



## Richard Clark Taylor

May 4, 1944 - July 7, 2019

Dr. Richard "Dick" Clark Taylor passed away peacefully at his home in Lewisburg, TN on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the age of 75. The last year and a half have been difficult as he struggled with many illnesses. He is preceded in death by his parents, Don and Eileen Taylor and sister, Donna. He is survived by his wife Kelly Dean-Taylor of Lewisburg, Brother, Kent Taylor of Texas, sisters, Twila (Paul) McLaughlin of Arizona, Dee Taylor of Indiana, and Deb (Dennis) Guse of Colorado. Several nephews and nieces also survive.

After finishing medical school, he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in California for two years and in the reserves for five years.

Dr. Taylor worked as an Orthopedic surgeon in Giles County for several years. After leaving the hospital in Pulaski, he traveled to fill in for other physicians. His travels took him to Maine, North Dakota, Minnesota, Arizona, and New Mexico. He retired in 2014 and enjoyed working on the farm in northern Giles County that he loved.

Dr. Taylor was an accomplished carpenter and gardener. His greatest pleasure was cooking and kitchen gadgets. He loved to cook for others and always found unique recipes. He was also an avid animal lover. He would stop to help a turtle across the road, pick up animals he found and opened his door to those who found him.

Many people thought he was gruff, but for those that knew him well, knew he had a heart of gold and would help anyway he could.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 12th, 2019 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm at

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, July 13th, 2019 at 10:00am in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory with Bro. Mark Johnson officiating and full military honors following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you help an animal in need by donating to rescues, fostering, or adopting the wonderful forgotten animals.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Dr. Richard "Dick" Clark Taylor.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Kelly, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Taylor was truly one of a kind, we miss his gruff but funny wit! He use to laugh and tell us, "If I had a real radiology department" but we knew he loved us! Thanks for sharing him with us for so many years.

*The STRHS Pulaski Medical Imaging and Central Scheduling  
Departments.  
(fka Hillside)*

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**sarah pierce** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

MH

“ He used to tell me about my knee .H\*\*\* here you are again !! I would tell him Shut Up Do Your Job. Loved this old Doc Dearly .He will be missed .Prayers for you Kelly and Family .

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**Mary Holley** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

SS

“ I always thought so much of this man! Not many saw his humor but those of us that worked with him knew it well. I'll never forget the times he sat down at lunch just to chat..or the time he made his way down the hall in his boxers to let me know he didn't have scrub pants for the OR...or the times he'd cook some new recipe and bring it to the ER for everyone to try. I know there are countless Dr. Taylor stories that make people smile. He was a pleasure to know and to work with. Prayers for his family and friends during this time.

*Sherry Sands  
CNO, STRHS Pulaski*

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**Sherry Sands** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

SG

“ Kelly: Thinking of you and all you and Dick have gone thru together these last many months. He'll be there waiting for you in Heaven!  
Sue

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**Sue Geisen** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

SS

“ Kelly,  
  
Our prayers go out to you and your family.  
  
Sharon Schlanker

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**Sharon Schlanker** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

ML

“ Kelly, I am thinking of you and your husband and all who loved him. I hope the pain you are feeling now eases with time and through memories of your good times together.  
Meredith Libbey

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**Meredith Libbey** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JK

“ I remember when I first met Dr. Taylor, I was in a hurry and literally ran into him knocking his mail out of his hands. I quickly apologized and got on the floor and started handing it back up to him, pieces at a time. There was a lot. Then, I noticed it was still falling. As I was picking it up I looked up and he had this "grin" on his face as he was throwing the mail down more. Lol. The beginning of a great friendship with a wonderful Dr. He would have lunch with Pharmacy sometimes and I would get to hear some life stories and opinions. We were all so happy when God brought Kelly into his life, beautiful couple. Dr Taylor also brought his car to my husband to fix and they became friends too. His dry sense of humor was amazing! He will never be forgotten. An amazing man, doctor & friend. Rest in peace with God, dear friend knowing you were loved by many ppl and patients. Love, the Kolb family.

