



## John Erik Taylor

November 23, 1968 - July 22, 2020

John Taylor, age 51, of Tallahassee Florida passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

John was born in Phoenix, Arizona on November 23, 1968 and moved with his family to Tallahassee in March 1970.

He was a 1986 graduate from Godby High School where he was active in the ROTC program and lettered in soccer. John's claim to fame at Godby was his 1966 red Mustang convertible.

John worked at Cabot Lodge for 20 years, taking 2 years off to serve a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Geneva Switzerland and France area.

He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in November 1986.

John was also a gifted musician, playing lead guitar (which he taught himself to play) and a lead singer in The Angry Bullet Band.

John went through the EMT program, driving an ambulance and later attended the TCC School for Nursing. He worked at TMH as an Emergency Care Technician at the time of his death.

John's love will be cherished by his parents: Rex and Sandy Taylor, sister: Jackie Taylor Burkhart (Mark), brothers: Joseph and Jacob (Julia) Taylor. Nieces: Taylor and Samantha Burkhart and Evan Rose Taylor. Nephews: Preston (Jenna) Burkhart, Logan Taylor and Sutton Taylor. Grandnephew: Calvin Burkhart, along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.

John was a very private person but had a heart of gold. Knowing that he is now with his grandmother, Alma Taylor and Daddy Pars brings peace of mind for all his family.

Due to COVID-19 a celebration of John's life will be held later. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in John's name to the Leon County Human Society. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Taylor family with their arrangements.

# Comments

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“ John Taylor! Guitar player extraordinaire! When I stepped off the train in Marseille France, there stood Elder Taylor waiting for me with a sandwich. His black jeans instead of dress slacks. White shirt. Black tie. He looked at me with a kind of snarl.... “I hear you play guitar.” He said. Instead of heading to the apartment, we headed to the guitar shop so that I could show him my guitar playing. He was inspired! He bought an electric guitar and a tiny battery powered amp. We walked to the US embassy in Marseille and he played The Star Spangled Banner on his new guitar! He was a character! He made raquette, spoke good French, and knew how to have fun. After France he drove his Mustang through Colorado on his way to Utah. I was still in France but he stayed with my family. He met my parents and my little brother. I spoke with him once when I returned home From France. I tracked him down in Florida. I have never spoken with him again not for lack of trying. I have searched the internet far and wide looking for my friend. Tonight out of the blue I decided to google once again..... John Taylor Tallahassee. I'm so sad to find his obituary. And to discover that today is his birthday. May all who knew John remember him like I did 30 years ago in France! Rest In Peace my friend.  
Paul Spear

**Paul Spear** - November 23, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ John was such an old soul...i will miss his smile and his infectious laugh most of all. He brought a sense of calm to an otherwise chaotic time and place. Who is going to correct me on my crossword puzzles now? Who else is going to agree with me on the top 5 bands of all time?! Who is gonna fill those big black work boots? My little world is not the same without him. We miss you John. My deepest condolences to the family and "other" friends of John...

**Terrell Hand** - July 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ John was a truly kind and gentle soul. I worked with John at TMH in recovery on 2B south and I know he has made a positive impression on every employee and patient that has crossed his path. My deepest sympathies go out to the family.

**Sharon Sollohub** - July 27, 2020 at 05:55 PM