



# Elizabeth "Betsy" Jane Taylor

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Elizabeth Jane (McIntosh) Taylor, known as Betsy, age 71, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2022 in Canton, Georgia surrounded by the people who loved her the most. She was born on July 10, 1950 in Ossining, New York, to Alexander Andrew McIntosh and Mary Noreen (Justin) McIntosh.

Betsy grew up in Berkley, Michigan and graduated from Shrine High School in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1968. After high school, Betsy pursued a career as a paraprofessional at Brandon Schools in Ortonville, Michigan where she worked for 15 years. Betsy loved working with children.

Betsy married Mark Allan Taylor on December 12, 1969 in Royal Oak. They were happily married for over 52 years. In 2003, after many years of family trips to the Tennessee mountains, the couple moved to Dunlap. Shortly thereafter, Betsy courageously and successfully fought breast cancer, receiving so much support from the small Tennessee community. In 2009, Betsy and Mark built their dream home in the North Georgia mountains. Betsy loved spending quiet mornings sitting on her back deck overlooking Lake Arrowhead admiring birds and other wildlife!

Betsy loved living so close to Atlanta. Betsy and Mark attended many Atlanta Falcons football games and Atlanta Braves baseball games. Like many Braves fans, Betsy had to celebrate the 2021 World Series victory with pearls! Betsy loved spending time in Piedmont Park and seeing the holiday lights each year at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. She never missed the Atlanta Pride Parade and her Proud Mom shirt was the source of many hugs, happy tears, and selfies with strangers who were so proud of her for being there!

Betsy was a member of numerous environmental groups and was very actively involved in

many nature and environmental causes. She enjoyed traveling and had visited all of the fifty states and several foreign countries. She enjoyed sports, camping, birding, and crafting.

Betsy was a long time supporter of the St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana; a place she deeply cherished and visited often. Betsy loved to combine visits to St. Labre with trips to Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park, two of her favorite places in the United States.

She loved animals and was often seen in the company of Charlie, the family dog and her constant companion; her best, best boy! Betsy loved to laugh and enjoyed life to the fullest!

Betsy is survived by her spouse, Mark, of Waleska, Georgia; her son Michael Joseph (Juan Escamilla) of Atlanta, Georgia; her daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Tim Sabados) of Lake Orion, Michigan; her sister Susan McIntosh of Columbus, Ohio; her grandchildren Mackenzie Tison and Zoe Tison both of Lake Orion, Michigan; her goddaughter Katherine Ramos Avila of Portland, Oregon; and her in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Betsy was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Mary Noreen McIntosh; her sister Ellen McIntosh; and her brother William McIntosh.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana 59004 or at [www.stlabre.org](http://www.stlabre.org)

Condolences may be left on Elizabeth Jane Taylor's online guest book at Darby Funeral Home, 480 East Main Street, Canton, GA 30114 ([www.darbyfuneralhome.com](http://www.darbyfuneralhome.com)). Betsy's family would like to thank the good people of The Landings of Canton Hills and the dedicated staff of Capstone Hospice.

The Staff of Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Taylor Family.

Betsy Taylor

Celebration of Life

Please join us as we celebrate the amazing life and legacy of Betsy Taylor. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Spencer, Tennessee. Please meet at the Lodge at Fall Creek Falls (<https://tnstateparks.com/lodges/fall-creek-falls>), 2536 Lakeside Road, Spencer, Tennessee 38585 at

12pm Central Time. We look forward to seeing you at a park that always held a special place in Betsy's heart.

For those traveling from out of town, there is very limited room availability at the Lodge at Fall Creek Falls. Additional accommodations are available at The Cascade Inn at Fall Creek Falls (<https://www.cascadeinnatfallcreekfalls.com/>).

# Comments

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“ One of the greatest joys in my mom's life was being Katherine's godmother. Katherine and her mom Rita recently honored Betsy. The tribute was so beautiful it moved me to tears. It is something that I wanted to share with all those that knew and loved my mom.



Michael Taylor - June 22 at 10:08 AM

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“ Mark and family, We were so blessed to have Betsy as our neighbor. She always had a beautiful smile. She always put out her bird feeders and we were lucky enough to share in all the birds that came to visit. Oh how she loved our Rags (almost as much as Charlie- but not quite!) and always stopped to pet him. Betsy will be truly missed here on Corner Oak Ct. Our sincerest sympathies. Jennifer and John



jennifer Stein - April 28 at 06:45 PM

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“ Taylor Family,

I did not know Betsy personally, but I was touched by her none the less. I work at St. Labre and have seen the effect that her generosity has had on our community. Keeping you all in prayer during this difficult time. We are all truly grateful for what Betsy did to help the children of St. Labre. God Bless.

Misty - April 19 at 10:18 AM

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“ Betsy's laughter was infectious, her heart was open and welcoming, and her smile was warm and kind...

Becoming friends with Michael had brought Mark and Betsy into my life. From the moment I first met her, she made you feel at ease and as though you had known her forever... I quickly learned about her adventurous spirit and her generous nature through wonderful conversations, stories and many, many laughs. You could always see how she and Mark loved each other so much. I always looked forward to any chance where we could visit... I will miss her so much.

Sending you love and support... Alicia Silverio

**Alicia Silverio** - April 17 at 10:00 PM

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“ Michael and Mark,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We're sorry to hear about the passing of Elizabeth. We offer you our heartfelt support and friendship in this difficult time.

The Diamond Family!

**Corey Diamond** - April 15 at 03:34 PM

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“ I work at St. Labre Indian School and just wanted to say that Betsy sounds like she was a

great person and God welcomed her into His arms immediately.

Thank you Betsy for all the wonderful things you did for our Indian Children.

Prayers for all the family--Love in Jesus, Patsy

**Patsy Houseman** - April 14 at 12:54 PM

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“ Although I am saddened at Betsy's passing, I had a smile on my face as I browsed the posted photos of Betsy. It has been almost 20 years since we last saw one another, and I was surprised to see how little she changed physically. She was still her cute petite self, and I would have recognized her anywhere. I was so lucky to have had Betsy assigned to my classroom as a paraprofessional at BFIS. As a bonus, we became friends. I have many pleasant memories of our time together, but I think what I will remember most about Betsy was her spirituality and love of nature. I still have the wooden birdhouse that she made for me before she left for Tennessee. I will miss not receiving a birthday card and Chanukah card from her. She always remembered.

Deepest sympathy,  
Sharon Kaiser

**Sharon Kaiser** - April 14 at 07:40 AM

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“ Aunt Betsy was always a supportive and loving presence in my life. I have wonderful childhood memories of celebrating Christmas at her home in Goodrich. She was playful and exciting and willing to do things (like sky diving) that impressed me. She loved to travel and see natural beauty all around the country. Her and Mark introduced me to Fall Creek Falls, which I still remember seeing for the first time. I could always count on Betsy to greet me with the biggest hug and ask me all about how I've been. I will miss her supportive and loving presence. My thoughts are with Mark, Michael, and Juan.

**Keith McIntosh** - April 13 at 08:18 PM

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“ Betsy was so special to Mickey and I and our children, you fill so many memories of ours... that we will never forget and hold so special in our hearts. We will always love you and never forget the love that was shared between you and Mark, and our entire family. Rest in peace Bets...we will always love you .

**Rob and Mickey** - April 12 at 01:59 PM

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“ Thank you Betsy and Mark for all the love and support you gave to St. Labre. We appreciate your donations of money and time, but also for spreading the good news about this special place.

In Gratitude,

Nathan  
St. Labre dormitory

**Nathan badaczewski** - April 11 at 07:47 PM

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“ My sincere condolences go out to Betsy's family. I work for St Labre and just read about Betsy and her relationship with St Labre in an email we all received. We appreciate her support for our organization and for the children we serve. Thank You Betsy and may peace be with you.

**Dave** - April 11 at 06:28 PM

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“ Tracie Bunch, St. Labre Indian School lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betsy" Jane Taylor



**Tracie Bunch, St. Labre Indian School** - April 11 at 06:14 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mark, their family, and all those who loved Betsy. As an employee of St. Labre Indian School, I am grateful for the faithful support Betsy has provided for the children in our care. The love that Betsy has shown for the boys and girls of St. Labre has been such a blessing.

**Amy Burek** - April 11 at 05:49 PM

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“ Please know that the staff and children at St. Labre Indian School are deeply saddened by the loss of Betsy. May the Lord hold you in his arms and we pray that the memories of Betsy will bring you peace and comfort. We offer our most sincere condolences for your loss.

Rachel Earl, CDO  
St. Labre Indian School  
Ashland, MT

Rachel Earl - April 11 at 05:35 PM

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“ So sorry to have lost our neighbor and friend. Mark, you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Joy



Joy Cagle - April 11 at 01:40 PM

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“ Dear Mark, I remember you and Betsy from my days at Brandon. Such a loving and caring couple. It is no surprise that you were together for over 50 years. Please know you, your family and friends are in my thoughts. Pat MacQuarrie

Patricia MacQuarrie - April 11 at 11:04 AM

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“ Aunt Betsy. I love you and always will. No one will ever take your place. You always made me feel so loved and special. I will keep you my heart always. Love you forever. Karen

Karen Timek - April 11 at 07:27 AM

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“ My heart first goes out to her great husband, Mark. And Betsy was a very special person in my life. I treasure the memory when she and Mark visited me in Colorado. My love to both of you.  
-Chuck

**Chuck Cliggett** - April 10 at 07:42 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending my love and condolences to the family!

With deepest sympathy,  
Cheryl Morrison



**Cheryl Morrison** - April 10 at 07:12 PM



“ My dear 'buddy' Betsy will be so missed, love you. Mark, Michael and Juan you're n our thoughts and prayers. Margaret and Richard

**margaret boustead** - April 11 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Mark, I am so sad for your loss. And ours. Betsy was such a steadfast supporter of St. Labre. She truly made a difference in the lives of hundreds of of Native American children over the years. I am so glad that you and Betsy were able to make it out last September to visit and see again what she helped to make possible. Know that you and all the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Curtis Yarlott

**Curtis Yarlott** - April 12 at 04:52 PM



“ It saddened my heart to learn of the passing of Betsy. She was a very dear friend to me. I will miss the little notes we used to write to each other. I will always cherish the memories we had as paraprofessionals at BFIS. The support and love she gave to the many students she helped was a real treasure to see. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mark and his family.

Kathy and Jeff Contor

**Kathy Contor** - April 14 at 07:03 PM



“ I was shocked and saddened by hearing my sweet Betsy had passed. I worked with her for years at Brandon Schools and she was a delightful co-worker. She had the same heart for children as I did. She was also a committed wife and mother. She was so proud of Michael and Mary. And later she bragged about her two precious granddaughters.

When Mark and Betsy moved to Tennessee, Chuck, my husband and I were invited to stop by and visit. They demonstrated such hospitality with us and shared the beautiful nature they both loved.

I will miss her so much, but the wonderful memories of her will never be forgotten. I pray God will comfort and strengthen Mark and the family at this difficult time.

Connie Masterson

**Connie Masterson** - April 19 at 10:15 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



**Eric Jordan** - April 10 at 07:08 PM

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“ Betsy was a great friend of ours and we cherish many great memories with her and Mark. We took a lot of trips together and there was never a dull moment. She will be missed dearly but never ever forgotten. Debra and Eric Jordan.

**Eric Jordan** - April 10 at 07:06 PM

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“ Betsy Taylor was a friend who was lots of fun. She went with us and other girlfriends to Lake Junaluska and on shopping trips where she was the life of the party. She was one of the kindest most gentle gals you'd ever meet. She will be missed.

**Edna Clemons** - April 10 at 04:15 PM

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“ 39 files added to the album Memories Album



**Michael Taylor** - April 10 at 01:15 PM



“ Michael, Mark,  
Beautiful pictures of a sweet life! We will always miss Betsy's beautiful smile. Godspeed Betsy

**Holli Diodati** - April 10 at 07:15 PM

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“ Pat Langer is following this tribute.

**Pat Langer** - April 10 at 01:07 PM