



## Daniel Cleveland Taylor

October 6, 1947 - August 5, 2022

Daniel Cleveland Taylor, age 74, of Manteno passed away Friday, August 5, 2022 at his home. He was born October 6, 1947 in Kentucky, the son of George & Alma (Bond) Taylor. Daniel married Donna McDougal on May 31, 1968 at the First Church of Nazarene in Kankakee.

Dan was a social worker for the State of Illinois. He was an accomplished bridge player, having reached the level of Ruby Life Master, nearly reaching his goal of Gold Master. He was ranked in the top 6% of bridge players in the United States.

Dan's success in bridge was aided by his phenomenal memory skills. He loved to quote scripture, poetry, or song lyrics to friends and strangers alike. This skill had been sharpened with his many acting roles, including over 30 productions for KVTA, and many years appearing in the Spice of Life, the annual fundraiser for Harbor House. Their closing act each year featured Dan reading "Letters from Mama", which so many folks enjoyed. He loved entertaining people.

Dan was an enthusiastic traveler. Together with his wife, Donna, he had visited most of the United States and had journeyed overseas 26 times. Dan liked to say that Donna traveled to see sights while he traveled to talk to people. He made friends wherever he went.

Dan was an active member of the Manteno United Methodist Church for nearly 50 years. One of his dearest wishes was to see the beautiful steeple of the church lit at night. Thus, one of the memorial requests is to light that

steeple for Dan.

Dan's humor, compassion for others, and his sense of justice will be remembered with love by his family and many friends whose lives he touched. Surviving are his wife, Donna Taylor of Manteno; one son, Mark (Sherrie Weller) Taylor of Antioch; and one daughter, Anne (Thom) Bahde of Corvallis, OR. Dan was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial service on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the Manteno United Methodist Church. Pastor Lana Robyne will officiate the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Manteno United Methodist Church to light the steeple, Manteno Fire Protection District, or Harbor House of Kankakee.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church  
255 W. Second Street  
Manteno, IL

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

MT

“ Please accept my condolences on Dan's passing. I just found out.

Mike Tomlianovich - March 29, 2024 at 10:06 PM

JW

“ Great memories of Dan from Olivet Nazarene College 1965 - 1969. Always remember our debates re 1968 US Presidential Election. Dan was bright, outgoing, kind and had a world class smile. I will miss seeing him at future reunions. 🙏❤️

Joe Wisehart - August 15, 2022 at 02:20 AM

BD

“ I always enjoyed waiting on Dan and Donna at Jewel. He was one of those special customers that made being a cashier enjoyable. You have my sincere sympathy Donna.  
Barb DeYoung

Barb deyoung - August 11, 2022 at 10:20 PM

GB

“ For the past (nearly) 20 years, I enjoyed Dan's company as competitors in the same fantasy baseball league. He was admired for his intellect, his humor and his cleverness. I am blessed for having shared many of his insights.

Gary Bailey - August 09, 2022 at 10:55 PM

KO

“ *Mark and Sherrie, my condolences in the loss of your father. Reading about his life gave me some insight into what an interesting, special person he was! I'm sure you have many great memories.*  
*Kathy Oliver*



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**Kathy Oliver** - August 09, 2022 at 09:51 PM

DM

“ *I'll never forget the laughs and smiles he was able to give from performances in KVTA to “Mama” in Spice of Life. He always had words of wisdom and above all an amazing friend*

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**Dustin Mann** - August 09, 2022 at 08:59 PM

JF

“ *Mark & Sherrie, Our thoughts and prayers are with your Family. Peace, Jack & Kathy Fields.*

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**John Fields** - August 09, 2022 at 08:21 PM

DM

“ *We enjoyed our time with Dan always. Am sure he is in heaven getting ready to do his one man show for all assembled. Always good for a laugh, a smile and great storyteller. Our loss here on earth, but what a great gain for those in heaven!*



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**Donna McCollum** - August 09, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MK

“ While I don't remember the first time I met Danny, I am told he was instrumental in teaching me my first word. Haha. Danny was always so full of joy and laughter. Danny will be missed. Praying for you and your family, Donna.

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**Michelle (Keck) Kent** - August 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

SW

“ Dan and I were partners in Chemistry 101. That was the beginning of a long friendship. He was a friend to so many! I remember when he audited lit classes in the English department after retirement and made friends with students and faculty alike. He lived life fully! Donna and family, praying that you will be comforted by all the memories of Dan you treasure. Praying for you.

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**Sue Williams** - August 08, 2022 at 11:04 PM

LW

“ Lynn Wotell lit a candle in memory of Daniel Cleveland Taylor



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**Lynn Wotell** - August 08, 2022 at 10:23 PM

CG

“ Sending Prayers to the family of Daniel Taylor.

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**Charlotte Griffin** - August 08, 2022 at 09:43 PM

JF

“ Sending prayers of comfort to Donna and the family. May God's love surround them now and in the days to come. 🙏 Joan Bebout Fowler Louisville, Kentucky



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**Joan Bebout Fowler** - August 08, 2022 at 09:37 PM

BH

“ I remember Dan well from our years at Olivet. I pray God will comfort you in your loss, Donna.

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**Bill Henricks** - August 08, 2022 at 08:05 PM

PR

“ I too worked with DCT for many years & we bumped heads for many of them, but in recent years we were able to mend fences & share lots of laughs. My deepest sympathies to Donna & family. Paula Ambrosch Rohder

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**Paula Rohder** - August 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM

LL

“ Dan, Donna and I were classmates at Olivet Nazarene University. We had lots of laughs, shed a few tears during finals and rejoiced in the Lord when we worshipped together. Dan was always the life of any party and he did not know a stranger. Prayers to Donna and the family. Take comfort that Dan is no longer suffering. He is in top form rejoicing around God's throne. Bless you, Leora (Windoffer) Legacy

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**Leora Legacy** - August 08, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MO

“ Heartfelt sympathy, to Donna, and family.

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**madelyn a obrien** - August 08, 2022 at 03:42 PM

PH

“ Worked with DCT.. (that what we called him at work) He supervised me for many years. I'll always remember his kindness to me. Rest my friend.

Your friend Pam Humphrey

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**Pamela Humphrey** - August 08, 2022 at 01:48 PM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Daniel Cleveland Taylor



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**Tim and Connie Eaker** - August 08, 2022 at 01:05 PM

 Dan Lauffer

I always enjoyed our discussions over the years. I pray for Donna and the Taylor family. God bless and heal your hearts.

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**Dan Lauffer** - August 08, 2022 at 08:56 PM

MS

The entire Sergeant family is very sad to lose a long time good friend. Loved seeing you both at the local fairs. Sending huge hugs to Donna and the Taylor family.

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**Michael and Beth Sergeant** - August 10, 2022 at 10:00 PM