



Taylor McKinney

October 4, 2005

Conway.....Taylor "Tater-Tot" Lee McKinney, age 10, of Naples Drive died Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston following an illness. Taylor was born in Myrtle Beach, a daughter of Paul McKinney, Jr. and Dana McKinney. She attended Waccamaw Elementary School. Taylor enjoyed attending Camp Happy Days each summer, a non-profit camp supporting children with cancer and their families. She was always concerned about the feelings of others even during her own illness. Surviving in addition to her parents of Conway are: one sister, Chelsea McKinney of Conway; one brother, Bryant McKinney of Conway; paternal grandparents, Paul McKinney, Sr. of Fredricksburg, VA and Patsy and Grady Davis of Conway; maternal grandparents, Carolyn Watson of Conway and Jimmy and Diane Watson of Aiken, SC; paternal great grandmother, Avena Bullard of Pembroke, NC; and maternal great grandmother, Pauline Smith of Cheraw, SC. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 P.M. Thursday from Langston Baptist Church with Rev. Alvin Jackson and Rev. Marcus Fowler officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday Memorials may be sent to Camp Happy Days, 1622 Ashley Hall Road, Charleston, SC 29407. Taylor's favorite color was purple and her family asks that those attending her service wear something purple to celebrate her life.

Tribute Wall



“ My deepest sympathy is with the Mckinney family. During these times it is especially important to draw close to the almighty God in prayer, for the Bible promises that "he himself will sustain you."- Psalms 55:22. It is always hard when we lose a loved one because we miss them so dearly. That is why it is so encouraging when we read of God's wonderful promise in the Bible. When Jesus resurrected Lazarus he said at John 5:28,29: "Do not marvel at this for the time is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out," I hope that you find comfort in reading these scriptures. John 11:11-44, John 5:21, 28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Revelation 21:3, 4. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Elijah Salim##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dana, I just spoke to Janai and she told me about Taylor; I'm so sorry. I can't imagine going through what you have been through. I'm sure you have a huge support system but if I can help in any way please call me 864-375-0396. Everyone has such beautiful things to say about her I wish we could have met. I ran across pictures from Chelsea's Barney birthday party the other day, they made me smile. We'll be thinking and praying for you and your family. Love Jennifer, Bryan , Charlie and Riley.##imported-begin##Jennifer Wilson Spearman##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss my friend so much but I am comforted by the memories that we have made over the past three years. I have nothing but happiness when I think of Tater Tot and our friends at camp. I will always have a special place in my heart for such an amazing little girl who came into my life wearing a yellow rain coat. I am so thankful for the opportunity to love Taylor and her family. Thank you for sharing your incredible daughter with me. I know God puts people in your life for a reason and for Him to choose me to be with Taylor shows me that God is good!! Love, Ms. Linda p.s. I am putting my hand to my heart###imported-begin##Linda Spooner###imported-end##

October 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I only think it right to thank God for having shared Taylor with us. On Friday 9/30/05 I was wandering around MUSC with a smiling flower looking for Tot's room. I stopped a woman in the hallway and explained that I was looking for my friend who was just on the 4th floor yesterday and had been moved to the 8th floor today. She gave me a funny look and a long set of directions. In response to my puzzled face she replied "you are in the children's hospital". I had never thought it odd to call Taylor my friend even though she was only ten years old. I was introduced to Taylor at Camp Happy Days but Taylor was much more than a camper. Out of all the girls, Taylor was the one that would in many instances straighten Ms.Linda, Ms.Melissa and I out. I finally made it to her room that day, wrapped the smiling flower around her bed and was blessed with her beautiful smile. I will cherish her smile along with all of the wonderful memories I have and look forward to the day we share time together again. I love you Tater Tot, Ms. Harmony###imported-begin##Harmony Edelman###imported-end##

October 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time, Sincerely, Carolina First Bank Newberry Branch##imported-begin##Bert Neel##imported-end##

October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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My heart goes out to the family . Tylor was a good boy and we sure are going to miss his beautiful smile.
May the lord hold you in his arms 🙏🌸 RIP lots of 🙏

Maria Fonseca-perez - December 22, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ My deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Barbara Hinson##imported-end##

October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane, my thoughts are with you. Heaven has a new bright star.##imported-begin##Brenda Reynolds##imported-end##

October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul, Dana, and family I was so very sorry to hear of your loss. I will be holding you in my heart and uplifting you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Joyce Helms##imported-end##

October 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Words can't express our deep and sincere sympathy for your family. We knew Taylor through our pastor, Rev. Marcus Fowler. We will remember you in our prayers and May God be with you during this sad time in your lives. Taylor is now a precious angle in heaven. With Love.##imported-begin##Jamie and Denise Brogdon##imported-end##

October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh, how I already miss Tater Tot so much. The girl brought so many smiles to my face at camp and in the hospital. It would make my day to spend time with Tay-Tay, Mr. Tot, Ms. Tot, Ms. Linda & Ms. Harmony in 7-B. I will never forget Taylor's smile, her laugh and her compassion for others. I asked her on Friday 9/30 if she had been talking with God and praying, and she told me "YES"! It makes me feel at peace to know Taylor is with God, but I miss her so much. Tay-Tay deep breath Rules!##imported-begin##Melissa Villegas##imported-end##

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“ Taylor was one of Ambers cabin mates and friends at Happy Days camp. She is and always will have a place in our hearts. And boy did she ever love tater tots! We are so very blessed to have know her and she touched so my lifes in a short time. Every time we eat tater tots or see the color purple well think of Taylor. Our prayers are with Taylors family and friends! Love Amber Reedy##imported-begin##Amber@Robin Reedy##imported-end##

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“ For Taylor's Family, My heart sinks as I contemplate you having lost this child to death. Disease is so ruthless and causes so much pain physically and emotionally. Marilyn and I understand this pain but can't say we know what you are going through, however we can offer encouragement, support, love and prayers. Please allow us to leave this portion of meaningful Scripture with you all: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbidd them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14 May God's peace which passes all understanding be with you all. Love, John & Marilyn Ballard###imported-begin##John & Marilyn Ballard###imported-end##

October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul, Dana, and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss and my sincere thoughts and prayers will be with you over the next few days.###imported-begin##Daria Simpson Rindone###imported-end##

October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We can only express how sadden we are that you also had to experience one of the most painful times in life. Carolyn, whatever you & your family need, please let us help. A close friend of ours lost her daughter a few years ago and she told us about The Compassionate Friends in our area that can also assist with our healing the hurt we feel in our hearts. No one is really ever prepared for something like this to happen to their child. Cyn & Boyd###imported-begin##Cynthia & Boyd Walters###imported-end##

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“ Paul, Dana and Family My sincere condolences to you. I know your hearts must be breaking. I can't imagine what you must be going through. God bless you and know that Taylor is at peace now. She is surely watching over you with the Angels in heaven. My prayers are with you###imported-begin###Britt Alcorn El-Kheddiwi###imported-end##

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“ Dana, words can't say how sorry I am for your loss. Just keep in mind she isn't suffering any more and you have a special angel to look over you. She is singing of joy and pain free with God. You will be kept in my prayers through the days and months. May God be with you through it all. Love tou, Cheryl###imported-begin###Cheryl Lambert###imported-end##

October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul & Dana, I am so sorry for the loss of your baby. She is now Gods beautiful angel. She will never be forgotten. If you need anything please call. We love you all!!! Linwood, Amy, Hunter & Lacey Dorman###imported-begin###Amy Dorman###imported-end##

October 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Well I am not sure I am the first one to sign in but I know I am not the last. I will be there Thursday afternoon. If you need ANYTHING at all , please call me. I love you all, Karen, RN I love you "taterbug".###imported-begin###Karen Hawkins###imported-end##

October 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM