moose and have great memories of him to cherish.

Adam and Stephanie Roybal - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Marsha and Boys,

We are saddened to hear of the passing of "Moose". Our prays are with you and your family at this time. He will be missed by many.

Kim Gullatt and Cindy Albritton Hibbs - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I was so shocked to hear this I had been in Baylor having surgery and I did not know about it. My heart goes out to you Marsha and your boys. We all have friends for a long time. I pray that God will comfort you and your family in this time. You will be in my heart and prayers always.

Love,
Paula

Paula Jordan - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Marsha and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Shelley Martin - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *It's hard to lose a friend, but to lose someone like Moose is really difficult to accept. We have only known him for a few years but in those years we have found a true and honest friend. He had a true passion for his drag racing hobby. We didn't even know him when he first came to our track, but there he was at the starting line showing my crew what we could do to improve it, and it did. He was always there to race but he was also there to help out. I'll miss looking toward the pits and seeing him walking down the track. You couldn't miss him then, but we will now. We have lost one of the good ones. GOD SPEED "MOOSE". Our Hearts and prayers are with his family.....*

Ken and Glenda Tucker and the entire Crew of Prairie Hill Dragway

Ken and Glenda Tucker - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Carl Taylor*

Jimmy Henthorn - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Always enjoyed being around Moose over the years. He was the kind of man that knew you every time he saw you. I'm glad I knew him.*

Bobby Owen - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dear Marsha, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family...
Peggy Weiss

Peggy Watts Weiss - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Moose you took me under your wing when I showed up at the track and didnt have a clue what to do or when. Countless phone calls for advice were always taken with a kind voice and a understanding ear. The advice was invaluable. The friendship you showed me was unreplaceable. Man I am going to miss you, I cant believe you are gone. But man oh man the people you are rubbing elbows with now. Texas lost an Angel, but Heaven got one.

Ron

Ron Shields - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you Marsha. May God Bless you and your family with the touch of His healing hands.
In His Holy Name,
Cheryl Lattner

Cheryl Lattner - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for your family in this very sad time!!! Moose will be greatly missed by so many!!

David and Christi Biggs - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ You will be missed!

Timmy Vick - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *OMG, I am so sorry. I was out of town when Jana sent me the message about Moose and I just got back. My thoughts are with you and yours and I will pray for you to find some comfort and peace soon. I can think back and smile of our times together, laughing.*

Amy Joss - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for healing and remembrance go to Marsha and the boys.
Love, Judy & Michael Murphy*

Judy Christian Murphy - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Marsha, I just learned today about Moose's passing. Craig & Rhonda Anderson told my son about it this afternoon. I'm sure Pokey and Moose are sharing old racing stories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your sons. If you need anything or just need someone to talk to, please call me.*

Carolyn Brown - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I knew Carl through the insurance business in the mid-90s. I worked for Sunset Life Insurance Company then and Carl was an agent for us through the Verle Smith agency in Granbury. I remember Carl as being a very friendly person who loved to show off his souped up Mustang II. I believe Carl won a trip to our home office in Olympia, WA where we showed him and others from Verle's agency around the Puget Sound area and Seattle. It was great fun to host a wonderful group of people. Though I haven't spoken with Carl in years I feel a great loss in his passing. Know that he and his entire family are in our prayers.

Bob Parrish - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM