

William Maxwell Taylor

November 7, 1943 - October 31, 2014
Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

William Maxwell Taylor, of Waverly, Iowa, peacefully transitioned to a more glorious place on October 31, 2014. William, or "Bill" was born on November 7th, 1943 in Rockford, Illinois, son of Dr. Wendel William Taylor and Helen Cadwallader Taylor. He grew up in Sheffield, Iowa, and graduated from high school there in 1962. Bill then attended the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and received his B.S. in 1966, followed by a graduate degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Iowa in Iowa City in 1968.

He met his wife of 46 years while at the University of Northern Iowa, Mary Kay Pleggenkuhle, and they were united in marriage on August 3rd, 1968, in Hawkeye, Iowa, and made their first home in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Early in his career, Bill worked as a Physical Therapist at Schoitz Memorial Hospital (now known as Covenant Medical Center) in Waterloo, Iowa, until being called to serve in the United States military during the Vietnam War. Bill and Mary moved to Denver, Colorado, where Bill helped rehabilitate injured men and women from the war at Fitzsimmon's Army Hospital, as a Captain in the United States Army. Bill and Mary moved back to Iowa in 1972 and made their home in Waverly, Iowa, and Bill began work as a Physical Therapist at the Waverly Hospital. He and Mary raised their three children in Waverly while Bill owned and operated Taylor Physical Therapy for 43 years at the Waverly Hospital as well as clinics in Sumner, Nashua, and Parkersburg, and several nursing homes in the local area.

He is survived by: his wife, Mary of Waverly, Iowa; a son, Dr. David Taylor of Aitkin, Minnesota; his daughters, Dr. Sarah Taylor and Dr. Amy Taylor, both of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; a sister, Jean Newton (John) of Charles City, Iowa; a brother, Rick (Deb) of Ankeny, Iowa; a brother-in-law, David Pleggenkuhle of Hawkeye, Iowa; and a sister-in-law, Carol Halverson (Allan) of Hawkeye, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bill loved his family, his staff at his clinic, treating patients, fishing, reading Western books and watching Western movies, all sports, especially football,

basketball and baseball, and his blood ran black and gold for his beloved Iowa Hawkeyes. He enjoyed trips to Sanibel Island, Florida, where he and Mary have a condo, fishing trips with his son, brother-in-law, and friends to Minnesota, Canada and Idaho, and taking trips with Mary and their children all over the United States. Within the past month of his life, he had a relaxing trip with his daughter Amy to Tucson, Arizona, where he got to see the scenery that served as the backdrop for his favorite genre of Western-themed books and movies.

A private burial was held in Hawkeye, Iowa, on November 5th with only immediate family present. A religious service with communion will be held at 1:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, Iowa, on Sunday November 16th with a Celebration of Life to follow at Tendrils within the Waverly Health Center from 2-5pm. Bill and his life will be celebrated with his favorite desserts, music (50s & 60s rock & roll, boogie woogie and country), photos, stories and remembrances. For all who knew Bill and have a story, thoughts or memories to share, please bring in writing (any type of paper, can be handwritten or typed) to the church or Tendrils to place in a basket to be shared later among family. Bill's children and future grandchildren will enjoy the stories of Bill forever.

Memorials may be directed to the Taylor Family to establish an educational scholarship for undergraduate students planning a career in Physical Therapy (William Maxwell Taylor Therapy Scholarship for Physical Therapy).

Guestbook



[kris vollmer](#)

Created: December 12, 2014

to the taylor family i am sorry to hear about the bad news. may god be with you guys during the difficult times. he was a very nice guys to now. he was a hero to lots of people he helped heal. he always had a smile on his face every day he walked through the doors of the hospital. he was my hero because he helped me with my broken arm i broke. he will be with every one who knew him. he was a friendly man and a caring person too.

from kris vollmer



[Latanya](#)

Created: November 18, 2014

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. William will be missed by his family and friends, but he will not be forgotten by our heavenly father Jehovah. (John 5:28,29) I hope this will bring comfort knowing that you have an opportunity to see him again to share more wonderful times together.



[Inger Bergom](#)

Created: November 11, 2014

Dear Mary, Amy, Sarah, and Dave,

I'm very sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of visiting your home and remember Bill as a kind, calm presence. I'll be thinking of your wonderful family and wishing you all comfort and solace.

Inger Bergom



Rich Shields

Created: November 11, 2014

Dear Mrs. Taylor, David, Sarah, and Amy,

On behalf of the faculty and staff from the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science at the University of Iowa we offer our deepest sympathy for you and your family during this time. Bill was a wonderful role model for our students and the entire physical therapy profession. His legacy will live on in the many students, patients, and colleagues that he helped during his career. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Rich



Byron Formwalt

Created: November 09, 2014

Dear Mrs. Taylor, David, Sarah, and Amy,

May God be with you during this difficult time. Bill touched the lives of so many people with his healing hands. He was a good husband and father, as evidenced by the wonderful kin he left behind. My prayers are with you alongside many others.

Love,
Byron



Sherri Willey

Created: November 08, 2014

To the Taylor family,

So very sorry for your loss. Bill was a great man and accomplished many things in his life time that will carry on for years to come. It was obvious he had a passion for caring for others.

I personally have had PT over several years at Taylor PT, and always felt I was in good hands. Bill was always courteous and professional and I will say that his sense of humor was one that you had to listen well.

Please cherish all of your wonderful memories. With my sincere condolences, Sherri Willey



Trent Holmberg

Created: November 08, 2014

Mary, Dave, Sarah and Amy: God bless you during this time. Your family remains an important part of my life no matter the distance or time apart. I am glad to have had the opportunity to know Bill. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Trent Holmberg

**Dawn Holm**Created: November 07, 2014

Sympathies to the Taylor family....Bill was a great man, quiet, to the point, and caring. AND...HE LOVED THE HAWKEYES!!! He always made a point to stop and see us when he was at a game during tailgating. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, and the community. May he rest in peace knowing he was loved by many. Keep the memories close to your heart and a smile on your face as he always did.

**Dixie Roll**Created: November 07, 2014

To Bill's family am so sorry for your loss. I have been the benefactor of his healing skill for many years. He has kept me mobile. I also was fortunate to have known his father Dr. Taylor was on staff at Franklin General many years ago. Where I started in the medical field as an aide progressing to RN. Bill influenced many young people to join the field of healing. He will be sadly missed. Prayers are with the family at this time of grief. Dixie Roll, Nashua.

**Brenda Rausch**Created: November 06, 2014

Mary and Family,

We are the parents of Brooke Rausch Toohey and even though we had never met Bill we feel we know your family through our daughter. She always spoke so highly of Bill and what a great man he was. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Bob and Brenda Rausch

**Barb Bridges**Created: November 06, 2014

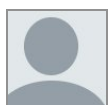
Sharing your cries of grief.

**Dan and Paulette Norton**Created: November 06, 2014

Mary, David, Sarah, and Amy,

Thoughts and prayers to you all at this very difficult time. Bill touched many people's lives in many ways.and his memory will live in our hearts forever.

With deepest sympathy,
Dan and Paulette Norton

**Kathy Whitney**Created: November 06, 2014

Mary,

My sincerest sympathy to you, Sarah, David, and Amy. Klutz that I was, I got to know Bill professionally several times! And what a wonderful, caring person he was! He will be missed by so many of us. God bless and comfort you all.



[Melanie Gravdal](#)

Created: November 06, 2014

I enjoyed spending many days of my childhood at the Taylor home - always a joyous place, filled with love. My thoughts are with you all.
-Melanie (Palmquist) Gravdal



[Stephanie & Mark Kaiser](#)

Created: November 06, 2014

Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are will the family and all who knew and admired him. God Bless



[Alison \(Hill\) Serck](#)

Created: November 06, 2014

Mrs. Taylor,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Your entire family is so sweet and I have wonderful memories from being in Mrs. Taylor's class, admiring Sarah and Amy dancing, and working for Bill at his Waverly clinic, he was such a kind heart. Hold on to the wonderful memories you have and may they help you through your time of grief.



[Renita Overstreet](#)

Created: November 06, 2014

Mary, David, Sarah and Amy,
So sorry to hear about your loss. So many memories! Baby sitting, cleaning house, making holiday cookies, swimming lessons, a high school job working at the hospital learning from the best teacher around! I've been practicing as a PT for 23 years and it all began with Bill. Thanks so much! All of you!
Renita



[AshleyJo Hill](#)

Created: November 06, 2014

My heart goes out to the family during their time of grieving... May the memories you have help comfort you knowing he isn't in pain or suffering and is in a better place, surrounded by the love of our Heavenly Father, and all those who have gone before him.



[Janet \(Rube\) York](#)

Created: November 06, 2014

I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. We attended school together in Sheffield and I was also in the graduating class with him in 1962. You all are in my thoughts

and prayers.



Lorie Heidemann

Created: November 06, 2014

My deepest sympathy to you all. I had the pleasure of meeting Bill while in therapy after foot surgery. He was a kind caring person who wanted the best for his patients! He'll sadly be missed!



Doug Swinton

Created: November 06, 2014

Sending my sympathy to the Taylor family. Never really knew Bill but I was a classmate of Amy's from elementary to graduation, and Mary was a memorable third grade teacher. Bill raised a very smart and kind family. My thoughts are with them tonight.



