



Charles Henry Taylor

February 2, 1961 - December 31, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Charles H. Taylor, known by friends and family as “Charlie,” at the age of 63, on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 after fighting a long and hard battle with prostate cancer. He is survived by his wife, Lu, his three children Christie, Steph, and Mike, his two grandchildren John and Wendell, and his two brothers Ted and Tom.

Charlie lived a life of love, generosity, and dedication. Born on February 2, 1961 in Caledonia, New York, Charlie grew up in the countryside raising and caring for horses with his parents, which led to his affinity for animals. Charlie was a soft-spoken “peoples’ person” always eager to get to know everyone he met. This started in his youth working on the Yearbook Committee attending High School events; he showed a genuine curiosity for everyone he interacted with and sought to discover the “spark” in others. While in school, Charlie worked summers for his brother Steve, learning construction and valuable hard skills.

Charlie also pursued higher education and an ambitious career. From pursuing a Ph.D. at Colorado State University (CSU) in Statistics, and later a career as the head of the Statistics Department at Procter & Gamble working on consumer products and pharmaceuticals (ironically, he worked on a number of drugs that helped prolong his life in his battle with cancer), to showing unwavering support and love towards his family—Charlie showed

dedication in all that he did. As Charlie raised his family, he would work tirelessly Fall through Spring at P&G in order to save up enough vacation days to take his family on multi-month cross-country roadtrips throughout the U.S. every summer. Despite criticism, Charlie spearheaded this novel work-family balanced schedule and remote work knowing that these experiences with family were worth it. He gave his wife and children the gift of a lifetime. Charlie's dedication to family also showed in his unconditional love and acceptance of his family members both in his extended and immediate family—he made sure everyone knew they were welcome and a part of the family. He maintained close relationships with his brothers, Ted, Steve and Tom as well as their spouses and children. He was a uniting force and “glue” that brought everyone back together.

Charlie was a loving husband to his wife, Lu. Charlie and Lu met in college at the University of Rochester, and later moved onto graduate school at CSU. They shared a love for the mountains, and in their retirement decided to return to Colorado where their marriage began. Charlie and Lu enjoyed going for motorcycle rides through the mountains, reminiscing on their times in graduate school driving up Trail Ridge Road or exploring Cameron Pass. Charlie and Lu's love was inspiring—supporting one another during Charlie's 5-year battle with cancer, walking through the experience side-by-side, and not forgetting to take advantage of the good days! Charlie was an incredible father— from sitting through countless dance recitals, mentoring his son's Robotics Team, driving across the country numerous times in order to show his support for his children at important events, or even to help them out when their car broke down in a blizzard, the list goes on. Most importantly, he equipped his children with the skills and lessons to thrive independently in this world, provided a listening ear without judgment whenever he was needed, role modelled gentleness, kindness, and accountability, and knew how to support each kid in the way they felt support by truly learning and showing an interest in each child as individuals. Charlie made people feel seen, and

loved.

Charlie was also an active community member. Charlie was the Treasurer of his HOA, often going above and beyond what was asked of him. He was a member of the CSU Science Club, participating in CSU staff and alumni seminars exploring and discussing science & research. He helped those who were in need—no questions asked. For example, he helped a couple experiencing homelessness who his daughter had befriended. Soon after, this couple became close friends with Charlie as well. He participated in events at his children's schools, and volunteered with his children at Soup Kitchens, and at the Mt. Auburn shelter in Cincinnati at Christmas time.

A Memorial Mass is planned for Monday, January 6, 2025, at 9:30am, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins CO 80521. A Graveside Service will be held at 3:00pm that afternoon, January 6, 2025, at Grandview Cemetery, 1900 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins CO 80521. We welcome friends and family to join in celebrating Charlie's life with us!

If you are unable to attend, you can show your support by donating to the Cancer Center & Oncology Services of UCHealth Northern Colorado Foundation, or by donating blood to the American Red Cross Foundation. Charlie's life was significantly prolonged due to the generous donations of blood & platelets, and due to the incredible care of the staff at UCHealth Cancer Centers of Anschutz Medical Center and Harmony Road Cancer Center.

Please visit: <https://www.uchealthnocofoundation.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

RV

“ Dear Lu and Family, Charlie and I were statistics classmates at the U of R. Charlie's bright spirit and friendly nature are unforgettable. I am sorry for your loss. Death leaves a heartache nothing can heal, love leaves a memory nothing can steal. May your memories of the good times with Charlie warm your hearts.



Regis Visco - December 23, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JD

“ To everyone in Charlie's family,

Charlie was instrumental in hiring me to work at Procter and Gamble when I was already at the somewhat advanced age (relative to other new-hires) of 45. For a while I headed a small group known as the Statistical Computing Group under Charlie's direction. I retired from P&G in 2012. Not long after, apparently, Charlie also retired. For various - and complicated - reasons, Charlie and I did not always see 'eye to eye' regarding corporate policies. I think it is fair to say that I did not make Charlie's life as an Associate Director at P&G easier. We were not really 'close'.

But I often wondered what had happened to him as I had no contact with him after I left P&G.

I am deeply saddened to learn about his death. Charlie, in his heart, always wanted the best for other people. He wanted other people to succeed. He had a very deep empathy for others.

Maybe even more importantly, as is expressed in his obituary, he wanted others to be enriched in their daily life, and to lead full lives beyond their work. That is something of a rare quality. He never thought that work was the most important thing and he respected balance. Under the pressures of P&G, that was not, I am sure, an easy thing to do. But it was the right thing to do.

I am sure his loss is very painful to those who knew him best: his immediate family and his extended family. My heart goes out to them. May Charlie rest in peace. He was a good and generous person in the ways that matter most. That is how I will remember him.

James Decker - February 13, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JT

“ *Lu, I am deeply sorry to hear of Charlie's passing, Sincerest condolences to you and your family. - John Taulbee (former colleague at P&G)*

John D Taulbee - February 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

LI

“ *Hello Lu,
Cory and I just learned of your great loss and extend our most sincere sympathy. We enjoyed Charlie's friendship during our days at P&G. We pray you and your family are consoled by God's peace that surpasses all understanding.
Blessings,
Lisa Cusmano*

Lisa - February 10, 2025 at 04:19 PM

MA

“ Dear Taylor family,

I recently learned of Charlie's passing from a former colleague at P&G. Charlie was my first manager there & my office was next to his. I have fond memories of my early days at P&G of coming in around 7am to the most wonderful smell of Charlie brewing one of his flavored coffees. I generally made a comment about how great his office smelled, and he always asked if I wanted a cup. However, not being a coffee drinker, I'd politely decline & get started to work. Eventually, he made me aware of another PhD in our group who wanted some help, and I decided to take that job, but Charlie still kept track of me & what I was doing. Years later, I was diagnosed with brain cancer, and although during my 'treatment' I went on DB, I eventually came back to work full time & Charlie was then my AD (promoted from Section Head), He had the foresight to get statisticians inbedded in all the different places in the company (i.e. beyond Pharma), and I think that saved a lot of us our jobs, because when P&G did sell off their Pharma division. Thankfully, many of our group had moved out of Pharmas to other areas of the company. My prayers & deepest sympathy are with you & your family: When someone you love becomes a memory, Those memories become a treasure!

*With deepest sympathy,
Marla Gross*

Marla - February 07, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Dear Taylor Family*

I just came to know from a colleague about this extremely shocking news which broke my heart. Charlie hired me in P&G as a statistician. It was 22 years ago but the days of interview and my early days in P&G are still very fresh in my memory. As a manager he helped me a lot to grow in my job. But our friendship went well beyond that. He would always share his exciting summer adventures in the mountains of Colorado in his beloved RV. His advice on how to help kids grow were very valuable in my life. I'll always remember him as a people's person—a kind, humble and helpful man. A lot have happened since then, but we kept in touch via social media. This is a very sad moment for me personally, I feel a great loss of a true friend. My prayers and sympathies are with you all. May his soul rest in peace!

