



## Taylor James Colburn

October 19, 2024

Taylor James Colburn, 21, of Lancaster, left us unexpectedly on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Though his time with us was far too short, Taylor lived life with intensity, embracing every thrill that came his way. Whether mountain biking through rugged trails or showcasing his eye for detail and precision in his projects and designs, he sought out new challenges and excitement at every turn.

Yet, there was also a quieter, deeply dedicated side to Taylor. A lifelong member of Boy Scouts of America, he proudly achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scout Troop #4, in Lancaster PA. More than his accomplishments, Taylor found joy in mentoring and guiding younger scouts, inspiring them to reach their goals and build their confidence. His leadership left an indelible mark on many who will continue to carry his spirit forward.

Taylor's humor, playfulness, and sarcastic wit were most often shared with those closest to him, with a genuine warmth and love felt behind his antics. His family and friends will forever hold these lighthearted moments in their hearts.

Taylor spent his many summers growing up and making special memories on the beaches of Cape Cod. Taylor worked as a Lifeguard for the Town of Yarmouth and looked forward to the new summer seasons beginning and

once again reuniting with his fellow guards on the Cape.

A graduate of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology with an Associate Degree in Welding Technology, Taylor was employed by Walton & Company, York, PA, where he began building a promising career.

He leaves behind his beloved mother, Melissa A. Colburn (McGarry); his loving grandparents, Deborah McGarry (Benoit) and her husband James; his special aunt, Elizabeth Sanna (McGarry) married to husband Nicholas, parents to Nicholas James. Taylor will be deeply missed by his stepfather, Troy Keener, and his loving stepsister, Morgan Keener. Taylor is also survived by many more family and friends, and the friends who are family; they will miss him dearly.

A Visitation for family and friends will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 1-3 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Taylor's memory be made to Boy Scout Troop #4, 25 N. West End Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
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<https://thegroffs.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Taylor James Colburn*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - October 28, 2024 at 03:20 PM



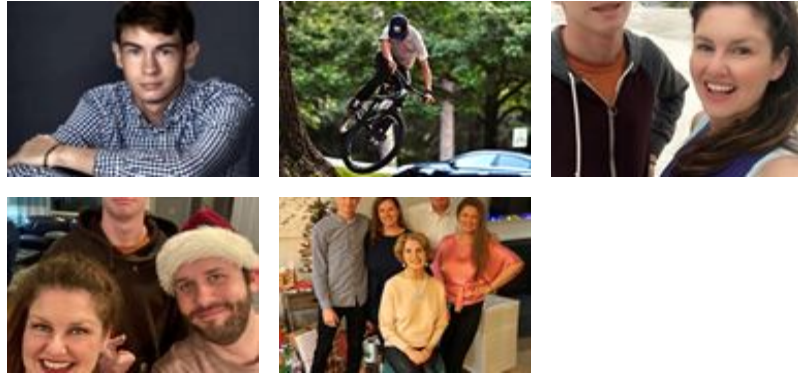
“ *Melissa, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart breaks with yours. Having watched Taylor and Charles (since about the sixth grade) navigate life, friendship, scouts, school, girls, jobs, and, more recently, being roommates, I've always considered your son a friend of our family, too. I've viewed Taylor as a leader who is incredibly capable of doing whatever he set his mind to. Taylor was a good friend to Charles. He was a good person. I will never forget him as an important part of Charles's life growing up and I will remember the strength of their friendship. Theirs is for life and I'm honored to have known Taylor. May he rest in peace. His memory will remain with us. My condolences to you, Troy, and all of your family. - Charlotte Leckow*

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**Charlotte Leckow** - November 01, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ 409 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - October 29, 2024 at 03:27 PM

LA

“ *Lisa-Marie, Bill & all at Swish Ad purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Taylor James Colburn.*



**Lisa-Marie, Bill & all at Swish Ad** - October 25, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LA

“ *Lisa-Marie, Bill & all at Swish Ad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.*

**Lisa-Marie, Bill & all at Swish Ad** - October 25, 2024 at 12:09 PM

BN

“ Dearest Missy, Debby, Bud, and Elizabeth: My heart breaks for your loss of your lovely son Taylor. I can see Missy in his handsome face and all of the adventures he enjoyed on Cape Cod. He will live on in our hearts and minds forever. Please stop by and see me if you are on Cape Cod. I have such fond memories of your friendship with Krisitin and Karen and would love to hear more about your amazing young Taylor. Life is not fare, but you will always have your memories of your wonderful young man who lived life to the fullest. Lots of love and prayers to support you all in this saddest time.

Beverly Nason XOXOXOXO

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**Beverly Nason** - October 25, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



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October 25, 2024 at 10:24 AM

BA

“ Beverly A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

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**Beverly A.** - October 25, 2024 at 10:06 AM

SF

“ Shell and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



Shell and family - October 24, 2024 at 10:28 PM

FH

“ Melissa, I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart just breaks for you. Wishing you peace, somehow, someday.  
Fran Haldeman

Fran Haldeman - October 24, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MD

“ Melissa - I just want to say how deeply sorry I am for you lost. You are in my thoughts, heart and my prayers. I am thinking about you and praying for healing during this difficult time. With Love- Magda and Sal.

Magda Delascasas - October 24, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



October 24, 2024 at 11:19 AM

MO

“ Love ya sweetie ☐



Mom - October 24, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



October 24, 2024 at 09:06 AM

DC

“ DC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

DC - October 24, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



October 24, 2024 at 07:17 AM

SJ

“ So much love, Jane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

So much love, Jane - October 24, 2024 at 07:17 AM

TM

“ What an incredible person, I've learned so much from Taylor. He was always down for a good bike ride around the city and I am so grateful for all of those memories. He always showed up with a smile and laughed off all of the falls. Taylor you will always be remembered, I miss you so much.



Trevor Morgan - October 23, 2024 at 10:48 PM

BM

“ Beata, Natalia and Marcin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

Beata, Natalia and Marcin - October 23, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



October 23, 2024 at 08:31 PM

BE

“ Taylor you will a handsome, amazing and loving young man. You will be missed dearly. Melissa and family I am so sorry. I am praying for all of you for strength, comfort and peace now and the future days ahead. Beata

Beata - October 23, 2024 at 08:20 PM

AT

“ My deepest sympathies in the passing of sweet Taylor. Please know I am praying for you and your family to get through this difficult time. May God surround you all with peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts <3  
I am here for you Melissa whenever you need me.  
Lots of love - Artemis

Artemis Tsoflias - October 23, 2024 at 06:37 PM

AT

“ Artemis T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

Artemis T. - October 23, 2024 at 06:30 PM

AT

“ Artemis T. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



Artemis T. - October 23, 2024 at 06:30 PM

ZC

“ Taylor Gang 4L. Miss you Brodie. Thank you for everything man. The life of the party. Gave his hand out for anybody and really a true brother & friend. I'm sorry an wish I could have talked you out of it. Watch over all the ones that loved and cared for you 🕊️🕊️🕊️



Zain Corley - October 23, 2024 at 05:05 PM

DM

“ My dearest Grandson....i wish I could have taken away your pain... you've taken a piece of my heart with you but left enough so I can keep all our memories close to me as long as I'm on this earth. I love you forever. Grandma

deborah mcgarry - October 23, 2024 at 10:18 AM

MK

“ My sweet baby brother. I love you unconditionally and for eternity. Thank you for being the best little sibling a girl could ever wish for. I will look for you everywhere. ❤️🕊️



Morgan Keener - October 23, 2024 at 09:27 AM

SS

“ Sheri S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

Sheri S. - October 23, 2024 at 09:06 AM

HF

“ *He was like a brother to me, I spent most of quarantine in the woods riding bikes and enjoying life. It kills me to know he’s gone* 💔

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**Harper Fisher** - October 23, 2024 at 12:39 AM

