



ANTHONY VINSON TAYLOR

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Anthony “Tony” Vinson Taylor, of Oshkosh, Wis., died unexpectedly on March 31, 2020. He was 60.

Tony was born on July 22, 1959 in Chicago, Ill., to Abraham and Mary (Malone) Taylor. He graduated from Quigley South High School in 1977 then moved north to Wisconsin to play baseball at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. In 1981, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts and communication. He went on to work in a recording studio and ultimately spent nearly three decades as a car salesman with Bergstrom Automotive where his infectious laughter lit up the room. He had many repeat customers who returned time and time again, including to purchase their children’s first cars.

In 1981 he met Jill Bartelt, whom he wed on May 2, 1987 and remained married to for 25 years.

Tony was a self-taught drummer who played with several bands throughout his life and most recently served as the rhythmic backbone of KWT4.

A jokester who always went out of his way to help others, Tony’s witty personality and light-hearted nature left a mark on all who met him. He always had a smile on his face and loved his family and grandchildren immensely, filling his home with their photographs and talking about them often. Tony loved to fish and slipped away to do so every chance he could. He also loved cooking, hunting, jazz music, and, of course, The Bears.

Tony is survived by his parents, Abraham and Mary Taylor, Chicago, Ill.; brother, DeWayne Taylor, Portland, Ore.; sons Brandon De Johnett, Milwaukee, Wis.; Reed (Janel) Taylor, Bennington, Neb.; and Seth Taylor, Bennington, Neb.; and three grandchildren, Leila, Clyde, and Lennox, who will greatly miss their beloved “Papa Pony.”

He was preceded in death by his sister, Cheryl Lynn Taylor and brother, Gregory Taylor.



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A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.



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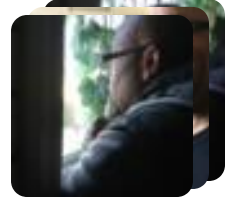
Linda Nowak posted:

My late husband, Keith, worked for many years with Tony at Bergstrom's. Always a fun, kind guy. He will be truly missed. Linda Nowak

April 13 at 9:46 AM

JP

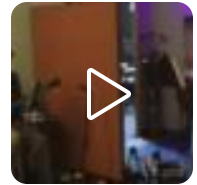
Janet Planet shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



April 13 at 5:26 AM

JP

Janet Planet shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.



April 13 at 5:23 AM

CL

Christine Lemay posted:

I worked with Tony for many years at Dave Yakim. Tony was someone you just immediately liked. Amazing smile, willing to listen & offer his opinion, a great dresser, overall a great guy. I was fortunate to run into Tony several times since we stopped working together. He was taken way TOO soon. Heaven got a good man. Thinking of Tony's family & everyone's life he touched. RIP Tony! You will be missed.

April 12 at 2:50 AM

CP

Chris Pinkall posted:

I worked with Tony for a number of years. Bought a couple vehicles from him. Hunted ducks with him, fished with him... I'll miss the random phone calls, at all hours of the day, about fishing and life in general. I'll miss my friend.

April 11 at 5:25 PM



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ET

Erin "Judea" Taylor posted:

So sorry to hear of Tony's sudden passing 😞. My late husband, Gregory Taylor loved his "baby brother", and Tony was very hurt when he passed away suddenly in August of 2010. They had a lot in common, they were born salesmen and loved jazz music. I'm sure there are no words to say how much his loss is affecting the entire family. May God comfort and keep you all.

April 11 at 2:44 PM

JS

Jill & Tom Schaefer posted:

We were shocked and saddened to hear about Tony's passing. He had one of those personalities that....well, you just couldn't help but like him. One of the things that is keeping us smiling through this, is the thought of how Tonys eyes would get, that "look" he would give you when you said something he thought was crazy...just right before he would bust out laughing. It's "that look" that is bringing us some comfort right now. T ~ thanks for your friendship. Rest in peace, buddy. Heaven just gained one hell of a drummer. To the entire Taylor family, our deepest sympathy and love, JR & Tom

April 11 at 11:35 AM

AN

Anthony April 11 at 10:04 PM

Yes to hear of my son friend dad passing was a real shock to me. I enjoyed the talk we shared. You are missed bro, keep smiling... Your friend Tony W.

MH

Michelle Hammett posted:

Tony and I met at UW-Oshkosh. Taylor(!) Hall basement had a music room with a piano. I often went down there to practice. Tony brought his drums and we would jam for hours, just playing tunes we knew. Stayed in contact through adult life, and he was our subdivision neighbor for a long time. A memorable day for us was when we purchased our daughter's first car from Tony. He surprised her by putting one of those huge red bows on the top of the car - just like those in the holiday commercials! Made her day and ours. He always had time to chat and catch up during his music gig breaks, always with his big smile to say hello. He will be missed. RIP, my fellow Titan friend. Michelle Hammett

April 11 at 6:41 AM



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LL

Laura Luedtke posted:

Tony and I met in the middle of the Caribbean on a cruise. He was in the pool talking to somebody from the Midwest about the Bears and of course I started talking about the Packers and found out we lived only 20 minutes apart. We hung out quite a bit the rest of the trip go together a few times for cookouts and to watch a football game. Tony was the kind of guy if you met him you felt like you knew him forever. He had an infectious laugh and he drew people to him with his awesome sense of humor and general Love For Life. His son Seth was with him on this Cruise as well. It was nice to see how they interacted they were such a close father and son. He boasted about his grandchildren and sold lots of pictures to anyone who would look. My heart goes out to his family and everybody who loved him. I know he is looking down on us and I will always think of him when I see the Bears play. Rest in heaven my friend.

April 11 at 2:05 AM

BM

Bob Misky posted:

I am so sad. Tony was one of those people that you fall in love with as soon as you meet him. And one hell of a drummer, too!

April 10 at 4:45 PM

MK

Marianne C.S. Kolb posted:

I worked with Tony in the late 80's at Omni Sonic Sound Productions after College. Tony was funny and very talented, he always made work fun with his laughter and creativity! I will surely miss him and wish peace and closure for his family.

April 10 at 4:05 PM

JC

James Cheers lit a candle in honor of ANTHONY.



April 10 at 3:54 PM

JC

James Cheers posted:

We wish to share our heartfelt sympathy! Also the following words we hope may bring to you some comfort: Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and always dear. Love & Blessings, James & Joyce Cheers

April 10 at 3:51 PM



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CB

Cassandra Behm posted:

I worked with Tony for about 15 years. So many memories with him, Jill and his children. You will truly be missed young man. RIP Tony

April 10 at 3:41 PM

WE

Wendy posted:

Our children grew up together. He was part of the family, with cook outs, cook offs, camping, fishing. And pool parties. Never will I forget his support and care when my husband died, nor each and every time we were together. Your sons were and are such a blessing T. God love and bless you. Rest In Peace and know how much you are Loved! I will never forget.... Bacon!!!!

April 10 at 2:28 PM

AN

Anthony April 12 at 8:51 PM

He was an awesome guy, we talked fishing, sports and sales great dad to the kids ready peacefully my brother.

DY

Darlene E. Young posted:

A Soul That Shined Like Sunshine & A Heart Filled With Compassion & Love & Laughter. He Will Be Deeply Missed Never Forgotten For The Life He Lived Speaks For Itself. He Will Be Cherished Everlasting. RIH Cuz Tony.

April 10 at 1:53 PM



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Listening back during recording session



Smiling as usual



Listening



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Tony was a friend, a wonderful musician and a dreamer. He will be missed but his memory lives.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring ANTHONY by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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