

Shattered Dreams

Taylor MacDonald, born in Plano, TX on January 24th, 2001, was killed in a tragic accident involving a drunk driver on April 24th, 2019. He was to graduate from Centennial High this June and had plans to join the military after graduation. He is survived by his *Parents, Scott and Mira MacDonald; Older Sister, Riley MacDonald; Paternal Grandparents Doug MacDonald and Jan Price; Maternal Grandmother Rennay Fields; Aunt Mary and Uncle Eric Hartman; Aunt Becky Fields; Aunt Stephanie and Uncle William Biles; Cousins Sarah, Rachel, Eric and Victoria Hartman and Cousin Sean Biles; and the love of his life, girlfriend and soulmate, Jamie Sims.*

Taylor died too young. At only 18 years old, he had so much left to do. After school each day, he worked out in preparation for the United States Marine Corps. He was to join the Marines on June 17th. He wanted to serve his country - to do his part to make the world a safer place. Not because he had to, but because it was his choice.

Taylor was a natural protector. In middle school, a friend called him while walking on the golf course (where he shouldn't have been) because a suspicious man was following him. Taylor didn't tell him to run or yell for help. He told his friend, "Tell me exactly where you are. I'll be right there!"

Taylor was the ultimate patriot. When he was only 14 years old, Taylor spent countless hours of his summer vacation sharing his patriotism. He woke up early and walked over 7 miles per day to and from Frisco Square. He carried a large American flag for the passers both in vehicles and on foot. To him, it was the ultimate sign of respect. He gave up time and took action for his love of country.

Taylor wanted life to be not about himself but those he simply called "heroes". Those were the men and women of the military and first responders, both past and present. He interviewed as many as he could and put their stories on his YouTube channel "Interviewing Heroes". It was important to Taylor that their stories be remembered and valued for years to come - that their service mattered and continues to matter.

Taylor was a dedicated member of the CHS Orchestra. He played the cello and served as Treasurer. He often said he "peeked in middle school" with his musical talent. That was hardly true. But he was too humble to be convinced otherwise.

Taylor loved his church, First Baptist Frisco. He was active in his youth group, BLUE. He served as a BLUE Fun Crew member, in the audio/video team called "Audio Bois" and as a Middle School Teacher.

Taylor is not coming back. The hole he leaves behind cannot be filled. We miss him now. We will miss him later. We thank our Lord, Jesus Christ, knowing we will see him again in heaven. There is peace in that. There is peace for all who believe.

A memorial service will be held at Centennial High School on Thursday, April 25, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Carry the Load or Pine Cove Christian Camp.

