



Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor

June 22, 1948 - October 30, 2021

Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor, 73, passed away unexpectedly on October 29, 2021. Dr. Taylor, a veterinarian, devoted her life to the care of countless animals, large and small. She was diligent when it came to her work and left no stone unturned when it came to the diagnosis and treatment of every animal she encountered. Her thoroughness was always admired, especially by retired veterinarian Dr. Lucian Bailey who frequently referred to her as "one of Tazewell County's best imports." Her devotion to rescue work, understanding of the animals and people involved, and the time and patience she put forth in treating every animal she could were some of her finest professional qualities. She provided support, knowledge and networking to better the lives of thousands of animals in Southwest Virginia, speaking up for animals with a fierce passion and relentless need to do right for those who could not speak for themselves.

Linda was also good with people. She always knew the right thing to say and had the ability to comfort people in their darkest moments. Every person and animal who stepped into her life mattered to her. She gave 100 percent of her focus to whoever she was with and never rushed. She devoted the same amount of passion and focus to her other endeavors. She continued to improve her knowledge through education and research every chance she was given. She loved art and music and enjoyed both books and audiobooks. She was also a cook who excelled at baking breads, a member of Tazewell

County Master Gardeners, a feminist, and a lady with just the right amount of bite. She suggested the name for Tazewell County Public Library's iconic cat, "Gatsby," and took care of him for many years.

Linda was predeceased by her husband Dr Jerry Liles. She is survived by three sisters in Canada, Carole (Vancouver), Holly (Ottawa) and Michelle (Ottawa). A memorial service for Dr. Taylor will be held on Thursday, November 11th, 6:00 pm at the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Cedar Bluff.

In lieu of flowers, Clinch Mountain Veterinary Services ask that you make donations to the following:

Friends of Russell County Animals
P.O.Box 1026
Lebanon, VA 24266

<https://friendsofrussellcountyanimals.networkforgood.com/projects/143774-dr-linda-taylor-spay-neuter-fund>

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia oversees arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
235 Mall Church Road
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Linda was a long time member of our veterinary mindfulness meditation community. We got to know each other pre-Zoom era, so didn't see each other until a weekend meeting in Chicago. It was such a lovely connection! Dr. Linda Taylor was a veterinarian to the core and loved her patients/clients/staff/pets with all her heart. She will be missed!
Much love to family, friends and animals that were in her care,
Gwen Jeun, DVM*

Gwendolyn Jeun - November 22, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ *We just returned from a trip late last Thursday night, and we deeply regret having just missed the memorial service for Linda that day. We would have liked to pay our respects and tribute to such a special woman in our community because of the care and interest she gave to all with whom she crossed paths, both two-legged and four-legged. We especially appreciate her longtime support of the arts, in particular, the Appalachian Arts Center and the annual quilt shows that were held there. We will miss her smile and grace. Ellen and Don Elmes*

Ellen Elmes - November 13, 2021 at 11:32 AM

RB

“ *Ruby Blackstone lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor*



Ruby Blackstone - November 11, 2021 at 08:13 AM

EH

“ *Dr. Taylor was so good with our dog, Bella. We loved Dr Taylor for taking excellent care of Bella. Dr Taylor took the time to get on the phone with me and ask me questions about what was going on with my puppy. She had such a love for animals. She will be missed by many.*

Edna Honeycutt - November 11, 2021 at 12:46 AM

KD

“ *Dr. Taylor was an outstanding vet. The best I have ever known. We will miss her greatly. My dogs will also miss her. She was so helpful and knowledgeable. So saddened by her passing.*



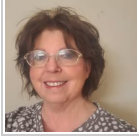
Karen deel - November 10, 2021 at 11:34 PM

KD

“ *Karen Deel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor*



Karen deel - November 10, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ Gail Mullins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor



Gail Mullins - November 10, 2021 at 08:17 PM



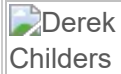
“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Taylor when I took my 8 wk old kitten Coco to her..I was very impressed on how she took care of my cat..I only got to see her a couple of times but each time she was very thorough and professionally with her animals...I'm sorry to hear of her passing and I will be praying for Peace for her family and her staff ..I'm at loss not to be able to see her again...

Gail Mullins - November 10, 2021 at 08:15 PM

JK

“ I had the privilege to work side by side with Doctor Taylor for 3 years. I got to see the fire that burnt deep in her soul for all animals. We spent many countless hours together in those years and in that time I gained a friend and mentor. She was so amazing in everything she did and I can't say we didn't butt heads a few times because that's bound to happen when you work with each other more than you are home in a week but we always pushed through it and focused on all the important things at hand which was the furry babies. Those 3 years were the best years of my life because I got to do what I truly loved and the bonus was that I didn't think of it as a job because of the love for the animals and the care that Doctor Taylor showed me during that time that will last forever. You will be forever missed and a true icon for Southwest Virginia. Good bye my dear friend and Thank you for everything ❤️

Jennifer Kropog-Young - November 10, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Thank you Dr. Taylor for taking care of all our animals but especially for your care and comfort when you had to amputate our 5 week old kitten Sammy's eye. You will be sorely missed.

Derek Childers - November 10, 2021 at 11:52 AM



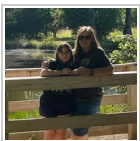
“ Dr. Taylor was a wonderful and caring vet. She took excellent care of our diabetic cat. You will be greatly missed.

Ann Dye - November 10, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Dr. Taylor, you were a caring and compassionate person. You cared for my fur babies and you were a great friend to me. You provided much support and compassion during some of my most difficult days. I'll never forget you or your kind and loving heart. Rest In Peace. ❤️

Melissa S - November 09, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ Kelli Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor



Kelli Smith - November 09, 2021 at 06:32 PM

SH

“ Shirleybuskill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor



shirleybuskill - November 09, 2021 at 01:49 PM

DS

“ Dr. Taylor, you will be truly missed by your pets, their owners and, certainly, all of us, including your office staff members who shared your love for animals of all breeds. Of course, there are and will be other DVMs who will miss you and will, hopefully, be able to exhibit and provide the wonderful kindnesses that you showed to all of us as lovers of animals, We will all greatly miss you!

Don and Jean Smith

Don and Jean Smith - November 09, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JR

“ Thank you Dr. Taylor, for taking such good care of our fur-babies and for your kindness and comfort when we needed it. We will miss you.

Jennifer & Chris Raines



Jennifer Raines - November 09, 2021 at 10:12 AM

BH

“ *Becky , Terry And Audriana Harrison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor*



Becky , Terry and Audriana Harrison - November 09, 2021 at 10:04 AM

JR

“ *Thank you Dr. Taylor, for taking such good care of our fur babies, and for your kindness and comfort when we needed it. We were blessed to know you and have you as our vet, and will miss you! Jennifer & Chris Raines*



Jennifer Raines - November 09, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - November 09, 2021 at 08:10 AM

AJ

“ I was in shock to hear of your passing. You were a very caring person to all my animals and a friend to me. You listened and gave great advice. The very first time coming to your office to see you was when my husband's cat got in my truck fan blade and I did not think he was gonna make it. You did emergency surgery and he survived, and I am so blessed for that. He is still alive today and could never tell he had an accident at all. I am so blessed to have had you as a vet to all my babies. You will be truly missed. We love you. Rest in peace, my vet and my friend. Prayers for the family 🙏



Amy Jordan - November 09, 2021 at 05:33 AM

SB

“ Thank you! Not only for taking care of my fur children but for also being a friend! I will always have the utmost respect to you and you'll be missed by all that you have touched!!



Sherry Blair-Street - November 08, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ Dr. Taylor, I still can't believe you're gone. I may never come to terms with it. You were my friend, one of the greatest inspirations of my life, a mentor and a role model. I will miss you every single day from now until we meet again.



Rhonda Kay - November 08, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dr. Taylor will prayers be missed. She worked so hard to take care of my little fur baby and I also considered her a friend. Many prayers.* ”

Patty Goins - November 08, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Joyce Taylor* ”



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - November 08, 2021 at 06:28 PM