



Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.

October 7, 1975 - April 20, 2012

Stanley Taylor Spies Jr., 36, died the morning of Friday, April 20, 2012, at his home in Wilmington, where he lived with his wife, Jacquelyn Parkhill Spies, and two sons, Jude Xavier and Noah Isaac.

Born in Easton, MD, October 7, 1975, to Stanley Taylor Spies, Sr., and Margot Mundt Spies, he graduated from Easton High School in 1994. He received a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park. While at the University, he was an active member of the agriculture fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, and served as its President from 1996-1997. He also served as the vice-president of the University's over-all fraternity governing body, the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC). Taylor obtained a joint Masters degree from Purdue University and Indiana University in 2010; Master of Agriculture Economics from Purdue and Master of Business Administration from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana.

Taylor started his business career in Washington, DC with World Perspectives, a daily Agriculture news information magazine. The next 10 years he worked for Perdue Grain of Salisbury, Maryland. Taylor developed many close relationships during his years at Perdue. Taylor also had the opportunity to write a weekly column for the Delmarva Farmer newspaper. Writing the articles kept him connected to the agriculture community of which he was so fond. For the past two years Taylor worked for Murphy Brown Grain

of Rose Hill, North Carolina. Taylor joined Murphy Brown in June of 2010. In March of 2011, he assumed the leadership role as Director of Procurement for MB East. Though his career pulled him away from the family farm, he remained involved and proud to have grown up on an eastern shore farm. In 2009, Taylor and his brothers established Tidewater Vineyards and Triple Creek Winery on the home farm.

Taylor's great passions were his family and his faith. A soccer ball on the beach with his wife and sons was the definition of a perfect afternoon to Taylor. While in Salisbury, he served as a Youth Group leader at St. Frances de Sales Catholic Church. Taylor enjoyed explaining faith and life in terms that registered with the teens of the church. His thirst for reading and knowledge went beyond education and faith. There were very few times Taylor was not reading three or more books, simultaneously.

Over the next days and weeks, many will have untold and re-told stories of his adventures that reflect on the joy that he brought to countless lives. In Taylor's advanced directives, he wanted people to remember he enjoyed life and the friends he shared it with. He wrote, "I want people to take my love of life and live it!"

He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn; sons, Xavier and Isaac; brother, Paul (Laura) Spies; brother, Alex Spies and Terri; brother, Corey and Katie Spies; grandmothers, Peggy Mundt, Doris Lee Taylor, and Anne Spies; nieces, Miranda, Maddi, Mackenzie, Georgia, Audrey and Alexis; nephews, Blake, Peyton, and Brennon; in-laws, Wayne and Pamela Parkhill; sister in-law, Marla and Michael Harrison.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Donald "Tinner" Spies and John J. Mundt Sr.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at St. Marks Methodist Church in Easton. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Salisbury. The burial in Oxford Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to benefit Xavier and Isaac's care and education and sent to Talbot Bank c/o Bea Juliano, 18 East Dover St., Easton, MD 21601. Checks are to be made payable to: Jacqui Spies FBO Xavier/Isaac.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
535 Riverside Drive
Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beth Weddell lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Beth Weddell - April 30, 2012 at 10:25 AM



*I remember all the the Spies Boys from school, and riding the bus as kids. I also remember being in Concert Choir with Taylor. He was always so nice and funny. My deepest sympathy to his entire family.
~Beth Weddell*

Beth Weddell - April 30, 2012 at 10:28 AM

BB

“ *It was a pleasure to have known him, and worked with him as a catechist at St Francis de Sales Church. My prayers go out to his family and friends.*

Bill Bukowski - April 30, 2012 at 09:19 AM

JG

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire Spies family. Taylor was one of the brightest men I've ever met. I was truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with him during our time together in the MBA program.*

*My deepest sympathy,
Jeff Griffeth*

Jeff Griffeth - April 27, 2012 at 02:50 PM

BP

“ *Dear Jacqui and Spies family,*

My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. As so many do I too feel blessed and lucky to have known and spent time with Taylor. I am sure that I have never met anyone else so thoughtful and so caring. I cherish the memories of Taylor with the enthusiasm and joy in his voice while telling me about something in his life which he loved whether it be about his boys or about the music of Caleb Stine.

*with deepest sympathy,
Brian Petzold*

Brian Petzold - April 27, 2012 at 01:32 PM



“ *Spies Family,*

You are in our thoughts and our prayers. I didnt get to spend much time with Taylor at AGR, but what little time I spent with him will stay with me the rest of my days. Taylor was a wonderful person, and will be missed.

Psalm 10:17

LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.

1 Corinthians 15:55–57

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Richard & Shimaë O'Hara

Richard O'Hara - April 27, 2012 at 10:36 AM

KH

“ *I just wanted to say how glad I am that my family and I got to spend time with Taylor over Thanksgiving. It really feels like we were given a gift now.*

Kelly Horvath - April 27, 2012 at 08:24 AM

“ My family and I are next-door neighbors to Taylor and his family in Wilmington, NC. As I sit at my desk and type I look into their kitchen and living room windows and am so awfully sad that no one is home. There is no activity. Taylor did not come home today to the cheers of joy from his two lovely sons, Isaac and Xavier, and a loving smile and embrace from his extraordinary wife, Jacqui.

I always knew Taylor was smart, and very special. His attitude toward life was refreshing. From the very day Taylor and his family moved in next door, our daughters Caroline and Lydia were so thrilled to have a new neighbor. After they saw Xavier, they went next door to introduce themselves. When they came back home, they exclaimed, "That one we saw isn't even the youngest! There's another one too!" From the instant that our girls met Taylor, Jacqui, and their two boys, they knew that they were bound for many special and happy times together--which certainly did come to fruition. Caroline and Lydia absolutely adored Isaac and Xavier and visa versa.

I was moved by Taylor in everything from his wonderful, full-of-life opera-style singing inside of his house with the windows wide-open for the neighborhood to hear, to the soccer match tournaments in their side yard with his sons, our two daughters, and the young boy on the other side of our house, Joshua. These soccer matches could sometimes span multiple days--always picking up where they left off and always wearing the kids out. I'm not sure who had more fun, Taylor or the children. In the winter, soccer and the outdoor activities waned, but with warmer temps and spring our wonderful neighborhood front porch culture with all of our children laughing, hugging, singing, running, tumbling, and playing was just getting in to full swing again. I loved hearing Taylor's shouts of joy, and the splendid laughter of all of these children outside soaking up life for all that it is worth.

I received my master's degree in small farm systems research and extension from U. of Florida--a long time ago--and it was nice to

engage in conversations with Taylor regarding agriculture topics that so brought me right back to my passion of yore. Even more, I enjoyed easy, jovial conversations over fire-roasted oysters and a beer at my sister and brother-in-law's back yard--Taylor and Jacqui's neighbor on the other side of their house from us. Taylor, Jacqui, Xavier, and Isaac felt like a part of our family. We could always count on each other to watch each other's children while we ran to the store, the bank, or took the dog to the park for a quick sprint. We made each other's lives richer, and easier.

My wife and I lament at how we sometimes take life, and the wonderful, inspiring people around me for granted. We wish we would have gone next door to Taylor and Jacqui's more often. We wish we would have told them how happy we all were to know them and be a part of their lives. After reading people's comments here, I wish I would have sat around with Taylor more often and asked him more questions about his life before North Carolina. I wish I could talk more with him about animal feed, countertops, sports, his passions, his plans for the future, travel, finer points on the effectiveness of former federal Secretaries of Agriculture, my work, his work... anything just to soak up all that we have to share with each other during our brief time here. Thank you, Spies family. We'll never forget you. We love you all.

-The Holmes-Yermal family--Christopher, Jennifer, Caroline, Lydia

Christopher Yermal - April 26, 2012 at 07:41 PM

WC

One of my favorite experiences knowing Taylor was meeting friends of his I'd never met before -- his reach was practically global and it spanned many generations -- or hearing and seeing the impact he made on people's lives even after a short period of getting to know them. Thank you for this post; I was vividly imagining everything you described with a smile. Taylor wanted a family and spoke of it years before most of us came around to the idea, and I'm glad he had neighbors like you to share that with.

Will Chapman - April 26, 2012 at 07:50 PM

PS

Thank you for your message. It is nice to know your big brother was so loved.

Paul Spies - April 30, 2012 at 09:17 AM

CP

“ I didn't know Taylor real well, but worked with him and Paul at Crystal Cafe. He always was so nice, and always had a smile on his face. So glad I had the pleasure of knowing him. My thoughts are with the family....He will be missed by so many....



Connie Plutschak - April 26, 2012 at 12:20 PM

NC

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Jacqui, the boys and the entire Spies family. May Taylor be the twinkle in all of our eyes. You will be missed.

Nancie Corum-Oxley - April 26, 2012 at 09:27 AM

“ We all have suffered a tremendous loss with Taylor's passing. I think we can easily see that his much too short amount of time with us was remarkable in it's magnitude. This week I have constantly been applying the word "Great" regarding Taylor. Great Son. Great Brother. Great Husband. Great Father. Great Uncle. Great Friend. Great Writer. Great Teacher. Great Christian. Great Student. I'm sure you can think of many other qualifiers not mentioned here. His thirst for knowledge was off the charts. At family dinners, we would always start with a football game(full tackle, the boys insisted). It would always end when, in the early years, someone would cry, or in later years, someone got hurt. I was always amazed how after dinner, when the other kids would go off to watch TV, or play a game, Taylor would stay right at the table with the adults drinking in as much information as he could, as well as engage in the conversation. He was about 7 at the time. That thirst for knowledge. Amazing. His physical limitations may have hindered his athletic abilities some, but I never saw anyone compete harder or who loved sport more. I would trade ALL of my athletic ability, my love of sports, and my hair(well, most of it), for ten percent of Taylor's brain cells. To think of what I might have accomplished by now. We feel especially cheated now knowing Taylor was about to embark on the next chapter. Moving back to Maryland with his beautiful young family and naturally excited to start his new postion with Perdue. How awesome to be chosen to spearhead a completely new division of an international company, having the full confidence of the top executives. They were obviously confident that with his knowledge, organizational skills, and work ethic that he would make them shine all over the world. What an awesome person he was. He would have nailed it. What else is there to say? Can you ever remember walking into a room full of people and NOT seeing Taylor either smiling or making someone else smile? I know that I can't. Just a special, special person. Do you know of a family with more loving, caring parents and brothers than this group? If you do, You are a very lucky person.

*I'll close by saying I left out one adjective of "Greatness": Great Nephew.
Godspeed, Taylor. I'll miss you very, very much. Uncle Jay*

Uncle jay - April 26, 2012 at 08:47 AM

WC

Jay, I would give anything just to have seen him in action at work in recent years. Taylor was humble enough to downplay his brilliance, or at least when you ran into him he wouldn't play up the fact he'd just gotten a major promotion, oh, a couple of months into his new career. But hearing these past few days some testimonials of major figures in his field -- plus the tribute Murphy Brown displayed across its front page -- it's clear he was not just a rising star but truly a world-class mind. With Taylor, there was no limit. Through all the times I kept him up til sunrise discussing he probably understood with greater clarity than I ever will, to just laughing and enjoying his company and the unparalleled knack he had for connecting with people and making a lasting impact in their lives, I thought of Taylor not as just a dear friend but the best of a generation. I'm with you ... I will miss him tremendously.

Will Chapman - April 26, 2012 at 07:59 PM

KH

That is truly beautiful.

Kelly Horvath - April 27, 2012 at 08:20 AM

PS

Thanks Uncle Jay. Thanksgiving will be much different without my teammate. At least I have a real excuse why the older boys didn't beat their little brothers this year!

Paul Spies - April 30, 2012 at 09:24 AM



“ *Kelly Beauchamp lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Kelly Beauchamp - April 26, 2012 at 05:53 AM

“ I didn’t know Stanley very well. But I sure did know Taylor. Among family friends, he was often called ‘Little Taylor’ to distinguish son from father.

I think Taylor never cared much for the moniker ‘Little’. But as soon as he might express his opinion of that title, it was like water off the duck’s back, never to be worried about again. ‘Little’ was, indeed, merely a synonym for “junior,” because in life he was anything but ‘little’ in personality.

When I remember Taylor, it is difficult to separate him from that well known Cordova coterie: “The Spies Boys.” Those that knew them as children first, may even still refer to them as ‘boys.’ In their mature years they have proven the term ‘boys’ to be synonymous with ‘respectable men.’

One may have heard the phrase “Those Spies Boys, they are a mess!” Perhaps you have uttered it yourself. The phrase may have even been expanded to something like “I don’t know what kind of mess they are, but they’re a mess of something!” Taylor, the oldest, often bore the mantle of leadership of this ‘mess.’ Without Taylor, there is now a gaping hole in that ‘mess,’ in our communities, and in our hearts.

Upon some reflection, I have considered that there might be deeper meaning behind the euphemism ‘a mess.’ I think its meaning may not be limited to ‘mischievous boy.’ On Maryland’s Eastern Shore ‘a mess’ is a term used to describe “a lot,” “a great quantity,” or “abundance.” Do these words describe Taylor? I think they do. In fact, it might be taken one step further. The phrase “That boy was a mess...” implies an unspoken word at the end, as if there is a blank waiting to be filled in. How would you finish the sentence, “That boy was a mess of ____ [blank].” Now instead of ‘mess’, arrange the phrase with the words “a lot,” “a great quantity,” or “abundance.” Then fill in the blank with any quality that would have described him.

For example:

“Taylor was a mess of fun,” translates to “Taylor was a lot of fun.”

Perhaps more poignantly:

Taylor gave a great quantity of love.

Taylor was abundant in life,

Abundant in ...joy, good will, compassion, forgiveness, laughter.

Every quality in abundance, every action done in the superlative made Taylor an unforgettable person. If you had known him since he was a child or if you had known him only a relatively short time, he made a lasting impression on you.

I knew Taylor well when we were children. We participated in many 4-H events together. When we became adults, the paths of our lives diverged. But I always received news of Taylor through the years. It was always good news. News of how his tremendous will and great confidence once again allowed him to reach yet another milestone: a 4-H award, a part in the school play, a college degree, a good job, a lovely wife, two beautiful children. Along the way hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of people had their days brightened merely by coming into contact with him. Every one of them, I believe, had their lives changed for the better, just for having known him.

Eric Heinsohn - April 25, 2012 at 11:53 PM

FN

“ Although I did not know your son, I knew you Margot because of the special care you gave to my husband Jack at the cancer center when he was there. I cannot possibly know what it is like to lose a son but I do know what it like to love one and I send you and your family my sympathy. I did meet Paul when he came to our home to advise us on growing grapes for wine. It was a pleasure to meet him and appreciated all of his help. You will be my thoughts and prayers.

Faye H. Nave

Faye H. Nave - April 25, 2012 at 09:06 PM

FN

“ Faye H. Nave lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Faye H. Nave - April 25, 2012 at 08:59 PM

KL

“ Kay And Fred Lister lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Kay and Fred Lister - April 25, 2012 at 03:15 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hettling lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Nancy Hettling - April 25, 2012 at 01:16 PM

BC

“ I did not know you as well as your wife, Jacqui, but I know that you gave her much love and happiness and together you created two beautiful lives that will live on and keep your memory alive. Our thoughts and prayers, Barb and Leo Campion

Barbara Campion - April 25, 2012 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ Thinking of Taylor, his beautiful life and that awesome, contagious smile!

Please know that we are thinking of the entire Spies family during this difficult time, and will continue to hold you all in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers for a long time to come. We are so happy and thankful to have been able to know Taylor and all the amazing things he's accomplished in his short time here. Please know that his love for life will continue to inspire others for years to come, it has done so for me already.

Love,

Rachael Shankle

(and the rest of my family- Sarah Shankle, Addie Shankle Besemer, Barbara Crutchley, and Dick Shankle)

Rachael A. Shankle - April 25, 2012 at 10:39 AM



“ *To the entire Spies family, Our deepest sympathy for all of you in this time of sorrow.*

Mike Theresa (Teri) Dulin - April 25, 2012 at 09:15 AM

MD

“ *Mike And Theresa (Teri) Dulin lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Mike and Theresa (Teri) Dulin - April 25, 2012 at 09:06 AM

KS

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Spies and extended Spies family;
Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Katie, Andrew, Caroline and Claire Southworth*

Katherine Southworth - April 25, 2012 at 08:30 AM



“ *Dear Margot and Taylor,
We cannot imagine your heartbreak and grief right now. Picture that beautiful smile looking into the face of Jesus right now.
Our deepest sympathy to you and your wonderful daughter-in-law, grandsons, your boys , and all the family.
Our love and prayers, Calvin and Debby Taylor*

Calvin Debby Taylor - April 24, 2012 at 09:10 PM



“ Alfred Stevi Saathoff lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Alfred Stevi Saathoff - April 24, 2012 at 08:40 PM

KE

“ Kenneth L. Evans lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Kenneth L. Evans - April 24, 2012 at 07:31 PM

KE

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Spies family. Your family blessed me in many ways during my teaching years at Easton Middle school. Ken Evans

Kenneth L. Evans - April 24, 2012 at 07:38 PM

BK

“ Bobbie Sue Knight lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Bobbie Sue Knight - April 24, 2012 at 06:40 PM

PJ

“ Your family has had such an impact on my career as an educator. All your boys are stalwart young men and I enjoyed the times we spent together at Cordova/Upper County and Easton Middle School. When I read of Taylor's passing, my eyes filled with tears and I immediately began to think of him as a student and fond memories came to mind. I can't thank you enough for letting me spend time with your boys.



God bless,

Pat Johnson

Patrick Lee Johnson - April 24, 2012 at 03:49 PM

PD

“ Patrick / Maureen Donovan lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Patrick / Maureen Donovan - April 24, 2012 at 03:16 PM

PD

“ We were blessed by Taylor's presence in our lives and will always be grateful for a life well lived. Please be assured of our continued prayers for all those who mourn this great loss.

Patrick and Maureen Donovan - April 24, 2012 at 03:15 PM

SF

“ Shannon Fogg lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Shannon Fogg - April 24, 2012 at 02:02 PM

CR

“ Chris Angell Riffe lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Chris Angell Riffe - April 24, 2012 at 11:57 AM

CR

*Dear Spies Family,
My thoughts and prayers go out you during this very difficult time. I have such fond memories of us all hanging out during High School. I remember during that horrible ice storm we were out of power in Trappe for over a week and here comes a grinning Taylor with some a some steak & potatoes that were so delicious. He didn't have to do it, but he did because he was Taylor. And then when I was nervous about having a date for my senior prom, Taylor asked me to go. He didn't want me to miss out on my Senior Prom. I'm grateful to have known him and had him as a friend. I pray that all your memories and memories that friends and other loved ones share help comfort you. My deepest sympathies.
- Chris Angell Riffe*

Chris Angell Riffe - April 24, 2012 at 04:49 PM



“ *Brenda Forbes-Butler lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Brenda Forbes-Butler - April 24, 2012 at 10:08 AM



Taylor, Margot and family, no words, no matter how tender can touch what you're feeling right now. I pray that the memories you have of Taylor and the love of family and friends comfort you during this difficult time. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Brenda Forbes-Butler

Brenda Forbes-Butler - April 24, 2012 at 10:08 AM

KH

“ *Kathryn Stephenson Hoke lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Kathryn Stephenson Hoke - April 24, 2012 at 09:40 AM

KH

I am so sorry to hear about Taylor's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family.

Kathryn Stephenson Hoke - April 24, 2012 at 09:42 AM

SS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Taylor. I worked with him at Perdue and he was a GREAT guy! My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family! My sympathies are with you during this difficult time.*

Sharon Short - April 24, 2012 at 09:05 AM

SS

“ Sharon Short lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Sharon Short - April 24, 2012 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ Shelley Sanders lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Shelley Sanders - April 24, 2012 at 08:54 AM

CH

“ Cara Harrison lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Cara Harrison - April 24, 2012 at 08:52 AM

KA

“ Kay Almassy (Mike Harrison's Aunt) lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Kay Almassy (Mike Harrison's aunt) - April 24, 2012 at 08:10 AM

JS

“ *Jeanie Scott lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Jeanie Scott - April 24, 2012 at 07:47 AM

MM

“ *Michelle McCafferty lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Michelle McCafferty - April 24, 2012 at 07:43 AM

MM

*Margot,
Sending Love & hugs to you and your family at this very difficult time.
Please know that each & every one of us are keeping you in our hearts
and prayers!!! We love you!!!*

*With much love,
Your co-workers At Shore Regional Cancer Center*

Michelle McCafferty - April 24, 2012 at 07:45 AM

CB

“ *Dear Spies Family,
Our thoughts & prayers go out to all of you. I remember Taylor from
when we were all growing up in Cordova and I cannot remember a
time when he didn't have that wonderful, contagious smile on his
face. Chances are if you were with Taylor, you were smiling too.
Hugs to you all.*

Casey & Jason Baynard - April 24, 2012 at 07:40 AM

VI

“ Vickie lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



vickie - April 23, 2012 at 08:53 PM

SM

“ St. Francis de Sales reminds us that "Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well." Just as other have noted - Taylor was Extraordinary. His faith defined every encounter. I am grateful to have known him and to keep his memory. I know I am one of an extraordinary number people whose lives he touched and pray in thanksgiving for all that he was and all that he shared so selflessly and effortlessly with others. My heart will forever smile at the thought of him.

Susan Murray - April 23, 2012 at 07:43 PM

TP

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Tom Parisi and family

Thomas Parisi - April 23, 2012 at 07:03 PM

EE

“ Taylor was extraordinary...the wisdom of an elder combined with the spirit of a child. His intellect, humor, and faith were amazing gifts that he shared so effortlessly. He truly lived life to the fullest. My prayers are with Jacqui, his adorable boys, and cherished parents and brothers. May God hold you close in this time of sorrow.

Eileen Emerson-Boles - April 23, 2012 at 06:21 PM

BS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Jacqui and the Spies Family. I echo many of the comments below regarding Taylor's personality and spirit. He was truly a great person and friend.

Ben Smith - April 23, 2012 at 04:38 PM

EH

“ Few, including me, really know who Stanley is, but “little Taylor” - now that's a man that we all know well. To meet little Taylor once would leave a lasting impression. To meet him not more than twice would leave an impression lasting a lifetime. “Little brother:” thank you for impressing upon me memories that will last the rest of my life.

Eric Heinsohn - April 23, 2012 at 03:23 PM

LR

“ Lisa Richey-Burgis lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Lisa Richey-Burgis - April 23, 2012 at 02:57 PM

SB

“ Spies Family,

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.

Danny & Sherri Brown

Sherri Sump Brown - April 23, 2012 at 02:28 PM

SO

“ *Spies Family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are thinking of each of you and pray that you have strength as you deal with the loss of Taylor.

Stein Olavsrud - April 23, 2012 at 01:03 PM

HC

“ *Spies Family-*

You are in our thoughts and prayers and we send our deepest sympathy to you all. Those that we love are sometimes taken all too quickly from us so remember the good times and treasure each and every moment that you had the chance of spending with Taylor. He was such an intelligent and amazing young person who always made me smile. He will be missed by so many. Thinking of each and every one of you.

Heather and Willie Comegys - April 23, 2012 at 11:44 AM

CN

“ *The Nagel family and all of the employee's at Nagel Farm Service send our deepest sympathy. We offer our prayers continually that the Lord bring peace and comfort to the entire family. Taylor was a pleasure to deal with personally and professionally. We remember him fondly in so many ways.*

Chad Nagel

Chad Nagel - April 23, 2012 at 11:19 AM

SI

“ *Dear Spies Family,*

Our prayers are with you at this sad time. In our every memory of Taylor, he was always smiling, always so bright.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Susan Harrison, III

Susan & Raymond Harrison, III - April 23, 2012 at 09:53 AM

LB

“ *Laura And Tim Bishop lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Laura and Tim Bishop - April 23, 2012 at 09:51 AM

CH

“ *Christin lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Christin - April 23, 2012 at 09:25 AM

CH

Taylor was bright with a great sense of humor. Could always make me laugh, sometimes at myself. You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Spies family.

Christin - April 23, 2012 at 09:29 AM

SW

“ I only new him for the year he has spent at Murphy-Brown. He had a "go getter" attitude and I can still hear his laugh. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Susan Wallace



Susan Wallace - April 23, 2012 at 09:15 AM

SF

“ Sandy Walton / Talbot Co. FSA lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Sandy Walton / Talbot Co. FSA - April 23, 2012 at 08:55 AM

SW

My thoughts and prayers are with the Spies family. God Bless you all at this moment of loss.

Sandy Walton - April 23, 2012 at 08:56 AM

BC

“ Brandi Cummings Coursey lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Brandi Cummings Coursey - April 23, 2012 at 06:46 AM

“ A community in mourning. Twenty-odd years ago, sitting next to Taylor in Concert Choir, I never would have imagined it. Taylor. His voice was so high in ninth grade that Mr. Thomas assigned him to the Alto group, usually exclusively comprised of girls. Taylor took it in stride, even with the good-natured teasing from all of us. Taylor smiled. It was his answer, his acceptance of it all. After a while the teasing stopped. Taylor still smiled. The Fiddler. Dancing on top of the roof. These memories dart in and out of my mind over the past couple of days. Taylor teasing back. He teased me to the point of anger one time and I beat him with a cardboard poster tube. After having a good laugh, he put his arm on my shoulder and promised he never would tease me again, and called me friend. He kept his promise. He was a friend. But he still teased me a little, sometimes a lot.

I babysat the Spies boys. Once, maybe twice I think. They really made me earn my money. We'll leave it at that.

Leaders Club at the Y. Overnights, rallies, recycling cans, roadside clean-ups. Mountain Dew and Domino's Pizza. Big Bird, the yellow van. Deer-meat surprises. Penni. Seeing how much he could get away with, making everyone giggle, suppressed laughter many times. Paul, Alex, and Corey also instigating and joining in the fun. Taylor was a Leader. In every sense of the word. And he captured everyone's hearts in the Leader's family up and down the East Coast. On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, I stood on a misty-rainy soccer field at the Y and reminisced with Katie Spies about these things. We talked about her family and the Spies's. I asked about each one, ending with Taylor and his health, and I was glad to hear he was doing fine. Later that evening he would post pictures on Facebook of his adorable boys, prompting me to creep a little on his page and look at more pictures. Taylor. Jacqui. Beautiful boys. Friends and family. Every picture holding a story.

Two days later the news came that Taylor had passed. Taylor. Shock. Sorrow. Sadness. Grief. Taylor. WTH??

I visited Taylor at UMCP years ago, when "The Licks" played in the basement of his fraternity house. Taylor greeted me at the door with a smile. At the end of the night, I commented to Taylor how nice his fraternity brothers were. He said to me, "We have a code of conduct. But you know, we're really all just a bunch of farm boys." I think that sums up Taylor nicely. He had his own code of conduct. He was a farm boy, his roots embedded deeply in this community and in the lives and hearts of many. Taylor was a farmer of friends, family, smiles, laughter... I would challenge anyone to say that they weren't impacted by his brilliant spirit and his very old soul.

Thanks, Taylor. And thank you, Spies family, for sharing him with us. We are all so lucky to have called him friend. - Laura Higgins Payne

Laura Higgins Payne - April 22, 2012 at 08:39 PM

WA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great loss.*

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble."

Psalm 46:1

Weylin, Minda, Sophie, Pheobe-Tate, W and Dolly-Mae Anderson

Weylin B. Anderson - April 22, 2012 at 07:31 PM

KB

“ *Karen Schlotzhauer Brown lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Karen Schlotzhauer Brown - April 22, 2012 at 05:48 PM

RO

You are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Psalm 10:17

LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.

1 Corinthians 15:55–57

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Richard & Shimae O'Hara

Richard A. O'Hara - April 23, 2012 at 09:23 AM

MM

“ *On behalf of Howard Moore, Jr and family, our thoughts and prayers are with the Spies family. May God bless you and keep His comforting arms around you during this time*



Meredith Moore - April 22, 2012 at 02:37 PM

CR

“ *George and I are so sad about Taylor's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Chris Roberts - April 22, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Spies family. Taylor was a dear friend from graduate school and I will miss him tremendously.*

John Guglielmi

John Guglielmi - April 22, 2012 at 09:04 AM

GH

“ *Gail And Frank Hastings lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Gail and Frank Hastings - April 22, 2012 at 06:11 AM

GH

“ *Margot, Taylor, Paul, Alex and Cory
Our thoughts and prayers are with you....
Frank and Gail Hastings*

Gail and Frank Hastings - April 22, 2012 at 06:08 AM

KA

“ *Dear Spies Family, I'm so saddened by the news. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kevin Atticks - April 21, 2012 at 07:55 PM

DP

“ *Dear Taylor, Margot, Paul, Alex and Cory.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lloyd and Debra Pahlman*

Debra Pahlman - April 21, 2012 at 06:11 PM

ER

“ Dear Taylor, Margot, Paul, Alex and Cory,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and my heart aches for the loss of such a bright spirit that was Taylor. His humor, quick mind and wonderful personality made him a joy to know during my four years with AGR. He will not be forgotten.

Erin Roser

Erin Colleen Roser - April 21, 2012 at 04:59 PM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Phil Foster - April 21, 2012 at 01:14 PM

PF

My thoughts and prayers to all of the Spies family at the time of this very sad and unexpected loss. May your faith give you the strength that you need at this sad time.

Phil Foster - April 21, 2012 at 01:19 PM

VG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Spies family. I have such fond memories of all of you from my time in Leaders and will cherish those memories for years to come.

*With Love,
Vanita Redkar Gagen*

Vanita Redkar Gagen - April 21, 2012 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ *My heart and prayers for Jacqui and the Spies family. Since the very first day of grad school, Taylor has been a dear friend and I will cherish all the good memories and discussions we've had over the past years.*

*I will miss you my friend.
Sarah*

Sarah Mixdorf - April 21, 2012 at 09:50 AM

CM

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Spies family during this shocking loss. I have alot of funny memories of Taylor from the days of helping do the beef. I can only imagine the stories and jokes being told at those pearly gates.*

Chris Metz - April 21, 2012 at 07:51 AM

BP

“ *Taylor, Margot, Alex, Paul and Cory:*

*Shari and I were shocked to hear of Taylor's passing. We watched your sons, including Taylor, grow up along with our son, Scott. This is certainly a tragic loss, not only to your immediate family but also to your estended family as a community. Taylor was so knowledgeable about agriculture and he shared his knowledge willingly. I thoroughly enjoyed reading his take on grain markets in the Delmarva Farmer.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Brad and Shari Powers

Bradley H. Powers - April 21, 2012 at 07:44 AM

EW

“ Our hearts are heavy... Taylor, you leave us all with wonderful memories. You were an inspiring young man with a gentle old soul... be at peace and God Bless the entire Spies family.

Erika Wilson - April 21, 2012 at 07:43 AM

LM

“ Taylor, Margot & family - Please know we are thinking of you as you experience this terrible loss. Our hearts go out to you. With deepest sympathy, Phil & Lois

Lois & Phil MacDonald - April 21, 2012 at 07:34 AM

PF

“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of Taylor's family and freinds. It is a tragic loss.

Our prayers are with you at this sad time.

Ed and Penny Finkner

Penny L. Finkner - April 20, 2012 at 08:45 PM

SC

“ Sonja Hanssen Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.



Sonja Hanssen Carter - April 20, 2012 at 06:51 PM

SC

My heart aches for all of you during this sad time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sonja Hanssen Carter - April 20, 2012 at 07:00 PM

AT

“ *Ann Carroll Thomas lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Ann Carroll Thomas - April 20, 2012 at 06:18 PM

MH

“ *Mariet Hamlet lit a candle in memory of Stanley Taylor Spies Jr.*



Mariet Hamlet - April 20, 2012 at 05:00 PM

KW

“ *Our hearts were shattered this morning when we heard the horrible news about one of our beloved friends. Taylor was loved by so many here at Perdue. His quick wit always had us in stitiches. And that insane sense of humor.... Our hearts go out to his family as they suffer through this tragic loss. Prayers and deepest sympathies,*
Kathy Willin



Kathy Willin - April 20, 2012 at 12:32 PM

KF

Sending prayers and hugs to the Spies family. What a tragic loss. May you have God's comfort at this time.

Kathy S. Fox - April 21, 2012 at 09:58 PM



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Spies, Jacqui and Family,

Taylor and I spent many hours working together and chaperoning the youth at St. Francis de Sales. I was just another adult chaperone, but Taylor, he was the "cool" one, the one that made so much impact on the teens. He was the most well read and informed Catholic I had ever met. St. Francis de Sales said "Be who you are and be that well". That quote will always remind me of Taylor because that was Taylor. I know first hand the positive influence he had on so many young people, and also on many of us older ones too. His legacy lives on in many young lives. Congratulations on a job well done Taylor.

*Kelly Beauchamp
Salisbury, MD*

Kelly Beauchamp - April 26, 2012 at 05:49 AM