



James "Ted" Taylor

January 5, 1953 - May 20, 2015

James Theodore "Ted" Taylor of Wenatchee, Washington, beloved teacher and coach, died at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle on May 20, 2015. He died from injuries sustained while trying to push his own disabled pick-up truck near CleElum, Washington. Ted was born in 1953 in Wenatchee, WA. To Jim and Estel Taylor. He attended Lewis and Clark Elementary, Orchard Jr. High and Wenatchee High School graduating in 1971. Ted coached football at WHS and Girls softball for 17 years. In 1992 he was WHS Teacher of the year and in 1993 voted Alumni of the Year. He retired in 2005 after 30 years of teaching. Ted was preceded in death by his mother Estel Taylor in 2009. He is survived by his father, Jim Taylor of Wenatchee, sister Camille (Chuck) Leidigh of Yaak, Montana, five nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Ted was buried at the family plot in the Wenatchee City Cemetery. There will be a memorial service on June 20th, 2015, at 10:30AM at the Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church on Okanogan and Peachy Streets. Memorials can be made in Ted's name to the Wenatchee Panther's Booster Club and also the Wenatchee Humane Society.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Service

JUN 20. 10:30 AM (PT)

Brethren Baptist Church
535 Okanogan
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Ted" Taylor



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - June 17, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ Pete Welker lit a candle in memory of James "Ted" Taylor



Pete Welker - June 15, 2015 at 03:15 PM



“ Laurie Staiff-Leighton lit a candle in memory of James "Ted" Taylor



Laurie Staiff-Leighton - June 15, 2015 at 12:57 PM

LL

I was shocked to hear about Mr Taylor's passing! You see,he was one of my teachers at orchard junior high back in the 1980's and a great teacher! I thought I would never see him again until I went to a engagement party (a few years ago))only to discover my friend was a friend of Mr.Taylor! When I saw MY teacher walk through the doors I now had to remind myself I am an adult now and had to now call my teacher "Ted" as this was kinda weird for me at the time! Both Ted and I went down "memory lane" and had a great time that one surprising evening but the laughs will stay with me. Mr.Taylor (Ted) will be missed I am sure by many as he was a good man. May Mr.Taylor rest in peace and may The Lord wrap his loving arms around his family in this time of sorrow.

Laurie Staiff-Leighton

Laurie Leighton - June 15, 2015 at 02:33 PM

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*“ I was a student of Mr.Taylor back in the 1980's. I was saddened to learn of this sad news! He was a great teacher and I know he enjoyed the Wenatchee High School football team each year. As an adult I ran into him at a mutual friends house and I was surprised to see him again on a adult level this time. Needless to say the conversations were delightful memories for sure! I pray for his family as what a shock this must be! May the good Lord give comfort and peace in this sad time. Mr.Taylor will be missed by many I know. Rest in peace Mr.Taylor!
A former Orchard junior High student,Laurie Staiff-Leighton*

Laurie Leighton - June 15, 2015 at 12:30 AM

DT

“ Debbie Olson Tofte lit a candle in memory of James "Ted" Taylor



Debbie Olson Tofte - June 14, 2015 at 07:54 PM

JS

“ Ted was a good friend and my first real teaching and coaching mentor. I am sorry for the loss to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all! God Bless you Ted. Jerry Semanko

jerry Semanko - June 14, 2015 at 01:46 PM

SS

“ I graduated with Ted and I was only 17 and 6'3 and 132lbs. I was so skinny and it bothered me. Ted talked to me one day and told me not to worry I would get heavier. I remembered that, it made me feel much better and I gained over 100 lbs more eventually. I would think of his words of encouragement often through the years and it meant a lot to me. I was later able to work with him at WHS as a teacher too. He was a very nice, funny caring person and I will miss him. I am sorry for the loss to his family and many friends. Steven Sears

Steven Sears - June 03, 2015 at 12:52 PM

AB

“ I was so saddened to hear about Mr. Taylor's passing. I hope and pray that the Taylor family will have strength during this time of loss. Mr. T was not only one of my teacher's growing up but he was also a neighbor. If Mr. T noticed we were outside as he was driving by he would slowly swing his truck door open...getting our attention....only to get us with a circle on the knee. He loved to make others smile and laugh. He was truly an amazing teacher who really cared about his students. So many of my fond memories going to school in Wenatchee include Mr. T. He taught me a lot of things in life....whether it was advice about life, school or even how to juggle clubs he was always there to help. He could always make you smile and laugh and he will be fondly remembered and missed forever. You were one of the good ones Mr. T! Rest in Peace.

Allison Bureau - May 24, 2015 at 11:55 PM