



# James Michael Taylor

May 27, 1943 - October 6, 2020

James Michael Taylor was born to Maybin and June Taylor on May 27, 1943 in Houston, Texas. He went by many names to those who loved him most—James, Mike, Michael, Dad, and Pops. Mike passed surrounded by his family on October 6, 2020.

Mike is survived by his wife Cindy Taylor; his daughter Tamara Meldahl and spouse Annette; his daughter Paulette Shatara and spouse Jimmy; his daughter Kerra Serratt and spouse Dustin; six grandchildren: James Taylor Shatara; Carson Taylor Meldahl; Kennedy Shatara; Aiden Taylor Serratt, Olivia Serratt; and Hannah Serratt; his sister Callie Richey; cousins Dwight and Taylor Pettit; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mike was proud to grow up in Denver Harbor attending Eliot Elementary School, McReynolds Junior High, and Stephen F. Austin High School as a member of the 1961 graduating class. Mike then joined the Cougar Nation family graduating from University of Houston in 1966 completing a 5-year program to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering. Mike maintained an exceptional commitment to his education resulting in his acceptance into the National Engineering Honor Society. Mike's college experience also included his admittance as one of the University of Houston co-op students approved to work for NASA. Mike concluded his formal education at University of Houston Law School in 1967.

An accomplished professional, Mike's career included a variety of fields illustrating his drive, purpose, skills, and fervor for life's experiences.

From 1967-1971 Mike taught vocational physics and coached football at San Jacinto High School.

In 1973, Mike began his service to Brown & Root as a Materials Division Manager traveling world-wide amounting to 17 different countries.

In 1983, Mike worked as a financial consultant at Merrell Lynch where he was recognized

as one of the top 200 salespeople in the US in 1989.

Mike then went to work for Unisys where his success continued as a computer sales rep.

In 1996, Mike's oldest daughter entered the field of education. Mike's motivation to work with children to change the path of their lives led him to begin his work for Aldine ISD at Carver High School. Mike started the first magnet program of its kind at Carver, building an AP engineering program. Mike later became certified as an engineering technology specialist. In 2000, Mike was asked by Texas A&M to participate in their Engineering "Aggie 12" program whose mission was to send the top 12 seniors onto Texas A&M upon graduation. Mike proudly recalls Governor Rick Perry visiting his Carver HS program to honor Mike's efforts, dedication, and success with the magnet school program and the lives of his students.

Mike met his sweetheart, Cindy, while at Carver High School. They married in June of 1998 when Cindy became "CJ" to the Taylor family.

Mike expressed in his final weeks that he wanted to elaborate on his love for his three daughters. Mike says his greatest success was becoming a father to Tamara, Paulette, and Kerra.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at Addison Funeral Home on October 17, 2020 at 12:00pm.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**      12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Addison Funeral Home

18630 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, TX, US, 77379

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**      01:00PM - 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Michael Taylor.



October 16, 2020 at 12:44 PM

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“ From Joe Ralph Canfield and Roxanne Hoffman purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James Michael Taylor.



**From Joe Ralph Canfield and Roxanne Hoffman** - October 16, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Michael Taylor.



October 16, 2020 at 09:46 AM

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“ From Bill and Tava Lease purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Michael Taylor.



From Bill and Tava Lease - October 16, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Michael Taylor.



October 14, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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“ Send my condolences. Mr. Taylor was such a wonderful teacher and will truly be missed.

Nealie Ener - October 12, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ Cindy, My prayers for you and the family for peace at this time. Mike was a special person who touched the lives of all his students and co-workers. My favorite story was when Mike told of a student trying to run away from him at Carver. He was pacing him and the kids asked "don't you get tired?" Mike laughed and said he ran marathons! The kid gave up winded.... Mike gets to rest now. Rest in peace.

Mary Wright - October 12, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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“ LC Counselors, Leslie, and Sandra Poag purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of James Michael Taylor.



LC Counselors, Leslie, and Sandra Poag - October 12, 2020 at 11:45 AM

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“ Michael made me laugh. He had a witty personality that was infectious. Cindy and family, we are sending prayers and love from The Langford's. I know Michael will be missed but God has a new angel in Heaven.



Marcella Langford Martin - October 11, 2020 at 02:08 PM

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“ My condolences to the Taylor family. I was a student of Mr. Taylor in 2003 and although I only spent a few years under his instruction he had a huge influence in my life during those very formative years. He did what he set out to do and he did it well. I can't thank him enough. He will certainly be missed. May he Rest In Peace. -Addy

Addy - October 09, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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“ Condolences to Cindy and everyone else who loved Michael. We are going to miss your smile and your dance moves. Becky and Lee

kneupper - October 09, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Granna & Papaw, Ron and Debbie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Michael Taylor.



**Granna & Papaw, Ron and Debbie** - October 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Michael Taylor.



October 09, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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“ Aunt Laura, Bob, Kristine, Jessica & Brock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Michael Taylor.



**Aunt Laura, Bob, Kristine, Jessica & Brock** - October 08, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ Cindy, Bill and I send our deepest condolences and love to you and Mike's daughters and grandchildren. We are praying that our Lord will guide and sustain you throughout the difficult days ahead. There will be another empty chair at our family's gatherings. Mike will be missed.

**Nancy Brimberry** - October 08, 2020 at 08:24 PM

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“ Mike, you know me and I am never at a loss for words. I am right now. There are so many memories for those 12 years of school, growing up in the same neighborhood, sharing friends, parties, we always had dance parties at our homes. Wow, I am trying to get through this as I know you knew how much we all cared for each other. It was like growing up in a small town and we all knew each other. I realized it was time for you to go, to be at peace, and at last play as much golf as you want to play. No pain in those shoulders now. To all of you his family, I send you my deepest sentiments for your loss. Cindy, I went through my loss a long while back and I realize, watching someone pass on is difficult, but for all of you watching him suffer is much worse. You wouldn't want him to stay that way forever Callie, the loss of a brother is one of the hardest things next to losing a child. My tears, my heart, my prayers are with all of you. God Bless, Charlotte Lawson Zima.....



**Charlotte Lawson Zima** - October 08, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ Tribute to James Michael Taylor

I grieve today for the passing of my teacher, Mr. James Michael Taylor. Mr. Taylor was a key builder in the George Washington Carver High School magnet program in the late 1990's. It was a joy to work with Mr. Taylor. I remember the excitement when he arrived at Carver High School with experience, dedication, professional attitude, and a genuine love for his students and his magnet program. I extend my condolences to his family.

I cherish the awesome memories of Mr. James Michael Taylor working at George Washington Carver High School for Applied Technology, Engineering, and the Arts,

Former Principal Clarence Johnson

**Clarence Johnson** - October 08, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael Taylor.



October 08, 2020 at 12:48 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Michael Taylor.



October 08, 2020 at 12:23 PM