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**JoAnn F. Kolb** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

LG

“ Lit a candle in memory of Richard Clark Taylor

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**lori gentry** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

CV

“ I always enjoyed Dr. Taylor. I think we enjoyed 'sparring' and I appreciated that wit!

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**Christina VanDoran** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

KT

“ Look at his pose.

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**Kelly Taylor** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

SD

“ *Rip Doc didn't know you long but I knew you was a sweet loving man rest in paradise until we meet again*

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**shawna Dominguez** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JH

“ *He was bracing himself on the back of the sofa.*

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**Jini Henson** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JH

“ I met Doc first time he came back to surgery for a case. Two weeks later the massacre in Littleton, Colorado happened. Bummed him out a little as about half of the kids had been seen by him for sports physicals, as he lived in the same town.

Doc was a lover of animals, at any given time he had cats in his office, had cat beds all over.

When I was asked to tell some stories, this one came to mind immediately: I was doing House Supervisor on one of the weekend days, and Housekeeping came running to me. We had 2 geese out on the pond, and it happened that some Canadian geese stopped in for a few days to swim on the pond. When they got ready to fly away, the female had the nerve to fly off with strangers, leaving a lone male for the pond. He would come up to the door at Geri-Psych and wait for toast to be tossed out. Was not afraid of us. The housekeeper was very upset. She said the dogs from the sub division from across the street (3 of them) was out at the pond killing the goose. I ran out and by them the goose was dead and they were tossing him up in the air and catching them. When I screamed at them, they dropped the goose and took off. Doc was in the ER and when he found out, told me to call the police, call the dog pound, call anyone I could think of to catch the dogs that killed the goose. I went and got a big black trash bag, put him in it, and took him around to the departments to say goodbye. I remember he was so very mad. Another time I had to have surgery on my thumb and was at a followup visit at his office. Asked me how I was doing, I said very well. He took his lab coat off and dropped to the floor and did some pushups..said, “can you do that??”...laughed my head off. RIP Doc, until we meet again.

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**Jini Henson** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

BP

“ Kelly, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying that God will comfort you and give you strength.

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**Brenda Plunk** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

MI

“ Kelly, praying for God's comfort and strength to you and your family during your time of loss. -- Michelle M. Jones

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**Michelle** - February 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JM

“ The first time I saw Dr Taylor I was to become his Office Manager...not right away but that's where I ended up. Didn't quite know what to make of this tall grumpy man but quickly discovered he was not grumpy and had a great sense of humor if you love irony and satire. I did. In the beginning we had a lot of free time while building his practice so we got to know each other pretty quick. He turned out to be the best boss I had ever had and also a very good friend who would listen when I talked and help out with advice. I had lost my husband and soulmate in March and he was shocked that in July I was ready and willing to work. Want to eat? Get a job. Long story but my husband died suddenly and unexpectedly and doc was always willing to listen to stories of my marriage which endeared him to me very quickly. One day after we had been there a while I came in one morning to start the day. We kept some cash in the office to make change, not much but I knew we had \$113 in the box in the closet. Except it wasn't there when I opened the box. When doc came in a minute later I told him we had been robbed...not burglarized as there was no break in anywhere so we kinda knew who did it but couldn't prove it. We had called the police and all was explained to the officer. Only housekeeping could have gotten in the office without a break in. The officer asked doc if he was going to press charges. He said no he was not because if the housekeeper was that in need of money that she would take such a chance, then she needed the money more than we did. It takes a special kind of person to do that. He was that special kind of person. He helped us all out many times. He started out as my boss, quickly became my friend and in the end I considered him and his wife Kelly to be family. I will miss him for the rest of my life. Rest in peace doc...you made my life livable during a very bad time and I thank you for that.

Judy McKenna

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