



## Taylor Stephenson

June 24, 1985 - April 10, 2010

Services for Taylor Murphy Stephenson, 24, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church with Bro. Lou Thomas and Bro. Jason Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Taylor passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Tyler. He was born June 24, 1985 in Abilene to Krista and Steve Stephenson. Taylor grew up in Tyler graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in 2004. He attended Southern Methodist University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Taylor was currently working at Wagner Cadillac as Internet Sales Manager. Taylor was a loving son, brother, grandson and friend. We will miss him dearly. He loved the Lord with all his heart. His zeal for Him was contagious. Taylor was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy White and Mrs. Joy Stephenson. He is survived by his loving family including his parents, Krista and Steve Stephenson of Tyler; brother Trent Stephenson and wife Nicole of Dallas; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stephenson of Abilene; aunts, Abbey Bates and husband Bater of Dallas, Lindi Armstrong and husband Danny of Coleman, Ami Sides and husband Monte of Mission; and numerous cousins and friends. Pallbearers will be Austin Buerge, Travis Dunn, Robbie Peltier, Cune Pena, Jim Usrey, Adam Walterschied, and Jeff Waskowiak. Honorary pallbearers will be Mason Bates, Josh Hill, Drew Miller and Jesse Moore. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 9:00 – 10:00 AM, 1 hour prior to the service

at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church, 8720 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Taylor Stephenson may be given to Lanes Chapel UMC "Building Fund", 8720 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703 or to The Twelve Spot Ministry, 1400 Vanderbilt, Tyler, Texas 75703. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful guy with a great heart. Now he is in heaven with God watching over you all. I'm praying for your family, that God's love will help you through this difficult time.

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**Rachel Gass** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Taylor was such a sweet young man.

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**Judy Asaff** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Stephenson family in their time of sorrow.

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**Brett Autry** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Steve, Krista and family, my heart is saddened for your loss but has joy for Taylor going home with Our Lord. My prayers will be with you all at this time and in days to come. Love you all, Connie T

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**Connie Turner** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I didn't know Taylor but Trent and Nicole are such sweet people. I met Trent when he rotated as a medical student then we were fortunate enough to have him join our residency program. I've only known Trent & Nicole a short time but they are such gracious and caring people. I am certain that Taylor was the same. My husband and I send our sincere and deepest sympathies to all of the Stephenson family.

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**Crickett Forrest** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the Stephenson Family. May your memories of Taylor comfort your at this time of loss.

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**Kay Wilson Ragland** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Taylor was a great person and always a joy to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Stephenson family.

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**William Robbins** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ I will be praying for you and your family to make it through this most difficult time. May God make each day easier. Vicky

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**Vicky Kenney** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *To The Stephenson Family,  
I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Know that many hearts ache with you and we are all on our knees for your family, bridging the gap for you on prayer. Taylor was a precious young man and a sweet child of the King! A testament to wonderful parents, a loving family and the Holy Spirit within him. So while his absence on earth is mourned, I pray soon your hearts will heal to rejoice in his homecoming to Heaven. He is in the Father's loving arms. The same arms that are wrapped tightly around each of you now - holding you together when your strength is gone. May you feel His love and peace that passes all understanding and know that His plan is flawless.  
Jeremiah 29:11*

*love and prayers, Jillian (Goff) Abernathy*

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**Jillian (Goff) Abernathy** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *My prayers are with you and the family and friends at this time. Bess kept us updated on what he was accomplishing and know you were proud of him.  
With sympathy,  
Virginia*

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**Virginia Cotton** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *So sorry to learn of the tragic death of Taylor, I did not know him personally, but I know so many of your family and know that he had to be special. May God be with you all and wrap you in His loving arms of comfort. Thinking of you all  
Angela Bowers Korzenewski*

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**Angie Bowers Korzenewski** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IP

“ I am sorry to learn of the death of Tylor Stephenson. I did not know him personally, but have been a long time friend of the Sephenson family. I was in Bill's class in school and graduated with him in 1949. He and Joy were special friends as he and Francis are now. All the family will be in our prayers.

*Sammie & Imogene Powers*

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**Imogene Powers** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of Taylor. He was fun loving , smart, and always quick to laugh and joke. We remember the many years as neighbors, carpools, and school functions together. We know that he loved the Lord and is making everyone laugh in heaven now. May God comfort you Krista, Steve , Trent and Nicole. We know God is weeping with you and will hold you in his arms and strengthen you through this very difficult time. With love and prayers,  
*The Gass Family*

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**David, Donna, Lauren, Rachel and Chris Gass** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Steve, Krista and Trent: our hearts are so saddened at the news of the loss of your precious Taylor. He had the way of making everyone around him happy and excited about life. There are so many wonderful memories of him when our children were growing up together. May it comfort you to know we care and are prayng that God will comfort you during this time.