*Pradipta Sarkar
Singapore*

Pradipta Sarkar - February 06, 2025 at 02:33 AM

NJ

“ *Dear Lu and family - shashi and I are so sad to know the loss of Charlie. Our deepest sympathy are with you and family. We are praying for his soul to be in peace. We pray to the god to give strength to family and friends to bear such an unbearable loss. We met Charlie in 1985 at the CSU, Fort Collins and remember him as a very soft spoken and very respectful man.*

Om shanti, shanti, shanti (Om peace, peace, peace)

Nemi and shashi

Wooster, Ohio

Nemi Jain - January 13, 2025 at 11:43 PM

JC

“ Dear Taylor Family,
I am a classmate of Charlie’s from Caledonia-Mumford school, K-12 and I also worked on the yearbook. Our class was small, and we all literally grew up together. I just want to let you know that the attributes and character traits that were expressed in his obituary as an adult were also present even as a teenager. As a result, Charlie left a positive impact on all of us. He was so super smart. It is not surprising that he had a wonderful career as a statistician. At the same time, Charlie was humble, friendly, and considerate to everybody. I believe he was the most respected boy in our entire class.
The entire Cal-Mum Class of '79 is saddened by the news of Charlie’s too-soon passing and pray for comfort to your family..
Joe Cesarano

Joe Cesarano - January 13, 2025 at 03:17 AM

AE

“ Dear Taylor Family,
You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. I'm sure that he had so much left to share with the family and will be deeply missed.

Ann Epstein - January 06, 2025 at 11:24 AM

LI

“ Dear Lu and family,
I am writing with a broken heart from the news of Charlie's passing. Charlie was such a joy to be around and it was truly a pleasure to be able to take care of him. I am sending you all of my love during this difficult time. Thank you both for your kindness, always.
Lisa, RN

Lisa - January 06, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MO

“ Dear Lu and family, we are all thinking of you here at the cancer center. We all loved to take care of Charlie and always appreciate how kind both of you have been to us. All of your nurses here send our deepest condolences. Sincerely, Monica, RN

Monica - January 06, 2025 at 10:18 AM

BD

Charlie was a good high school friend and classmate of my eldest son, who helped our family get started in beekeeping. Later, in Colorado, he and Lu welcomed me whenever I came to CSU. I treasure the memories of a kind, gracious, intelligent boy and man who has left too soon. My thoughts are with his loving family at this time.


Barbara Dewey - January 12, 2025 at 02:55 PM

GC

“ Dear Lu and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I was hoping to meet Charlie one day. Lu, as a new friend to me, I enjoyed hearing about Charlie. Charlie sounds like he was a wonderful, bright, loving dad, husband, and friend. May you all find strength in the memories you have shared together.
Always, Ginny Conahan

Ginny Conahan - January 05, 2025 at 03:16 PM

AY

“ Dear Lu and family,
You as a couple were so kind and caring. Todd and I always felt a connection with you both. My heart is saddened knowing such an amazing human has passed. Charlie leaves a legacy of unconditional love, service to others and the love of God's artistry. Hugs and love to you all 

Audrey Young - January 04, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ Dear Lu, Mike, Hailey, Christie, Steph, & Chris,

Heartfelt condolences. harlie him. My prayers and sympathies are with you and the whole family.

Darpan Thanki - January 04, 2025 at 02:49 AM

JJ

“ So sorry Lu. May all the great memories bring you comfort at this time.

John T. Johnson - January 03, 2025 at 07:53 AM

LA

“ We worked together and CHCA-ed together. My prayers for peace and comfort. May his memory be a blessing.

Lisa Allgood - January 03, 2025 at 05:53 AM

DD

“ Please know of my deep sympathy to all the family. I'm lifting you in prayer that God will provide all the comfort and peace you need and all the reassurance of eternal life.
Dee Dee Dewell

Dee Dee Dewell - January 02, 2025 at 11:18 PM

AC

“ Lu, I am so sorry to hear the news. My condolences to you and the kids. I will be praying for you. Artemio

Artemio Castro - January 02, 2025 at 10:33 PM