



Daryl Alan Taylor

October 30, 1968 - February 1, 2012

By Request of the Family:

In Lieu of Flowers, Please make Donations to The Maryland SPCA, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore MD.

Daryl Alan Taylor was born to proud parents Melvin and Gayle Taylor in Memphis, Tennessee on October 30, 1968. Daryl attended grade school in Memphis, where he participated in a Gate program, an academically accelerated program designed for gifted and talented students.

In 1983, Daryl's family relocated from Memphis, Tennessee to Woodlawn, Maryland and settled into the Lochearn Community located in North West Baltimore County. Though the move was a big change for Daryl, he quickly acclimated himself to his new town and settled into his sophomore year at Woodlawn High School. While at Woodlawn High, Daryl was a member of the track team and was called "Hollywood" by his friends because of his flashy track outfits and big personality. Daryl went on to graduate from Woodlawn High School in 1986.

After high school, Daryl enrolled in the PSI Institute of Baltimore. He successfully juggled work and school and after completing the program, he continued to work until deciding that it was time to continue his education and attend college. Daryl was accepted into Coppin State College and he was

awarded with a full academic scholarship because of his extremely high SAT scores. While at Coppin State, Daryl was active on both the swim team and the track team. He was also a member of the honor society and took honors level classes throughout his college career. While attending Coppin State College, Daryl was accepted into the Access Cooperative Education Program at the Social Security Administration Headquarters located in Woodlawn, Maryland in January of 1993.

On December 18, 1993, Daryl was awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Management Science from Coppin State College. After graduating from college and successfully completing the cooperative education program, Daryl went on to become a full-time employee at the Social Security Administration in April of 1994. Daryl worked for the Social Security Administration Headquarters for over 19 years. He was employed as the Lead Human Resource Specialist and LAN Administrator in the Office of Personnel. He was responsible for providing support and management for over 200 employees at his job. Daryl was a dedicated worker and he loved the responsibilities and challenges that his job presented. He was counted among the fortunate few who are able to go into work each and every day, thoroughly enjoying his job and satisfied with his career choice.

Daryl met the love of his life, Keisha, in 1993 at Coppin State College. The two knew soon after meeting that they would share the rest of their lives together and they married in Towson, Maryland on August 27, 1999. Daryl was a very kind, affectionate, loving, gentle, attentive, and protective husband. Daryl and Keisha went on to share in their love and commitment to each other and to delight and revel in each other's company for their remaining years together.

Daryl loved his life and lived each day as if it was a gift, making the most of his time. He was a talented artist and frequently created elaborate costumes

and produced hand drawn and computer generated images, which he was very proud of. Daryl enjoyed traveling for pleasure and work and he had the opportunity to travel both near and far over the years. Daryl loved so many things about life, including good music, good movies, good barbecued ribs, science fiction conventions, anime and comic conventions. He loved staying active and swam and exercised regularly. Daryl had a wonderful sense of humor and you could always identify him by “his walk”. He was a student at the Integrity Martial Arts School where he was working towards earning a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. After much hard work and dedication, he was able to earn six belts. On January 25, 2012, Daryl tested for and successfully earned his red belt, which is the seventh belt in line to the tenth (Black Belt). Daryl had a green thumb, and could make any plant thrive and grow. He loved animals and he lovingly cared for his two toy poodles, Edward and Sophia. Daryl loved surprising and awing people with his many varied interests. He had a healthy sense of humor and was always looking for the fun and entertaining side of all situations. He had an outgoing personality and was very passionate about the things that he believed in. Daryl was a true individual and was never afraid to be himself. He was a courageous man that lived his life in a way that each of us should aspire to; he exercised his right to be who he was and to enjoy life.

Daryl departed this life on February 1, 2012. He was immensely loved by his family and is survived by his devoted wife and life partner of over 18 years, Lakeisha M. Taylor; parents, Melvin and Gayle Taylor; doting grandmothers, Mrs. Helen Harris and Mrs. Mahala Lowe Taylor; mother-in-law, Brenda Hicks; godmother, Mildred Grafton; sister, Melanie Taylor-Woodson; brother, Gerald Taylor; sisters-in-law, Chervon Walker, Hosheana Hicks and Maria Kinte; brothers-in-law, Hezekiah Hicks and Joseph Woodson; aunt, Gwen Harris; uncles, Steven Harris and Everett Taylor; two nieces, one nephew, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

FEB 11. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Daryl Alan Taylor*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Taylor family, Mr. Daryl was very encouraging and one of the friendliest people we've ever met. In our taekwondo class, he often took time to give us tips. Not only was he helpful, he was also a very talented martial artist as well. His energy and happy personality helped make the class more exciting and fun. He was a very kind person and will not soon be forgotten; there will always be a special place in our hearts for him. Bless him.*

The Heiner Family (Nicholas, Julia, George, and Susan)

George Heiner - February 13, 2012 at 08:21 PM



“ *To the family. I was so moved by Daryl's homegoing celebration. He would have been so proud of your strength, love and the music. The sentiments shared reaffirmed that he was "someone special". I was glad to finally get to meet the love of his life. So, hold on to one another, and know that Daryl will always be in our hearts. God bless you.*

De Jackson

De Jackson - February 11, 2012 at 07:25 PM

HP

“ To the Taylor family...I would like to extend my condolences. Daryl was my "go to guy" before I retired from SSA. He helped me with all of my techie computer issues. Aside from that, he was always happy and always helpful. He and his talents will be missed by all. Rest in peach Daryl. Much love to the family.

Harriette Page - February 10, 2012 at 02:58 PM

DW

“ Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Mr. Daryl's wife and family. I had the absolute pleasure of meeting "Mr Daryl" (how we address our fellow martial artists) at Lifetime fitness when my daughter and I joined Integrity Martial Arts several years ago. Mr.Daryl always came into the studio jumping, hoping and full of energy. He always had a big smile on his face and would always come over and greet my daughter. We always admired his dedication to the Martial Arts and how quick on his feet he was during sparring sessions. He was a martial artist in every sense of the word and was just 2 belt ranks from becoming a black belt. I am glad that we were blessed to meet such a wonderful person. Daryl is already missed in our Integrity Martial Arts Family.

Ms.Natalia and Mr. Wilson

Dr. David Wilson - February 10, 2012 at 09:40 AM

MW

“ I am going to miss my weekly chats with Daryl. He and I shared a mutual passion for technology and state of the art graphic design. I enjoyed every chance to pick his brain about the latest and greatest in computer technology. My prayers are with the family as you heal! Daryl was special to many. He will be truly missed!

Maria Ward

Maria James Ward - February 09, 2012 at 09:07 PM

DJ

“ One day back in 1995, I mentioned to Daryl, how I enjoyed the music of Perice. I guess he was shocked-a woman of my age?. Anyway, from that time on through the years, I would come to work, and there would be a DVD. The note always just said "your favorite". I knew immediately who it was from and always smiled. In fact, Daryl always made me smile. I loved our conversations. He was an "adopted son" of mine and my heart aches to never see him or his smile again. May the family find comfort in knowing, he was loved and all will be calm again in time.

*De Jackson
"work mom"*

De Jackson - February 08, 2012 at 10:11 AM

DJ

I meant the artist Prince-sorry. De

De Jackson - February 08, 2012 at 10:13 AM

DB

“ To the Taylor family, my heart goes out to you during this time of great loss and sorrow. Daryl brought the sun whenever he smiled, in your heart he and his memories will always live.He is truly missed .

*Your neighbor,
Davia Bailey*

Davia Bailey - February 07, 2012 at 10:59 PM

PT

“ Mrs. Taylor and Family,

I am praying for you and the Taylor Family to get through this time with peace that comes from the knowledge that God loves you and will take care of you. Take comfort in knowing that God will see you through. I worked with Daryl through the years and he was a great co-worker we would leave our meetings laughing thanks to him.

Pam T.

Pam T. - February 07, 2012 at 01:12 PM

AS

“ Mrs. Taylor and Family,

I would like to express my deepest sympathy. Daryl was a wonderful young man with so much to offer to humanity. May you know the peace and comfort this heartfelt thought imparts, the ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts.

*Audrey L. Simmons,
SSA (RET)*

Audrey L. Simmons - February 06, 2012 at 05:09 PM

DA

“ Mrs. Taylor,

My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family during this very difficult time. Daryl always had a smile on his face and enjoyed sharing funny stories with us at work. His smile, warm personality and great sense of humor is greatly missed. He spoke of you often and always with great love and affection. My prayers go out to you and your family for your loss.

Daisy Pastrana (SSA)

Daisy - February 06, 2012 at 03:15 PM

AF

“ Mrs. Lakeisha Taylor and family, I am thinking of you and asking the Lord to strengthen your heart and comfort your soul. When you think of Daryl's smile, may you be reminded of all the good times you've shared. When you talk about the kind of person Daryl was, may you feel prouder than ever; and when you hear all the funny stories people tell about him, may it bring an even richer understanding of how much Daryl meant to everyone lucky enough to know him.

A. Finley-Plummer - February 06, 2012 at 02:54 PM

PD

Mrs. Lakeisha Taylor and family, My deepest sympathies go to you and your family during very hard times. May all mighty give you the strength to bear this heavy loss.

Daryl was a very fine young guy who always helped me the best possible way when I joined him at SSA in 2002. We used to go to lunch to Indian restaurant ! I was very lucky to meet him.

Pawan Dhir

Pawan Dhir - February 09, 2012 at 09:15 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - February 06, 2012 at 12:18 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - February 06, 2012 at 10:48 AM

CC

Your husband will always remain with our hearts and we have included you in our daily prayers.

Crystal Carter
Social Security Administration
OPE

crystal carter - February 07, 2012 at 05:10 AM

GG

On behalf of Devon Court Condo Association we extend to you our deepest sympathy. We will surely miss him. If there is anything we can do, please let us know we are here for you. The board and community of Devon Court Condo Association Gloria Gadson

Gloria Gadson - February 07, 2012 at 05:25 AM

SS

Mrs. Taylor, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. It is very difficult to lose a love one. I know because my Dad passed a couple of weeks ago and we are dealing with the loss by taking one day at a time. I will include you and your family as we pray for comfort.

Sheila Somerville (retired SSA)

Sheila Somerville - February 07, 2012 at 06:25 AM

LN

"Kiesha, Daryl was a wonderful person. One thing that I know about him is that he gave from his heart and asked for nothing in return. I owe the completion of my education partly to him. If I had a problem with my computer, he would repair it before he got his hair done. He gave me advice on what equipment I needed to get to make it better. I swear I wouldn't have gotten through that without his help. He often talked to my son about wrestling, those Halloween and Christmas parties on the job, making those masks, and those crazy conventions that he would dress up for and sometimes still had paint in his hair. My family knows him because they would stop by when he had an appointment. He enjoyed his life and he loved you. We are all praying for you to have peace of mind. Have comfort in knowing that Daryl is with our Savior. Be blessed.

*Lauren Neason and the Neason Family and
Demarco A. Mitchell*

Lauren D. Neason - February 07, 2012 at 01:12 PM