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**Patricia, Stephen Cline and Patick Woods** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Taylor Stephenson*

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**baker rudolph** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Taylor had the brightest smile and always lit up the room. He will be greatly missed, but his witness and influence will live on.*

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**Jim and Carye Gillen** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Steve and Krista, please know that all of our family is praying for you and we hope God can give you comfort and solace.*

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**Mitzi Sides McBee** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Steve, Krista, and Trent,*

*Justin and I are so sorry to hear about Taylor. I will always remember his spirited personality and the good times that we had together when we were kids. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you the strength and the comfort to move forward. Taylor will always be looking down at you, smiling and probably making jokes at your expense! I will miss him. I love you all. God bless you.*

*Jennifer*

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**Jennifer Stool** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Steve & Krista, there are not enough words to express how sorry we are to hear about the death of your precious son. Please know that our prayers & thoughts are with you ,as well as all the Stephenson family. Taylors memories and Gods strength will get you through each day. May God be with you and your family through this difficult time.

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**BOB & SYLVIA EDINGTON** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

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**Jackie and Terri Densman** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ To the entire Stephenson family, our hearts and prayers go out to you all. And we are so sorry for you all lost. Much love to you all!!!!

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**Verna Jackson** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Krista, Steve, Trent, Nicole & All The Family,

*Please know we hold all of you in our hearts & prayers. Words are just so inadequate. You have our prayers. With heartfelt sympathy to all.*

*Tracy & Sandra Gross*

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**Tracy & Sandra Gross** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you in the loss of Taylor. I know that the Lord will be close to each of you and will give to each of you the strength and understanding that you will need for as long as you need it. Our hearts are broken for you and wish that we could say or do something that would lessen your pain. Please call on us if we can help or do anything for you. We will keep each of you in our prayers. God bless you and your family.

*We love you and are thinking about you.*

*Uncle Tom and Aunt Lynda*

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**Tommy and Lynda Lindsey** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Krista and Steve*  
*We are so sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you.*  
*God Bless*

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**Denny & Leanne Bryan** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Stephenson Family,*  
  
*I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Unfortunately my family knows this sort of pain all too well. We will keep all of you in our prayers.*

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**Raley M. Taliaferro** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are blessed to have known Taylor. We are praying for you.*  
*Lonny and Kelley Uzzell*

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**Lonny and Kelley Uzzell** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Stephenson family please accept mine and my families deepest sympathy and our prayers. There are no comforting words that anyone can say. I offer the verse Isaiah 57:1

Mike Taliaferro - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so very sorry for your loss. God knows our needs before we ask for them so he will provide the strength your family needs to get through this moment of sadness. Love, The Barrs

James and Jo Barr - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you all!  
Blessings and Love to All!!!

Stephanie Copley-Moore - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ZC

“ Taylor was a great guy and I only really got to know him for a short time. My heart goes out to his family and all his loved ones. His creativity and ideas will continue to live on and he will be greatly missed by all.

Zack Carver - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Krista, Steve, Trent, we are thinking of you and praying God's grace will get you through this very difficult time.

Lewis & Loretta - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I'M SO SORRY. I HOPE YOU GUYS STAY STRONG THROUGH THIS HARD TIME IN YOUR LIVES. IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK. I DIDN'T KNOW TAYLOR BUT FROM EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM I KNOW I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO.

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**Adam Shabaan** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Steve and Krista, know that our hearts go out to you. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. I hope that the comfort of Christ will help you through this very hard time. Holler if I can help you.

Love you both,  
Jody and Lorrie

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**Jody and Lorrie Payne** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the entire Stephenson Family we are sorry for your loss! I will keep you all in my prayers.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.  
psalm 30:5

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**Michael Deon Wesley** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ my sincere condolences and prayers for your family.

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**sabin a. warrick** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*If there is anything I can do please do not hesitate to let me know. I did not get the chance to meet Taylor but the stories I've heard he sounded like a very good young man. Lean on Jesus and he will get you through this tough time.*

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**Joni Foreman** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Steve,

*I am feeling sad this week thinking about the loss of your son Taylor. I can't imagine how painful this must be for you.*

*Wanted you to know that I am thinking of you and Krista and your family this week and that you are in our prayers. May you feel God's presence and his comfort in your loss.*

*Tim and Dena Baugh*

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**Tim Baugh** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To the Stephensons, Steve, Krista, and Trent..We are so deeply saddened by your loss. Know that we are praying for you all. Although we did not know him, we can see that he was a wonderful person inside and out, and touched so many peoples lives...which can be attributed to being part of such a wonderful loving family. May God be with you and give you stength.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. 2Corinthians 1:3-5*

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**Shaye and Joni White** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Steve, Krista and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our heart aches for you. We are praying that God grace will comfort all of you in this most difficult time. With love Coach and Nina

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**Howard and Nina Childress** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ In pain, and despair we can echo the words of the old spiritual, "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen. Nobody knows my sorrow." The Life and death of each of us has influence on others: "If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8) Amen

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**Thomas Langston & Family** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ He's truly going to be missed.

*Praying for everyone who is mourning this loss right now. Psalm 34:18 "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

*Rejoice because he's in a better place that's for sure.*

*Blessings.*

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**Stella Malone** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I only met Taylor once but he was a very nice young man My prayers go out for his family

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**Sean Brady** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our heart goes out to all of you. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*David and Tammy*

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**David & Tammy Driskill** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I did not know Taylor as best friends, only at a distance. From the 12 Spot I saw a young man that was full of life and the Holy Spirit. God could see his heart and could I. It was soft and in tune with the love of God.

Very energetic young man and was focusing in on what life he had.

*Blessings to the family,  
He was special!*

*Mike & Vicki Maxson*

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**Mike & Vicki Maxson** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I hope the loving memories of your son, brother, grandson and nephew bring you peace. My Deepest Sympathy to the Stephenson, Armstrong and Sides Families.

*Connie Brown Daughtry*

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April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Just wanted to say what a joy Taylor was to be around. He always brought smiles and laughter wherever he was. It was quite obvious how much he loved his Lord. I know he is looking down on his sweet family with that big ol smile.....He was precious and will be sorely missed by all. God Bless you~

*Sincerely,*

*Stephani Brown*

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**Stephani Brown** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *May God's love sustain you.*

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**Kay Bellar** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Stephenson Family,*

*I am truly saddened by your loss and wish you peace during this difficult time. Victor and I were so blessed to grow up with Taylor and Trent and I'll always remember Taylor's sense of humor, how much he loved his family & friends and how he deeply admired his older brother. Thinking of you and remembering the beautiful life of Taylor.*

*With dearest love and deepest sympathy,  
Jamie Pilgrim*

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**Jamie Pilgrim** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Steve, I do not pretend to know what you must be going through right now. Only that you have suffered the ultimate loss as a Dad. Please know my friend, that although we have not seen each other in a long time, you will always be my friend and I wanted to pass along my sincere condolences. We are praying for you and Krista at this time of tragic sorrow. Always know that you have many friends that love and care for you and your wonderful family.*

*Stay strong my friend! Rick*

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**Rick White** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Krista, even though we have not been in contact with each other in years please know that you are a special friend and hold a special place in my heart. My heart is heavy right now and we offer our deepest sympathy to you and Steve and your entire family. We pray that God will encircle you in his loving arms and provide you with strength and comfort during this very difficult time. Love Always,  
Gary and Mary Henson

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**Mary Henson** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Our prayers are with you & your family and with deepest sympathy. God bless.

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**Luis & Mary Nunez** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ steve and krista words are so shallow at this time when gary and I got the call our hearts were so sadden for your deep loss from the deepest part of our hearts we are so sorry. KNOW THAT YOU ARE ON OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR PRAYERS WILL CALL IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS .I do want to say in last 18 years of watching the grieving the lord is faithful and the only one that can carry you during this awful time is the father be honest with him he loves you just the way you feel no parent should bury your child. we love you and your family if you need anything we will be there.jan walterscheid

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**gary and jan walterscheid** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ May God give you strength during this very difficult time. Words can't express enough to convey how heavy the sorrow is for your loss. We'll continue to lift you up in prayer.

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**Sharon Wilson** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I've have the pleasure of meeting with Taylor when I made my visits to Wagner Cadillac. I always believed that Taylor was a sincere and caring young man who truly wanted to make a difference in the work that he did. I thought of him as a diamond in the rough and believed that he had such great potential in the car business and in life. I was very sad to hear he had passed away and felt compelled to come to his funeral today. I was touched by the pouring of love and fellowship I witnessed at the service today and I will miss my visits with Taylor when I call on Wagner Cadillac in the future. May the Lord welcome Taylor home with open arms and comfort family and friends who he temporarily leaves behind.

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**Dwain Kester** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Steve, Krista, and family,

*I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of Taylor. I cannot even begin to imagine your pain. I sure wished I would have known Taylor. May God comfort you in the coming days. Your friends in Coleman County are praying for you. We love y'all.*

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**Darla Wise** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Steve and Krista, We are so sad to hear about Taylor. Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this time of need. May God be with you and your family now and in the future. Sincerely, Wayne and Lisa Dickey

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**Lisa and Wayne Dickey** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Steve,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. It's been a long time, but time doesn't stop a desire to share grief. We will remember your family in our prayers and hearts....God Bless you & your family

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**Danita Moore Hinds** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Krista & Steve - Our deepest condolences are with you. We'll keep you in our prayers. - Sheri & Stewart Wallace

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**Stewart & Sheri Wallace** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ dear krista and steve, we were so grieved to hear of taylor's death. i prayed for yall so much this last two weeks and just wanted to let you know of our love for your family and the joy of taylor and his sweet life. if you ever want to stop by or talk please let us comfort you. much love, lee and donna ridenour

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**donna ridenour** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Steve, Krista & Family--  
We were so sorry to hear about Taylor. I wish we would have had the opportunity to know him. Our prayers are with you all.

*I.G. & Leslie (Barr) Janca  
Sam & George*

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**Leslie Barr Janca** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I was Taylor's Spanish teacher at Hubbard Middle School. He was a very nice student and I am so sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Delores "Dee Dee" Sanders** - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM