



Victoria Taylor

April 15, 1997 - August 24, 2006

TAYLOR, Victoria - Age 9, passed away Thursday, August 24, 2006 at her residence. Family hour Thursday August 31, 2006 at United Baptist Church, 6440 N. Clio Rd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Willie Towner officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Thursday. Victoria Taylor will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Wednesday. Ms. Victoria Raeneece "Princess" Taylor was born April 15, 1997 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of David and Vicki Taylor. "Princess" as she was called by her family and friends never met a stranger. She loved to talk to people about anything. After one meeting she'd know and remember your name and everything you'd talked about. She was avid wrestler, with the Westwood Heights Battlecats following in her brother, David III's footsteps, and she was coached by Steve Mosley, Simms Johnson, Charles Smith, and Keith Bell. She was not just one of the best female wrestlers in Michigan, but one of the most talented and accomplished wrestlers period. She was two time USGWA National Champion, 2006 MMWA State Champion, 2006 USA/MWF Folkstyle State Champion, 2006 MYWAY Girls National Champion, and placed 4th at the AAU Folkstyle World Championship held at Ford Field. "Princess" also excelled in the classroom at Gundry Elementary as an All-A student, reading at a seventh grade level. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Carole Wolgast. She played basketball with the Flint Area Basketball Club

(FABC), coached by Mike Harvey and John Barton. The team won 1st place in the Flint Summer Olympian Games. She also qualified for the CANUSA 10-under team. She attended United Missionary Baptist Church. Her dream was to play for the Detroit Shocks in the WNBA. Victoria enjoyed fishing and traveling with her family. Victoria R. "Princess" Taylor leaves to cherish her memory: parents, David and Vicki Taylor; grandparents, Roselee Bard and Earnest Gordan, William and Florence Goodwin; 1 brother, David Taylor III (Pie); 3 aunts, Monica (Stanley) Dulaney, Angela (Eric) Towner, and Shirley Taylor; 7 uncles, Robby (Louvenia) Taylor, of Memphis TN, Jerode Taylor, James (Theresa) Bard, Rodney and Mark Bard of Flint, Marcus (Martina) Goodwin and Rev. Warwick (Roslyn) Goodwin, of Toledo, OH; a host of other relatives and friends including cousins, Stanley (Jay) Dulaney, Jr., Frank (Nitty) Taylor, Marcus (Mighty) Towner, Asia (Angel) Goodwin, Keyaisha Horton, Travaris and Tyree Watson, Brandon and Jawan Shipps; best friend, Damiah Williams and her grandma next door, Lessie Caudle; and her favorite teacher, Carole Wolgast. Ms. Taylor was preceded death by her brother, David Taylor Jr.

Tribute Wall



“ *Victoria Taylor*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Princess was a wrestling teammate and friend of mine. Still remember her till this day even though I was just a young boy. She is gone but never forgotten*
- *D'Angelo Jones*

D'Angelo Jones - May 30, 2015 at 09:57 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I remember meeting Princess when she was little. I am praying for the family. "Remember the good times as well as the bad, but let the good outweigh the bad and give strength." God bless you.*

LaKeeka D Dorsey - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Princess always had a smile on her sweet face at wrestling. Vicky & David our prayers are with you at this time. You have been on our minds since Nicole called to tell us what happen. Your daughter will be greatly missed.*

Diane & Eric Turner - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE INPRESSION IN OUR LIVE . I REMEBER SEEING YOU EVERY DAY RUNNING UP TO ME FOR A HUG CALLING ME JOSEPHINE'S MOM. SEEING YOU AT THE KIDS FAIR. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN UOR HEARTS. DELENA ROBISON

JOSEPHINE ROBISON - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Victoria was an outstanding wrestler and an inspiring little girl. I loved watching her high energy on the mat and off the mat. She will be missed but never forgot.
My daughter Paige wrestled with her, Paige told me that she will dedicate her matches to Victoria. Clio youth wrestling board and Club wants the family to know how sorry we are for the loss. Your in our praires. GOD BLESS

Jeremy Amy - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Vicky, Rose & family,

I am so very sorry for for your loss--If I could wave a magic wand and bring her back, I surely would. You'all will be in my prayers.

*Love
Damon*

Damon Nuckolls - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Victoria was a great friend, always nice, always kind. She was a GREAT wrestler and teammate. She will always be missed and in my heart. Love, Savanna

Savanna Coon - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Victoria was a good friend and very competitive . She will always be remembered. As a good girl who worked very hard. I remember when we were in practice. We would joke around and she would say, come on you want to wrestle. I was twice her size and I knew she would tear me up.

