



## Mr. Taylor Allen Strickland

August 27, 1993 - September 6, 2016

Taylor Strickland, 23, of Alpharetta passed away September 6, 2016 as a result of a fatal car accident while driving to North Carolina for a special project he was working on. He is the son of Tim and Toni Strickland of Alpharetta, Georgia. Taylor was born in Plantation, Florida and lived the first 6 years of his life in Pompano Beach. He attended Happy Land Preschool at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, and 1st grade at Westminster Academy at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. In 2000 Taylor and his family moved to Alpharetta and into the loving community of Double Gate. He attended State Bridge Elementary, Autrey Mill Middle School, and Northview High School, transferring to Johns Creek High School when it opened in 2009. After High School Taylor attended Florida State University and University of North Georgia, before going to work for his family's business in the utility services industry.

Taylor was born into and christened at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, and then attended North Point Community Church in Alpharetta throughout the rest of his life. In both churches, even as young as 5 years old Taylor served in missions, feeding and clothing those in need, and travelling for weeks in the summer for mission work to the Dominican Republic (6 years), Estonia (1 year) and Haiti (1 year). Taylor accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was baptized on the beach in the Dominican Republic in 2005. As a sophomore in high school, Taylor volunteered as a student leader

and walked with a group of boys through the three years of their middle school Transit experience. Many of Taylor's charitable traits are undocumented as he did not seek credit for his actions, but instead to bring comfort to others.

Taylor was a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout and eventually an Eagle Scout. He loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, boating, diving, snow boarding, FSU football (Go Noles) and a good joke. He was a Florida-Georgia boy and considered himself a southern man. He loved God, sweet tea, family and football, good ol' boys, BBQ, Bass pro, trucks, fishing, NASCAR racing (Dega), baseball caps and country music. Taylor was also a fearless and skilled wrestler beginning in 4th grade and continuing through his senior year of high school.

Taylor is survived by his parents Tim and Toni Strickland. He also leaves his paternal grandparents Allen Strickland of Spartanburg, SC and Sue Harig of Johns Creek, GA and his maternal grandmother Ellen Costanza of Boynton Beach, FL. He is survived by his uncle Craig Strickland of Clover, SC, his aunt Terri Harris from Melbourne, FL, a cousin Craig Strickland, Jr. of Clover, SC, his girlfriend, Catherine Sharp of Johns Creek, GA, his precious dog Axle, and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 2 pm at North Point Community Church, 4350 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA, in "the Attic".

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider donations to the Atlanta Union Mission, <http://atlantamission.org/ways-to-give/>, where Taylor volunteered throughout his life, and did his Eagle Scout service project.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

North Point Community Church  
4350 North Point Parkway  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Taylor Allen Strickland*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Strickland,*

*I was at Athens Church yesterday when John Woodall shared your son's story via videotape. I wanted to read more about your son, and found his obituary. As a mother, I know that you are experiencing a pain deeper than most people ever feel, but I know you must be proud that your son's legacy is still reaching people. Even though he is gone, his light is still shining. God bless you both. I pray for God's comfort on you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Shauna Smith*

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**Shauna Smith** - June 04, 2018 at 09:30 AM

SL

“ SOUL ACHE

*Jesus we are hurting. Someone just died. Someone is crying in pain. Someone is aching. Unrelenting pain. Unrelenting suffering. We don't understand. We cry out to you but there is no response. Just silence. Emptiness. Darkness. Blackness. Tears flowing, we don't understand. We want to know that you hear, that you are alive, that you are present, that you care! We feel raw, broken, and vulnerable. Hear our cry. See our tears. Feel our hurt. Come sit beside us and hold us. Bring warmth in this coldness. Bring sense to this senselessness. It is too painful without you. Hold us. Close. Let us taste your peace, your serenity, your strength, your love, your compassion, and your wisdom. We are desperate. Help!*

*Jesus, we know most of the right answers. Sometimes the right answers are not enough. They don't bring the solace and the comfort that we desire. So, we just need you. Your presence to make us whole, to make us believe, to mend our souls.*

*Jesus, you are not surprised today by what is happening. You are not in shock or awe. You are shock and awe. You have ordained our circumstances just so. You are the potter. You annihilate but also recreate. You make crooked and make straight. You humble and you lift up. You conceal and you reveal. You decimate and you resurrect. You ordain death and you ordain life. You work according to you imperial pleasure. For our good and your glory. For higher purpose and deeper joy. For pain and for beauty.*

*Jesus, help us believe, help us trust, help us breathe, help our hearts to beat. Give us life, hope, zest. Fill us up with yourself. Make us satisfied with you alone. Nothing smaller. Amen*

*Scott C Leeth, MD September 2016*

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Scott Leeth - March 23, 2018 at 06:40 AM

CA

“ Your son is making an impact even after his death. I just finished watching John Woodland's sermon from up north, here in Philadelphia. I have 3 children and hearing about your son's life and legacy has filled me with a new vision as a parent. Sending prayers of comfort to you and your family and praise to the Lord for the wonderful young man your son was and the example he continues to set for us all. Blessings to you and your family, Catherine.

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**catherine** - October 24, 2016 at 08:24 AM

TO

Catherine, thank you for reaching out. It gives us great comfort to know that Taylor's legacy lives on. Prayers for you as you raise your 3 children and continue casting vision for their lives. God bless!

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**Toni** - October 25, 2016 at 06:28 PM

DP

“ Toni and Tim,  
Cat and I are devastated. Our hearts ache for you. I heard John Woodall's sermon this morning on my commute into work. I called Cat and we both lost it. We loved Taylor so much. He was such a wonderful person. We are praying for you guys. Your family has always been such an inspiration to us. I know the DR (Dominican Republic) must be mourning.

*Dave, Catalina and Lucas Parks*

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**Dave and Cat Parks** - October 06, 2016 at 07:07 PM

KD

*“ I was touched when i heard the story of your beautiful son on Sunday...I am a mother who is raising my son MarkAnthony who is 10 and i pray i get it right such has you guys did. Taylor was Gods gift to all. I loved Taylor and i did not know him...my prayers are with you and everyone who was blessed to have met him...sincerely Kadian*



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**Kadian Dayes** - September 29, 2016 at 07:13 PM

TS

*Thank you for your kind words Kadian. John Woodall said we should write something down to help the ones who come behind us. Here is what I write, that I knew bore plentiful fruit in my son. We started him serving others when he was very young and he never saw doing for others as something he "had" to do, but something that came naturally. Prayers for you and your son MarkAnthony.*

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**Toni Strickland** - October 04, 2016 at 02:26 PM

SB

*“ Tim and Toni,  
I cannot imagine the pain you must be going through. You've been in my prayers and thoughts since I first heard the news. I found Taylor to be a fine young man.*

*May you find healing and comfort in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Steve Bilczewski*

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**Steve Bilczewski** - September 18, 2016 at 05:58 PM

TS

*Thank you Steve.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:03 AM

JZ

“ So sad to hear this devastating news. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Jimmy Zoll*

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**Jimmy Zoll** - September 16, 2016 at 12:45 PM

TS

*Thank you Mr. Zoll.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:04 AM

RD

“ We had the opportunity to recently work with Taylor on a key utility project and he was a superstar on the project. He was a fast learner and had great leadership skills...just like his dad! We are all devastated by this news and have Tim and his family in our prayers. There is no greater loss to a parent than losing a child but we know that Taylor is in a better place now. We are fortunate we had the chance to work with such a fine young man and will miss him dearly!

*Robert Duval - Comverge*

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**Robert Duval** - September 14, 2016 at 03:42 PM

TS

*Robert, Tim and I thank you for your kind words. Taylor loved his job. He was so capable and talented. He especially enjoyed interaction with customers and meeting new people. Thank you for lifting him up.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:05 AM

JS

“ *May you feel the peace of God’s love today in the celebration of Taylor’s life.  
What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful life. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
We offered a mass in Taylor’s name. In lieu of flowers, we made a donation to his  
charity: The Atlanta Union Mission.  
Our deepest heartfelt sympathy,*

*Julie, Steve, Heather, Rachel*

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**Julie & Steve Steingass** - September 14, 2016 at 09:14 AM

TS

*Thank you Julie, Steve, Heather and Rachel.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:15 AM

LS

“ *I imagine there is no pain more far reaching and deeper than losing your son, Taylor. My heart and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time.*

*God bless and comfort you,  
Lucy Sargon (Leighton Shor's Mother)*



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**Lucy Sargon** - September 13, 2016 at 12:22 PM

TS

*Thank you Lucy.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:15 AM

LW

“ *Tim, Toni, & Sue ~*

*My heart and prayers are with you and your family. I pray the Lord will wrap his loving arms around each of you and fill you with comfort and peace.*

*Lisa (Harig) Westbrook*



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**Lisa (Harig) Westbrook** - September 12, 2016 at 05:48 PM

TS

*Appreciate your love and prayers Lisa.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Taylor Allen Strickland.*



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September 12, 2016 at 02:28 PM

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“ *With great sadness we wish to express our Sincere Thouhts and Prayers for both Tim andToni . A Mass is being said for Taylorand, you and your intire family God Bless you. Anthony and JoAnn Salamone ( Catherines Granfather and Grandmother)*

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**Anthony and JoAnn Salamone** - September 12, 2016 at 10:45 AM

TS

*Thank you both. We love and appreciate your family. Catherine is a very special young lady and we are blessed to be a part of her life.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:07 AM

DU

“ Toni and Tim-- words can not express our shock when we heard the news last night. We will always remember our Boy Scout days and the fun times we all had camping and Jack and Taylor wrestling each other when they were in High School.  
You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

*Brenda, David, Will and Jack Usher*

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**David Usher** - September 12, 2016 at 09:23 AM

TS

*Thank you all. We certainly do have wonderful memories of our time together. We will hold on to them for all our days, and he will live on in those of us who knew him.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Taylor Allen Strickland.



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September 11, 2016 at 10:31 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Taylor Allen Strickland.



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September 11, 2016 at 07:47 PM

DH

“ To have known Taylor Strickland is a blessing that we, as his brothers will carry with us forever. Taylor was an incredibly smart, always able to light up anything he walked into, and His zest for life and everything it held is why we are so blessed to be apart of his life. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Strickland Family, to Ree, and everyone else whose heart continues to ache for the loss of a dear brother and friend. Although we hurt immensely, the comfort of knowing that one day we will be reunited one day brings us so much comfort. Blessings,

*Dylan S. Henson*

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**Dylan Henson** - September 11, 2016 at 05:27 PM

TS

*Thank you Dylan. Your sweet tributes and insights on Taylor are so appreciated!*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:09 AM

WS

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Strickland,  
My heart and soul ache for you... The loss of your precious son is unimaginable to me.  
I'm praying for your comfort.  
Ms Wilda Stark ( Jeffrey Stark's mother)*

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**wilda stark** - September 11, 2016 at 01:06 PM

TS

*Thank you Wilda.*

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:09 AM

PS

“ *A wonderful young man, gone too soon. My thoughts and Prayers are with this precious family.  
Pat Smith and family.*

Pat Smith - September 11, 2016 at 11:04 AM

TS

*Pat, we so appreciate how you have always loved our family. You spent many days and hours with Taylor, especially in his younger years and we are grateful for your friendship.*

Toni Strickland - September 26, 2016 at 09:10 AM

YF

“ *Your Tantalus Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Taylor Allen Strickland.*



Your Tantalus Family - September 10, 2016 at 07:44 PM

BH

“ *Hearing this news breaks my heart. Seems like yesterday, Taylor was in my 5th grade class at State Bridge. Heaven gained a special angel, and my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, Beth Haggerty*

Beth Haggerty - September 10, 2016 at 06:11 PM

CY

*My deepest sympathies and prayers for all of Taylor's family and friends.*

*A very close and dear friend of his grandfather Allen, Carol Yarborough.*

Carol Hayes Yarborough - September 11, 2016 at 11:32 AM

TS

*Thank you Beth. It really doesn't seem that long ago.*

**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:11 AM

RD

“ *Taylor was an amazing young man, we are so Thankful and Grateful to have known him. He had an immense impact on our Son Danny. Sending all our thoughts and prayers to you, Thank you for Blessing us with your awesome Son. Deepest Condolences.*  
*The Demeter Family*

**Rachel Demeter** - September 10, 2016 at 03:24 PM

TS

*Taylor loved all those boys, and it was one of the great joys of his life to spend those 3 years doing life with them. Thanks for sharing your son with him.*

**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:12 AM

DK

“ *Tim and Toni our heart aches for you both... We will always remember that sweet, spirited, Beautiful boy riding up and down the escalator creating his own fun in a stuffy old San Francisco hotel lobby. Prayers, hugs and lots of love...Cousin Tom and Deb.*

**Deb Kay** - September 10, 2016 at 02:20 PM

TS

*What a great memory Deb. He could always find a way to entertain himself when he was bored. Love you!*

**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:12 AM

CF

“ Taylor Strickland was truly a kind soul. I only knew him for a short amount of time, but I am very blessed I have called him a friend. He really was a wonderful guy. I am very sad to hear of his passing. I know his friends and family loved him very much. My heart aches for all this affected. I will continue to keep the Strickland family in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Caitlin Faith** - September 10, 2016 at 01:12 AM

TS

Caitlin, thank you for your kindness to Taylor and our family. We appreciate your heart and prayers. PS congratulations on that precious baby girl. God bless!

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:13 AM

BF

“ My heart is so heavy and aches for Taylor's mom and dad. I am so sorry for the loss of your son.



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**Belinda Faith** - September 09, 2016 at 09:56 AM

TS

Thanking you this morning Belinda. Enjoy that sweet baby granddaughter. Such a blessing.

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**Toni Strickland** - September 26, 2016 at 09:14 AM