KO

“ Taylor, you were the most amazing, kind hearted, hard working, funniest man I will ever know. I will always cherish every single memory we had together. I had the honor of being your girlfriend, we had plans to get married and move onto greater things for our future together. you always made everyone so happy and cheered everyone up. You made the funniest comments, and had the funniest impressions. You were always there for me when things got tough and I was there for you for every single thing, I always cared so so much about you baby. My heart is in pieces and my a part of my soul is missing now, you will forever live on in everyone’s hearts. I wish I could give you one more tight hug, and kiss. I wanted to take all your pain away, I was always a shoulder for you to cry on. My family loved you so much, Harry and Walt miss you too. My mom and dad are heart broken. Our sleepers were always so fun, staying up watching the mandalorian, or Adam Sandler movies. You loved my cats just as much as I did. I will never forget the first day we met, I was working and you and Mason came to see me and Kelsey, and you asked who I was... and at first I was not interested, but Kelsey kept telling me to talk to you, but you reached out first and the first couple days and nights, we stayed up so late texting eachother. Our first date was to movies and we saw the strangers movie, you made it such a great time. And I remember that same night I asked you, don’t be shy why don’t you make a move 😊 and you were like well alright. We had our first sleepover at my house and then instantly we both knew we wanted to be together forever. You always loved nature and being outside and I loved showing you new nature places and walking around and holding hands and taking such cute pictures of you and us together. We had our ups and downs, but through it all, you always said we’re in this together. You showed all your favorite songs and I loved hearing you sing along to them, especially at the bars we went to, we always had fun there. One of my favorite moments with you was when you first said I love you to me, you wanted me to say it first but you did. It made me so happy, and I knew we were both in love at that point, even before it. We loved going out to eat, like to rosa rosa, Sheetz, and I would make you pancakes at my house for breakfast. My

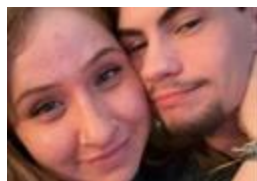
grandparents loved seeing you and making you dinner. I'm so happy you got to have a ride in my pops new sting ray, you loved it so much. All the nights we spent together at my house over night we're always so much fun, you always made fun of me for snoring 😂 we just always had great times together. You loved going to the buck, I knew you would, I took you there for the first time and it rained but we still had a great time. You cherished your friends so much, and always wanted to be around them, they miss you so much. You loved building things and were always so smart. You always wore my clothes, like all the time... we had matching ALF shirts and sweatshirts too. You always cuddled with the squishmallows and pillows I got you. I loved coming over and making your bed for you and just trying to make you happy all around. Sometimes you were a bit scary driving around, but you were just a hell raiser and speed demon, you loved your car so much. I always loved seeing you pop up to my job or my house randomly, just made my bad days super good real quick. You always had a nickname for me, cupcake 🥰🍰 we just shared all the best moments together and I will go on and forever share all those memories, and everything we did together and everything you did for everyone and let your legacy live on baby.

I love you so much, always and forever, Taylor James ☐☐

(Also he loved bumble bees so much, they were just his own thing

🐝☐)

Your very supportive, loving, caring girlfriend, Kirsten



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**Kirsten Oconnell** - October 23, 2024 at 12:26 AM

MO

“ Give Great-grammy and little Lydia big hugs and kisses for me sweetie... you were the best, kiddo...you were my everything...you made us all so proud and we're missing you so very much...our lives have forever been changed now that you're gone...I miss you sweetie, I miss you so much it hurts...sweet dreams Taylor...I'll be loving you forever ☐



Mom - October 22, 2024 at 11:48 PM

RG

Missy, Deb , Bud, and Elizabeth, our hearts are broken for all of you. We all loved Taylor. We watched Taylor grow from an infant to a wonderful young man. Taylor will be in our hearts forever. Love you all.

Rob and Joanne Greenberg - October 23, 2024 at 08:07 AM

KN

“ Kristin N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor James Colburn.

Kristin N. - October 22, 2024 at 09:08 PM

LS

“ Love, Liz & Steve purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Taylor James Colburn.



Love, Liz & Steve - October 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JS

“ *John Brady & Jaden Steely purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Taylor James Colburn.*



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**John Brady & Jaden Steely** - October 22, 2024 at 07:44 PM

LM

“ *Love, Nick, Nikki and Morgan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Taylor James Colburn.*



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**Love, Nick, Nikki and Morgan** - October 22, 2024 at 06:31 PM