



James Daniel Taylor Jr

November 21, 1928 - July 20, 2023

Our beloved James “Jim” Daniel Taylor Jr, age 94 died peacefully on July 20th, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Jim was married to his wife Tess for 58 years. He was an amazing husband and a wonderful father to his three children: Anita, Andrea, and Alex and his daughter in law Zane. He was a beloved Papa to his six grandchildren: Kate, David, Phoenix, Walter, Vivienne, and Siena. He supported every activity and encouraged their education and interests.

Jim was born on November 21, 1928 to James Daniel Taylor, Sr and Ella Sophie Sneedse in Rahway, New Jersey. He graduated from Rahway High School and enlisted in the Army at 17 years old, where he served in Japan after WWII. He attended college on the G.I. bill where he Graduated from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. After college, he accepted a job with Standard Oil and was stationed in the Philippines where he eventually became head of marketing for southeast Asia. He loved the Filipino people and learned to speak Tagalog. He was fascinated by different languages and spoke Japanese, Spanish, Italian, and other Filipino dialects.

He eventually boarded a Pan AM flight from Honolulu to Manila where he met the love of his life, Tess who was working as a stewardess on his flight. After marrying in 1965, they moved to El Salvador, Costa Rica, then New York City,

where he worked for Price Waterhouse as a management consultant. Eventually, they settled in Winter Park in 1974, where Jim became a Schlitz Beer distributor.

He enjoyed playing tennis, swimming, and water aerobics, as well as the friends he made at the Winter Park Racquet Club. In 1984, he became president. He enjoyed reading and traveling all over the world with Tess. He loved the Hoyas, and never missed a Georgetown Basketball game. He will be remembered for his generosity, love of his family, and his fantastic sense of humor. We feel extremely lucky to have been a part of his amazing life and will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any gifts be made to the scholarship he set up at Georgetown University:

The James D and Teresa F. Taylor Family scholarship fund. Here is the link: Under the Other designation, enter in: James D. and Teresa F. Taylor Family Scholarship - EG200698."

<https://secure.advancement.georgetown.edu/s/1686/18/giving.aspx?sid=1686&gid=4&pgid=3975&cid=5816&dids=29.50.315.42.337.118.49.144&bledit=1&sort=1&unit=0&appealcode=ogf161>.

Giving by Check: To make a gift by check, please make the check payable to Georgetown University entering Taylor Family Scholarship EG200698 in the memo line, and send to:

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2115 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20007

A mass to celebrate Jim's life will be held at St. Margaret Mary Church on Monday, July 31st at 10:00 am.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 N. Park Ave
Winter Park, FL

Tribute Wall

RN

“ I just learnt of Dr. Taylor's passing. He was a technical visionary and singlehandedly raised awareness for ultrawideband radar technology. I gained a lot from him in knowledge. I was proud that he often asked me to write chapters for his book.

Ram Narayanan - May 13, 2025 at 01:06 PM

PP

“ When we moved to Winter Park with our sons, ages 12 and 7, Jim and Tess were lovely and welcoming to us as new members of WPRC. Jim's I still remember Jim's enthusiasm for his alma mater, Georgetown, and his interest in our dons over the years. We are so sorry for your loss of such a very special man.

Pamela and Calvin Peters - August 02, 2023 at 10:42 AM

KT

“ To uncle Jim i am thinking of you all today. My love and prayers are with you from all family in the UK . Love your sister in law Kath x

Kathy Ternan - July 31, 2023 at 07:03 AM

HU

“ Mr. T,

You were the best. I am incredibly grateful for the time we were able to spend together. There were so many things I loved about you:

I loved hearing your stories from the Philippines. I loved the way you loved Aunt Tess. It always gave me hope for a better future.

I loved the old-school gentleman that you were. I loved going out to Enzo's with you. I loved drinking wine with you. And I loved going to water aerobics with you and Mr. Granada. I will miss you so much.

You were so close to me that I always wanted to call you Uncle Jim, but I never asked. You will always live on in my heart, like my Baba.

*With love,
Husna*



Husna - July 27, 2023 at 01:05 PM

RR

“ Mr. T. was my boss at the beer distribution in Fern Park. He was a very kind and gentle man and have fond memories of Mr. T. My condolences to his family. Rose Reed

Rose Reed - July 25, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Taylor... May you have an unlimited supply of Pop-Tarts and peace! You will be greatly missed by the “other neighborhood” kids you raised and supported. Love Julie Price Pitcairn*

julie price pitcairn - July 25, 2023 at 02:59 PM