Ebony Harvey - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ V is for vivacious
I is for innocent
C is for courageous
T is for tenacious
O is for outstanding
R is for remarkable
I is for integrity
A is for amazing

*These are all words that best describe Victoria. She was a true blessing to our family and she exemplified "light" at our recent reunion. We will remember you today, tomorrow, and always. Let us cherish the memories and keep our roots in him; while rebuilding our lives on him.
May God bless the Taylor and Bard families...*

Nicole & Nigea Carter - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ David and Vicky, Victoria has touched the lives of so many. She was a great role model for all the girls on team michigan. She always encouraged them to work hard and try their best. She was always so happy to help out the younger smaller kids. My daughter kaitlyn was always saying how Victoria helped her at practice. Thank you for letting us have a small part in her life. There are no words I can say to express how sorry I am for your loss. We will never forget Victoria.

Kim Petit - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I had a friend once tell me that every person is like a light bulb, everyone has a glow however some have been blessed to have more "WATTS" than others. I believe Victoria was one of God's MEGA WATT Floodlights. When I think of Princess I think of this saying and the "glow and happiness" she brought to others. Her aura and smile would light up a room. In the short time that my family was able to spend with her it was clear that we were in the presence of a special young lady. Whether it was eating, swimming, playing games, or "cracking jokes" her love for people came shining through. We will continue to keep David, Vicky, "Pie" and extended family in our prayers and ask that you allow Princesses' light to shine through you each and everyday.
God Bless

Antony Nuckolls & Family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I didn't have the privilege of meeting Victoria, but I did see her wrestle a few times and I was very impressed. I am very sorry for your loss.

Melanie Hutchison - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Even though we did not know Victoria very well or for very long, she was a blessing in our lives with her bright smile and happy disposition. Our deepest sympathy is with your family in this tragic time of your life. Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely,
Ron, Jeannie, Jeremy, Josh and Rebecca Hippensteel

Ron and Jeremy Hippensteel and family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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ojrep kexnjbzg - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you. Victoria was awesome! Words cannot describe how much we thought of Victoria. She was an inspiration to all, strong and very sweet - a treasure. May Christ keep you and guide you through this.

The Michael Coon Family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Victoria was a well loved individual. She will truly be missed. Our prayers go out to the family at this time. Marquise was a classmate of Victoria since headstart. He always talked about her and he is truly missing his friend now. If there is anything that you need please call day or night. Just believe that God is right by your side and you can lean on him anytime. I know these are just mere words but please believe they are coming from the heart.

All our love and prayers
Patricia & marquise

Patricia Gaither & Marquise Caldwell - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Mere words can't express the depths of our sympathy. Thank God for the time shared and for precious, precious memories. And take comfort in the fact that this beautiful little Angel, who has obviously touched so many lives and warmed so many hearts at such a young age; is now and forever in Glory. Trust in Him, He will see you through even this; the greatest of tragedies.

Andre Sparks - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Princess we love and miss you so much. I have only known her since this wrestling season, but she was the most cheerful little girl i have been around. Everytime I seen her she would run up and grab my stomach and i would grab her's back. Then we would give each other a hug. I miss her so much words can't describe. Vicky, David just know that she is in a better place and has nothing else to worry about, she is now an angel watching over the family. This year is going to be real hard for us parents and children of the Battlecats team but we are going to prosper and do well this year in dedication to princess, that is what she would want. We love u vikcy david and pie stay strong and keep god in your prayers he will pull u through this time in your life. WE ARE HERE 4 YOU!!!!

Tamika, D'Ario, Fantazia and Ryan - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Vicky thank you for giving me the opportunity to watch your little princess play basketball this Summer. I enjoyed spending the past three weeks with Victoria watching her get ready for the Canusa Games. I will truly miss Victoria watching her beautiful smile running up and down the court. Our prayers are with you and your family and remember that anything I can do please feel free to call me.
Love the 10 and under girls coach
Diana Wiley

coach diana wiley - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I just wanted to give my sorrow to you on behalf of your family in your time of beravement. I have a 5 year old and i can't even imagine what u are going through. I am prayin for your strength only god can give u the strength and comfort that u need. Don't let nobody tell u how to mourn for your child. Whatever it takes please by all means do it. God will be there in the late noight hours when it seems as if you just have to give up. Depend on him. When there is no one there and the people stop coming and calling just remember god is there and he will lead and guide u all the days of your life. Once again i am really sorry about your little princess may god bless u. There is an organizaton calles mothers of murdered children that lady that is over it goes to my church. New Jersulaem. Please call her i have been to a couple of there meetings just to help me with the loss of someone close. I know she can help u

Naikiea Jones - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Cassidie met Victoria by playing catch at the boy's football practices. Victoria is a such a sweet, talented young lady. Dee and Jay are Pie's team mates on the football team. They often watched the girls play and even tryed to talk her into playing on the team with them this year. We will miss her greatly. Hang in there Pie. We are all here for you. We love you, Michelle, Cassidie, Dee and Jay Hudson.

The Hudson Family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ god bless you and your family there are no words to express the pain in your heart but just remeber her smile and know that she will always be with you she is an angel wacthing over her family god bless you

janyelle n dukes - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I am so sad that Victoria died. She was one of my favorite wrestling buddies at Team Michigan. Victoria was fun to play with and a great wrestler. She used to make me laugh when she would wrestle girls twice her size and call them chubby and run and make them chase her. She was always laughing and making wrestling fun. Victoria was always having a lot of fun. I will miss her.

Love,

Natalie

Natalie Toth - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Victoria was a sweet girl and an outstanding athele who always gave 100% and always had a smile on her face. Nationals won't be the same. She will be sorely missed. My prayers are her parents and her brother. This was a life taken too soon.

Chris

Victoria was more then a teammate to me she was a friend. She would always be picking on me. She always put her heart into everything she did. Basketball and wrestling will be much different. She was a very likeable and wonderful person. Her family will be in my prayers. She was a girl that was taken too soon.

Ashley

Chris and Ashley Collins - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the entire family and friends of Miss Victoria Taylor, I know that words are not enough to take away the pain and heartbreak of losing a child. It seems like our children are leaving this place younger and younger and not through illness. I have been grieving with you ever since I heard the news that afternoon. I have been praying for you all. Lean on God Almighty because he is the only one with the power to help you through your darkest hours. You have my deepest sympathy. My prayers are with you night and day.

RENAY SANDERS - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Victoria I will miss seeing you at all the wrestling tournaments for MMWA and the girls nationals. You were a really good wrestler. I will wrestle all my matches for you this year. I will pray for your family. I hope that I will be as good at wrestling as you were. I will never forget you.
GOD BLESS

Paige Amy - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Princess, It seems like only yesterday, that we watched you as a baby. We watched you grow and mature into a beautiful little girl with so much love and laughter to give. In your short time you touched so many lives. You were a model to many on how life should be lived. Know that we love you now and you will forever live within our hearts. Now you are God's Princess.

Sena & Keith Bell & Family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ May God continue to hold you in His arms in this time. We will keep you in our prayers.

Sincerely,
The Dulaney and Davis Family's

Jessie D. Dulaney & Family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Even though i had never seen her she was always in me an Brandon heart . she looked like a angel and so happy i am so sorry for you and your family lost love you vickie Adrienne and Brandon jolly My God bless you now and forever

Adrienne and Brandon Jolly - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Victoria was on amazing little girl. She had more fire and passion and drive than any other person I have ever seen. She truly was a princess, as well as an amazing wrestler, and basketball player. She is very much missed, and will never be forgotten.

Katrina Collins - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Even though i do not know you all iwant you to know that you are in my heart and prayers . May god bless and keep you close.

kimberly clark - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ The first time we ever met Victoria she was wrestling my son Wyatt at a tournament in Montrose, she had him pinned so fast that he had no idea what had just happened to him. After that she gained the respect of our entire family, not only for her skills as a wrestler but for her sportsmanship and her energy. She certainly looked as though she was enjoying herself every time we watched her wrestle. Youth wrestling in mid Michigan will not be the same without her. Your family is in our prayers.

Jim Miller - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Taylor family. We have had the privledge of watching her wrestle the past couple of years in the MMWA, she was a great athlete an inspiration to us all, she will be missed dearly.

Dan and Sarah sholler - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Not only has the Michigan wrestling community lost a true champion, but we've all lost a "Princess". She was an inspiration to all and will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mychal Grenawalt

Mychal Grenawalt - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ victoria was a good little wrestler who beat our grandson austin and after that we watched her every time she had a match,,,she was soo awesome.we are so sorry for the loss of your talented little girl, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers for a very long time.....we will never forget her.... i hope to see you at the wrestling this year so i can talk to you in person.....please keep the faith and god will bring you through.....our hearts are with you!!!...love and prayers.....

DUTCH & CHERYL WEST - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ i just want to tell u how sry my family and i are really sry for your loss i liked victoria she was my friend in wrestling she was the first girl to beat me and she is so good i miss her alot and wrestling this yr wont be the same without her im really sad this happen to her she was only 9 my age i dont understand it but this yr in wrestling when i wrestle my first match its gonna be for victoria im really sry again love austin edel (ramchargers)

austin edel (ramchargers) - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ We were all just together a few weeks ago. Princess was taking on all the older cousins in basketball games.
Our prayers are with you all.
God can heal your hearts and give you all peace.
This is our constant prayer!

