



Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr.

January 18, 1981 - March 19, 2016

Dean Taylor's life was tragically halted on March 19, at age 35 as the result of an automobile accident. Dean was gifted in so many ways, but denied the gift of the length of years.

Dean accomplished so much in his 35 years which culminated with his election to the five-member Jefferson County Board of Education in 2014. Before his election to the Board, he was a graduate of Gardendale High School (1999) and went on to study at Bevill State Community College before joining the United States Air Force in 2001 for a six year enlistment. During his military service, he received a secret security clearance from the Department of Defense due to the nature of his work managing the testing of ordinances and munitions that Air Force pilots were using to protect our freedom all over the world. Dean's many Air Force deployments included a year at Pusan Air Force Base in the Republic of Korea, which he liked to say "was a long way from home!" At Pusan, Dean was tasked with managing all time schedules for the Air Force's "Operation Readiness" mission for all flights through the entire Pacific.

After receiving his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 2007, Dean returned home and took a position with Webb Payroll as Vice-President for Sales and Marketing which is the position Dean held at the time of his passing.

When Dean joined the company, Webb was providing payroll services for about 140 businesses, but through his hard work and superior marketing skills Webb is presently providing payroll services for over 500 companies and is among the top independently owned payroll service providers in Alabama. In January of 2014, Dean announced his candidacy for the Jefferson County Board of Education. He was elected to the Board in November of 2014, and at the age of 34 he attended his first Board meeting the following January and was UNANIMOUSLY elected President of the Board by the other four Board members! Dean had an abiding faith in school personnel to make the right decisions. During his term as president, the Board was confronted with a financial proposal that would eliminate almost 300 jobs in order to "balance the books." Dean suggested that a "blue ribbon" outside panel of citizens be appointed by the Board to review the system's finances. The panel was appointed and discovered savings of \$10 million without the elimination of a single job. Dean said if he never accomplished anything else as a Board member, he would sleep well knowing that these 300 or so families had been spared the loss of their income.

Dean believed in paying civic rent and he believed in making a better life for his seven year old son, Bronson. He often said that his greatest pleasure was making personal time for Bronson, but when he worked on his many chamber of commerce projects, participation in Young Republican events or JeffCo Board of Education matters, he was "making the world a better place for Bronson and all the kids like him."

Dean Taylor truly paid it forward every day and leaves a void in so many lives. He was preceded in death by his father, Jeff Taylor and his sister, Gail Taylor. His survivors include his son, Bronson Taylor; his mother, Sherry K. Webb (Steve); grandparents, Jim and Joyce Taylor, Myra Armstrong (Jerry) and Harry F. Keplinger (Pam); uncles, Keith Keplinger (Michelle), Harry F.

Keplinger Jr. (LuAnn), Daryl Keplinger and Karl Keplinger; aunt, Kari Keplinger and a host of cousins, friends and colleagues. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 23, 2016 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the chapel of The New Gardendale Funeral Home with the service to follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Raymond Doss Playground of Miracles – PO Box 889, Gardendale, AL 35071.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Sherry, Myra and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Jefferey's passing. You both are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. God is the source of all comfort, peace and consolation and He is there for you all. Lamar and Brenda Burgans

Brenda Burgans - March 26, 2016 at 08:25 AM

GJ

“ *May The Lord comfort and strengthen the family and you at this time. You are in my prayers more than you know.*

Ms. Genna Johnson

Genna Johnson - March 23, 2016 at 11:36 AM

OF

“ *03 Wild Thang Softball Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



03 Wild Thang Softball Family - March 22, 2016 at 04:18 PM

JA

“ *Jefferson County AFT purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



Jefferson County AFT - March 22, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ *I am honored and blessed to have called Dean my friend. My life will be forever change without him. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.*
Love, Danielle Council

Danielle Council - March 22, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



 March 22, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ *Brian and Michele' Ozier, Ted and Jackie Stephens purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



Brian and Michele' Ozier, Ted and Jackie Stephens - March 22, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



 March 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM

AM

“ Amy lit a candle in memory of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr.



Amy - March 22, 2016 at 09:27 AM

YA

“ Young Republican Federation of Alabama purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..



Young Republican Federation of Alabama - March 21, 2016 at 10:46 PM

CJ

“ Thank you Jeff for supporting our teachers and students in such a loving way by being concerned for all of us in Jefferson County. We appreciate all you have done for us and we will miss your kindness and professionalism. May your family feel the presence of the Lord in this difficult time. Jefferson County AEA

Cynthia Attaway JAEA - March 21, 2016 at 10:25 PM

VP

“ I worked with Dean when he first became a board member. I have never met a more dedicated or caring member of any board. He visited at least three schools per week and rarely missed a special event. He was instrumental in a grant our AFT union and the Jefcoed Board worked cooperatively to train pre- teachers. I loved my friend who was the age of my boys. He had a wonderful personality and a bright future in politics or whatever he decided to do. I will miss my friend. My heart and my prayers go out to his family.

Vi Parramore - March 21, 2016 at 05:38 PM

HB

“ Haley Lucido & Joel Blankenship purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..



Haley Lucido & Joel Blankenship - March 21, 2016 at 05:22 PM

JP

“ Jefferson County Republican Party purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..



Jefferson County Republican Party - March 21, 2016 at 02:59 PM

HL

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Haley Lucido - March 21, 2016 at 02:32 PM

FI

“ From All of Us at Total Automation Group, Inc. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..



From All of Us at Total Automation Group, Inc. - March 21, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..



March 21, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..



March 21, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



March 21, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



March 21, 2016 at 09:38 AM



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Phil Sims - March 20, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *Jerry Harrell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jefferey Dean Taylor, Jr..*



Jerry Harrell - March 20, 2016 at 09:09 PM