



John Hathaway Taylor Jr.

September 30, 1934 - April 6, 2024

John Hathaway Taylor Jr., passed away on April 6, 2024 at the family home in La Plata, after an extended illness.

John was born in Prince Frederick, MD on September 30th, 1934 to the late John Hathaway Taylor Sr., and Florence Mae (Wroten) Taylor. The family moved to La Plata in 1940 so John Taylor Sr. could oversee the construction and management of the Charles Theater, now home to the Port Tobacco Players.

A graduate of La Plata High School, John joined the Navy and trained as a medical corpsman in the Marine Corp. After Military service, he spent the next 20 plus years as the executive vice President and general manager, of the Wilson Boat Line in Washington D.C.

In the 1980's John, along with Kathy Luckel, designed and managed a "porch bar" attached to the Island Manor Motel in Soloman's Island MD. The "Tiki Bar" was considered to be major destination spot within the mid-Atlantic states.

John was an avid fisherman and enjoyed "oldies but goodies" in both music and movies. He was known by friends for his gracious hospitality and the ability to entertain a crowd with a good joke.

Mr. Taylor was predeceased by his parents and brother Daniel Norris Taylor. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Katherine Mae (Henry) Taylor, her son Donny Luckel, his nephew Chris Taylor and Niece Catherine Taylor.

Services will be held graveside on April 15th at 2pm at Mt. Rest Cemetery, in

La Plata Maryland.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date

Cemetery Details

Mt. Rest Cemetery

Charles Street
La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Ron Galeneine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Hathaway Taylor Jr..



Ron Galeneine - April 14, 2024 at 09:49 AM

PJ

“ Dearest Kathy , I am sorry to hear about John passing . He was such a kind man who always intrigued me with his stories. He always had a smile and shared his kindness. I am happy to have known him. He talked wonderfully of you, the love of his life . Heaven is getting a true blessing . Love and prayers to you and your family. Love Pam (safeway)

Pam James - April 13, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Hathaway Taylor Jr..



April 13, 2024 at 07:32 AM

LO

“ Love, Mike and Carole O’Harra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Hathaway Taylor Jr..

Love, Mike and Carole O’Harra - April 13, 2024 at 07:32 AM

SS

“ Kathy and family. We are so sorry for your loss. You and John have a special place in our hearts. You made our wedding very memorable and unforgettable. Lots of love, Stephany & Bussie. Wanda sends her love.

Stephany Smith - April 11, 2024 at 02:49 PM

RS

“ Rick & Kathie Sheriff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Hathaway Taylor Jr..



Rick & Kathie Sheriff - April 11, 2024 at 10:42 AM

SC

“ John and Kathy were always good to us (Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department) I can't tell you how many times over the years they would provide support when asked, and many times if he saw me out and about or at the Tiki Bar he would ask if we needed anything. I enjoyed talking and joking with him over the years. He also used to give us a few gallons of Mai-Tai's for our company events. Great man and I'm sorry for your families loss Kathy. Scott Custer (Past Chief, SVRSFD)

Scott Custer - April 11, 2024 at 09:30 AM

LC

“ Love, Lisa and Carson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John Hathaway Taylor Jr..



Love, Lisa and Carson - April 10, 2024 at 02:41 PM

LC

“ Love, Lisa and Carson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Hathaway Taylor Jr..

Love, Lisa and Carson - April 10, 2024 at 02:41 PM

LL

“ John and Kathy invited me and my husband to visit the Florida Keys with them. We had many wonderful nights with laughter, great people and terrific food! They were so accommodating and fun. John was always telling the most interesting stories! We enjoyed fishing with them. He will be missed!

laura lohr - April 10, 2024 at 01:23 PM

CT

“ I have a core memory of my uncle from when I was little. Every time we took his car to go and get crabs over the weekend, he would play some music and whistle along. He was so good at whistling, I think my 10 year old brain asked if he did it professionally. I loved sitting at the tiki bar as a kid, throwing popcorn at my brother. I loved spending almost every childhood easter at Uncle John's and Aunt Kathy's house. I loved when my dad and my uncle sat in front of the TV and would yell 'damn' during a football game. I loved having my first legal drink at the bar in the house, where I used to sit as a kid and play with the casino game always sitting there. I loved the way he said 'darling'. I loved the way he treated people in the restaurant industry and how any place we went out, he was welcomed with huge smiles. I'll miss my Dad and now I'll miss my Uncle John. My dad is probably already talking his ear off and John is lighting his cigar. I miss my Dad every day, and now I will miss my Uncle. Distance kept me from visiting often and it's just another reminder to always make time to see the people that you love.

Stefano and I had a glass of Grand Marnier for my Uncle (Uncle John shared a glass..or two.. when he first met my husband) the evening on the day of his passing. I will miss him very much and mourn the time I wish I had more of. I love you Uncle John. Rest easy.

Aunt Kathy, I am here for you anytime and anywhere 🍷 With Love,
Catie

Catherine Taylor - April 09, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DL

“ John was like a big brother to me. Sometimes a father and always a friend. Friday night soiree's at Bowens Inn, Laughter, Saturday nights at China Harbor, Laughter, Wednesday crabs at Seabreeze, Laughter, a good cigar and Tia Maria, Laughter, Sake and sushi, Laughter, golf cart, more laughter, Big Pine Key, LAUGHTER!! He consistently hit my funny bone with his quick wit and Jokes.

Dave Lundwall - April 09, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ I am very sorry to hear about your loss.
Thinking of you...



Jenny (friend of Nancy C) - April 09, 2024 at 02:17 PM