Tobin/Myra Williams - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Vickie, David & Pie- Princess was a special little girl who will always have a special place in my heart. We will truly miss her smile & outgoing personality. She will be sadly missed. God needed her more and she was called to be with her brother. Just keep God First and I will continue to pray for your family.

Michelle Butler & Mikael Bard - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Victoria was a wonderful little girl my daughter was her class mate and friend ever time victoria would see me in the hall she would give me a hug she was so full of joy. She will be missed my prays our with you and your family.

Lisa Williams - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My condolences and prayers goes out to the Taylor/Bard famlies.

Latasha Anderson and family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Words can not not express how some one truly feels when something so tragic happens. Victoria was a very special girl. We have watched her many times over the years. Wrestling has lost a champion, as has the community. As parents and MMWA freinds we have you in ours thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and see you thought this time. Kevin, Kerry and Bryce Holmgren

Kevin And Kerry Holmgren - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ David and Vicki i thank you from the bottom of my heart for bringing such a joy into my life. Victoria was an exceptional young lady that was an insperation to me as well as the entire Flint Area Basketball Ball (FABC) family.
Sadly missed but never forgotten. Our deepest condolences and prayers are with you.

Victoria will be sadly missed but never forgotten

Coach Mike Harvey - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Although we did not get the chance to spend a lot of time with Victoria, the brief time spent together will always be cherished. While playing basketball at our recent family reunion, Victoria showed us the characteristics all great champions possess. Victoria was focused, energetic, resilient, and committed to going above and beyond the status quo. From all that we have heard in the days following the passing of our beloved Princess, we truly believe that Victoria's life shines as an example for everyone to follow. We all should pursue excellence to achieve greatness in every aspect of our lives. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain. God bless our family at this time of grief. Let us all remember that our home is in Heaven. Death is a comma, not a period. Victoria, we love you and will live each day to the fullest to honor your tremendous zest for life, school, wrestling, basketball, and more. In the true spirit of our African heritage, we must keep Victoria's legacy alive. As long as one or more person speaks her name, she will never die.

The Nuckolls Family - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We are so saddened to hear about your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

John, Melanie and Blake Nivel

John, Melanie & Blake Nivel - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Taylor Family:

It is with great sadness that we heard about Victoria. Please accept our heart felt condolences with the love that it is intended to express. While our words cannot accurately convey our sorrow for you, nor can they provide you with much comfort we are confident that our combined HOPE that we will see Victoria again when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back to take us all home.

*The Kinne Family
And LAO Youth Wrestling Club
Levi & Noah Kinne*

Loren Kinne - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *May God bless you and keep you in his grace. My prayers and thoughts go to you in your loss of such a gracious and loving spirit.*

Rafeal Stephens - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Hi. I met Victoria at my house with my Aunt Carole, Her teacher. We went to the water park together and had a great time. Victoria became my friend and I really liked her. She liked my dogs too. I will miss her. When I heard about the accident I cried alot.*

deanna wirth - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ victoria was a great person and wrestler and friend she always had a smile on her face and was never scard to wrestle anyone she was and always will be like familey to me and always will be in my hart theres gunna be a spot on the team no one can fill no matter how hard they try no one will ever have the hart she had she could do anything that she put her mind to she will never be forgotten

Devon slater - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ I just want to say is that the lost og princess is a shock to every i fill relly sorry and sshe will be in all of are prayers

ayricka - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry and sad to have heard about Victoria. Devin and I will miss her and her bright smile. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

-Janis

Janis Smyth (Devin's mom - Wrestling) - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Our heart goes out to family, and we give all our support and love. Anytime you need anything or just someone to talk to we are always just a phone call away. Keep your faith in God, and remember to love your family every day.

*Battlecats for Life
Hermon Gillum and Family*

Hermon Gillum - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Being that I'm not in the local Michigan area, I did not have the opportunity to see Victoria on a regular basis, which I do regret. But this month at the family reunion I got to spend time with her, playing basketball & enjoying other family functions. To know 9 years is so short, but the 2 days I spent with her, left such an IMPACT of how much energy she had, so sweet and such a kind and caring person she was. She was a determined competitor, I was impressed. I was watching the WNBA 2 weeks ago & I was thinking I will see her there in a few years. Hearing what happened I still can't believe its true. I always hear, "Everything that happens is God's will." We don't always understand why... I so pray that the love Victoria gave to us, grows with in us, as she is now a Angel looking down upon us. Love!!!

Victor Calloway - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ We will surley miss her. We will keep your family constantly in our prayers and thoughts during this sorrowful time. May God keep you close to him. You will have an angel looking over you always.

The Amine Family

Sam & Tonya Amine - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ our family grieves with you, god bless you all.

kim and tom miller - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ AYo my heart gos out ta yoll i love u guys hi pie

manny shpps - August 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM