Jack Howard Taylor, Jr. age, 76 of Dallas, Texas, died on August 4, 2014 in Frisco, Texas. He was born on August 1, 1938 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Cathrynn Louise (Allen) and Jack Howard Taylor. Jack was a Pulitzer Prize nominee and an award winning, investigative journalist. He worked for newspapers across the country including OPUBCO (The Oklahoman), The Denver Post, The Dallas Times Herald, and The Los Angeles Daily News.

After serving in the newspaper industry for over 30 years, Jack established a private investigation firm, Taylor Research & Investigations in 1992, which he operated until his retirement in 2012.


Jack served his community and his church, The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, by contributing his time and funds to a variety of causes. His philanthropic work included creating and operating the Dallas Area Needle & Syringe Exchange (DANSE) and working with various agencies supporting persons with aids and the LGBT community.

Jack is survived by his wife of 54 years, Myrna Taylor of Dallas, Texas; five children, Vernon Lee Taylor, Stephen Blake Taylor, Kathryn Marilouise Violette, Shannon Elizabethann Taylor and Stephanie Suzanne Taylor; six grandchildren, Ashley Taylor Skeff McKinnon, Christine Reynier, Cody Parkin, Zac Taylor, Casey Violette, and Donovan Taylor; three great-grandchildren, two nephews, and a niece

Jack is preceded in death by two sons, Jack Howard Taylor, III and Philip Alexander Taylor; parents, Cathrynn and Jack Taylor; and his sister, Oteka Lou.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration with Interment in the church columbarium on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Memorials

Myrna, our sympathies on your loss. We remember many good times with y'all in OKC at many Gridiron and other gatherings. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

PETE AND FELICE FELDMAN, AUGUST 20, 2014

We have known Jack and Myrna since we were teenagers. They are godparents to our older daughters, Jennifer and Mandi. Jack was always so caring and funny. He wanted the best for all his family, friends and co-workers. One of our fondest memories would be visiting them in Colorado and watching the hotair balloons rising in the morning plus Randy helping Jack with some research work. Sweet memories of a wonderful human being. Our prayers are lifted for the family.

SHIRLEY & RANDY ELLIS, AUGUST 12, 2014

I was shocked to learn of Jack's passing. He taught me so much about writing and research and he had a heart of gold. I never forgot him through the years.

TERRI DENISE RIMMER, AUGUST 11, 2014

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Jack. He was always a nice neighbor to us. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

TOBE & ARLIN GOLDBERG, AUGUST 10, 2014

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