



Donald "Don the Legend" Taylor

March 17, 1968 - July 28, 2023

Donald "Don the Legend" Taylor, 55, Passed away at 1:53am. On Friday, July 28, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony's Hospital. He was born March 17, 1968, in Springfield IL. After 30 years of boxing ears and handling business this was the only fight where he wasn't the "Big Dog". Although this was one fight where he wouldn't mind. He was greeted with open arms by his father and mother the late Sylvester and Agnes (Cleary) Taylor, Sr. along with three of his brothers, Sylvester Taylor Jr., Kenneth Taylor and Kevin Taylor and one sister, Shirley Jones. He was one smooth talking, overall wearing, gambling, heart of gold, tough as nails man, who would dang near bet on anything but the love he had for his family. When it came to those he loved and cared for, he would do anything for them. Surviving him are two daughters, Marinda Kirn of Godfrey, Cierra Mills of Alton, one son, Cody Mills, Sr. of Godfrey, four grandchildren, Jaycee Mills, Cody Mills, Jr., Kindryl McGee and Enzo Mills. Along with several brothers and sisters, numerous nieces and nephews. He was the baby of fourteen, and never let anyone forget it. Yes, this does include his best friend, Harley. Harley is just as protective and hardheaded as he was. If you've ever had the pleasure of visiting "Mom's house" then you knew the deal. He would be at the door ready to greet you with all his pearly whites. He had many "loves" but the ones he loved the most were his Children and Grandchildren. When he wasn't spending time with them. You'd see him out wheeling and dealing. He was the owner of Don's Tree Service in Alton for many years. He was the man. He could sell ice water to an Eskimo. In his

young and wild days, you'd see him in a ball field somewhere knocking homers, cruising on his chopper or casting some lines in a pond but not too far behind him you would catch his best friend Dougie Fresh, more like a brother to him. Saying that missing him would be an understatement but until we all meet again can we get "two hell yeahs". Visitation will be Sunday, August 6, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be Monday, August 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. A Luncheon will be held after burial at Macs Time out at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the family. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

525 East 4th Street
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don the Legend" Taylor.*



August 07, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Don the Legend" Taylor.*



August 05, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of Don's passing. He was a wonderful guy, and he was very fair in his pricing when doing tree work for you. He was always smiling, and he will be missed in so many ways. Thoughts and Prayers go out for his family and close friends.*

Linda S. Deal - August 04, 2023 at 01:38 PM



Yes, he was! Only the greatest. Good I'm glad he was able to help you. That smiling face would cheer anyone up. Thanks again.

Marinda Kirn - August 07, 2023 at 01:48 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Donald "Don the Legend" Taylor.



August 03, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ I Love you Dad ❤️

Marinda Kirn - August 01, 2023 at 11:30 PM



Marina, I'm so sorry for your loss. It's very hard losing your parents. You are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏

Amy Storey - August 01, 2023 at 11:54 PM



Thank you! I appreciate that.

Marinda Kirn - August 02, 2023 at 09:33 AM



So very sorry for your loss Marinda. From what I am hearing he was very well known. I just found out my cousin knew him for 25 years. My heart goes out to your family. Julia and Lauren Ansell

Julia Ansell - August 04, 2023 at 11:40 AM



Thank you! I appreciate that. Yes, he was very well known.

Marinda Kirn - August 07, 2023 at 01:41 AM

MG

“ Rest in peace Donnie❤️ you will be missed by many..



Michelle Garrett - August 01, 2023 at 11:00 PM

KB

So sorry mirinda, Sierra and Cody your dad was loved by so many people and he will definitely be missed and he is a legend. I'm so sorry this happened Just remember he loved all of you guys and he will definitely be watching over you.

kelly blumstein - August 03, 2023 at 01:36 AM

MK

Thank you! He was loved by so many people. The love & support that we have received is amazing.

Marinda Kirn - August 07, 2023 at 01:44 AM