



## Mr. Michael Taylor

March 20, 1971 - December 23, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Michael Taylor, a beloved husband, father, son, and friend, who left us on Monday, December 23, 2024, at the age of 53. Born on Saturday, March 20, 1971, in Joliet, Illinois. Michael married Denise Williams and from that union came his four children. He later married Jamie Bullock and she survives in Hoffman.

Michael enjoyed his profession of climbing cell phone towers. He was known for his dedication and hard work. Michael had a natural talent for working on cars, both engine and body work, a passion that he enjoyed sharing with family and friends. Bub and Rudy, were his four legged pride and joy. Famous for his playful sense of humor, he was fond of giving people a hard time. Michael's journey through life was marked by love, laughter, and a deep commitment to those he held dear. Forever in our hearts, Michael Taylor's legacy of love and laughter will continue to live on in the lives of those he touched.

Michael is survived by his loving mother, Sharon Gillis and husband Danny of Odin; his wife, Jamie Taylor of Hoffman; and his four adored children: Brendin Williams of Washington, Illinois, Roshelle Benninger of East Peoria, Illinois, Reese Taylor of Washington, Illinois, and Bradin Taylor of Odin. His two step daughters: Lexi Meyer of Mt. Vernon and Sierra Meyer of Odin. He was a proud grandfather to Carter, Breanna, Brylee, Braxton, and Brixton, and

cherished the time spent with them. He is also survived by his loving siblings: Jessica Gillis of Carter, Jeff Gillis of Odin, Jennifer Clark and husband Keith of Breese, and Brenda Hails and husband Roger of Selmaville. Michael will be fondly remembered by his grandmother, Wanda Gillis of Odin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who brought joy into his life.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Ricky Dean Taylor, Sr., his brother, Ricky Dean Taylor, Jr., and grandparents: Jeff and Audrey McKinney and Elmer and Mary Taylor.

Currently at this time, the family has requested for no public services. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Michael's memory to support the Centralia Humane Society and memorial donations will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, at 310 N. Broadway / PO Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881, or by calling (618) 548-1234, who is honored to be of service to Michael's family during this time. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [[www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)](<http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com>) or the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

# Tribute Wall



“ COREY IRVIN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Taylor



COREY IRVIN - December 28, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ At a loss for words as one of my mentors in the TELECOMMUNICATIONS industry and a brother no doubt on the other side of things. Tons of memories and I can simply say that's gonna have to be enough until we meet again! Condolences to the entire family and my Brother Chris Smith who was as close to Mike as anyone he let in his world. NO Doubt Heaven gained an Ambassador! Love ya BIGGA Ni\*\*A .....LITTLE NI\*\*A is out! Dammit man

COREY IRVIN - December 28, 2024 at 11:06 PM



I didn't add a Dove or Candle!!!

COREY IRVIN - December 28, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ Sharon Brenda Jennifer Jessica Jeff ...My heart goes out to your family My heart hurts deep inside for your family.. Mike was always a Sweet kid to me he was nice to everyone.. Mike Taylor you will be so missed...Sending my Love to you all. Alice McKinney



Alice Mckinney - December 27, 2024 at 10:37 AM

PE

“ Brother I love you and I will miss you prayers and condolences honky you will be missed dearly my friend.....to family and friends they don't make men like this one anymore....if there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to ask....6182147130



Peanut - December 27, 2024 at 02:36 AM

CI

Nicely said brother!

COREY IRVIN - December 28, 2024 at 11:07 PM

RM

“ My heart goes out to all of you! Sharon and Brenda I'm so sorry. We were pretty well inseparable when we were young. I'm so glad I met all of you . We had alot of fun and yes Sharon we made you a little crazy. It's hard to believe still trying to stomach it . And Jamie my heart is breaking for you as well! Just remember the happiness he brought to you and your kids and so many other people. We were all lucky to have him in our lives. I love you and my prayers go out to all of you.Jessica and Jennifer I am so sorry! If I can do anything for any of you please let me know! God bless you all!

Robin Martoccio - December 27, 2024 at 02:00 AM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss

Karen (Deadmond) Shoemaker

Odin class of '90

karen shoemaker - December 26, 2024 at 05:16 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss for this family who have already known so much loss! I grew up knowing these siblings, Brenda who was friends with my sister and I remember having crushes on both Ricky and Mikey when we were kids! I got to know Mike better as adults and thought a lot of him, he had a great sense of humor! Jamie and family our thoughts are with you all and Sharon, Brenda and Jessica as well my heart breaks for all of you!

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**Tonya Curry** - December 26, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MB

“ My momma use to babysit Mikey , Ricky, and Brenda , (Leigh Warren) man when we were kids we had so much fun together seems like yesterday day 😭 so so sorry way to young to go prayers to his momma and sister and rest of family and friends 🙏🙏🙏 love ya Mikey fly high say Hi to Ricky !

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**Mindy ( Warren) Braun** - December 26, 2024 at 03:40 PM

AM

“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Taylor



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**Amy** - December 26, 2024 at 02:50 PM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you at this sorrowful time ..Tim Crase& Terri Beane



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**Terri Beane** - December 26, 2024 at 02:07 PM