



James Walter Taylor

October 23, 1963 - October 3, 2025

James Walter Taylor, 61, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Florida, on October 3, 2025. He was born on October 23, 1963, in Ticonderoga, New York, the son of James Robert Taylor and Elaine LaFountain.

Jim was predeceased by his parents and a brother Paul Lafountain. He is survived by his loving wife, Sarah Winternitz and his daughter Emily Winternitz; stepchildren Steffani Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly and Matthew Kelly; brothers and sisters John Alteri, Peter LaFountain, Earl Taylor, Judy Taylor and Jeanette Taylor, Elaine Lapier and Anna Lapier, a special brother, Timothy Phillips, and a special Cousin Wayne Taylor, as well as two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Known affectionately as Jim, Jimmy, or Jamie, he was many things to many people - an incredible man who was always ready to lend a hand and always the first to offer help when needed. Throughout his life, Jim held many jobs and was truly a "Jim of all trades," but his greatest passion was being an auto mechanic.

Jim was a devoted husband, father, and family man. He loved spending time with his loved ones and the family dog Zeus. He enjoyed fishing, cooking- his chicken scampi and lasagna were legendary- and researching genealogy. Jim was a gifted storyteller, and he always had a story to share.

His greatest pride and joy in life was being a father. He was especially looking forward to seeing his daughter, Emily, graduate in May 2026 with a degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. There are not enough words to express how deeply he was loved and how much he will be missed.

A burial and celebration of Jim's life with friends and family will occur in the summer of 2026 at the Peru Cemetery. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

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“ *Dear Sarah and Family,
I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. Condolences to all of you and your
family.* 🙏🙏

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