Heather Gilbert

Created: November 06, 2014

Mary and family,

Sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mary you were my 3rd grade teacher and I had the privilage to get to know Bill through work (Waverly Health Center) and through having physical therapy. One time he even "chewed" me out for not using my crutches when I should have been he made sure I got into the clinic and then loaned me a set of crutches, he really cared for his patients



Annette Meyerhoff

Created: November 06, 2014

I want to express my sympathy of Bill's passing. I knew Bill over 35 years. I remember the years of him working in several nursing home I was working in or associated with, when I became a patient a couple times, referring friends and family to him and his staff for help. He was very good at what he did and he was an all round gentle person. I know that you will miss him a great deal but you won't be alone. He built a great legacy in his family and his professional life.



Jane Bernard

Created: November 06, 2014

I first met Bill when I became a Physical therapy tech at Sumner comm. Hospital. He interviewed me and offered me the job and I was a little nervous thinking of all the things that I would need to learn to do such a job, so new to me. My daughters, Melissa and Megan were both employees of him as well, OT and PTA. Anyway, he was a wonderful teacher and even though he demanded perfection from all of us, he was always there to teach and encourage and I soon loved my job and feel I became good at it because of him. He was well known, dedicated, and loved by so many...rest in peace, Bill, you will definitely be missed. My sympathy to each member of his wonderful family...



Steve Palmquist

Created: November 06, 2014

Mary, David, Sarah and Amy,
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. What a legacy Bill (and each of you) have left in the Waverly-Shell Rock community. Your family has always held a special place in my heart.
Steve Palmquist



Shelley S.

Created: November 06, 2014

Mary,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Bill, but I knew you as my third grade teacher, and I'm certain he was a great man for snagging such a loving, kind wife who made such a profound impact on my life.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Love to you all,

Shelley "Russell" Skuster



Cathy Mitchell

Created: November 06, 2014

Taylor family,
My heart aches for you all as I heard the news today. Bill was a great man and helped me to decide to be a therapist. He had a clinic that welcomed me with open arms and helped to make me feel like I was part of the clinic and the Taylor PT family. Thoughts and prayers with you all!
Cathy Mitchell (Hruska)



Jody D

Created: November 06, 2014

Just loved working with Bill and enjoyed seeing him laugh and smile!! You will be greatly missed Bill!!! Thanks for all you and your family have done to make Taylor Therapy the BEST place to work!!!



David and Barbara MacMillan

Created: November 06, 2014

Dear Mary, David, Sarah and Amy,
Bill has been a dear friend since we met at UNI in 1963. I was happy to see him at the hospital the day that Barbara and I visited Waverly in 1974 and decided to settle there. All the years we worked together he was always kind, thoughtful and honest. I always knew he would do what was best for the patients. It is fitting that you are

starting a scholarship in his honor.

It has been a joy keeping in touch with him and all of you on your visits to Florida. I will miss our phone chats after each Iowa football game and seeing his smiling face once in awhile. I am sorry we will not be able to be there to celebrate his life but we know that it will be a special day. He was dearly loved by all those who knew him and will be missed..

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



[Ann Arjes](#)

Created: November 05, 2014

One of the "truely good guys" has left us. Thoughts and prayers to Mary and family.



[Tammy Wedeking](#)

Created: November 05, 2014

I am so sadden to hear of your loss. Bill was my favorite PT and the best of PT's. He was always so kind and just an all around awesome man. He will be greatly missed.



[Jeff Kolb](#)

Created: November 05, 2014

My aunts who ran the popcorn stand in Clarksville for many years always looked forward to his weekly stop to get popcorn. They always talked about him. My sympathy to the family.



[Kent Ehrich](#)

Created: November 05, 2014

To Dr. Sarah Taylor and Family. I express my deepest sympathy for the death of your dad. He was such a nice guy.



[Laurie Everhardt](#)

Created: November 05, 2014

Mary and family,

My deepest sympathy to your family. When I worked at Waverly Health Center, my office had a door that opened to the hallway that Bill often used to run out and get lunch. He would call hello as he left and I knew he would be back soon with whatever fast food he had chosen for lunch that day. I could always count on his "Hi Laurie" as he returned to work. I appreciated working with him and his commitment to having students and volunteers in the clinic. He will be greatly missed by all!

Photos



Services

Funeral Home

**Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes,
Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

 [Map / Directions](#)

Service

Trinity United Methodist Church

1400 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA US 50677

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 Sunday, November 16, 2014
1:00 PM

Cemetery

Hawkeye Cemetery

Hawkeye, IA US

 [Map / Directions](#)

 Wednesday, November 5, 2014