



## Taylor Gillespie Graves

January 24, 2020

Taylor Gillespie Graves, age 32, of Buford, GA passed away on Friday, January 24, 2020. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Leo Graves and Wayne Heady. He is survived by his parents, Ken and Janet Graves, Buford, GA; brother and sister-in-law, Garrett and Elizabeth Graves, Deland, FL; nephews, Oliver Graves and James Graves; grandmothers, Grace Graves, Duluth, GA and Laura Heady, Kansas City, MO; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mr. Graves was born on June 15, 1987 in Ft. Worth, TX. He was a 2005 graduate of Buford High School. He was a videographer with Blue Bear Productions and involved with Heroin Anonymous. A memorial service and reception will be held Friday, January 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., at the Perimeter Church Chapel, 9500 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097 with Rev. Bob Carter officiating. The family will receive friends at Flanigan Funeral Home on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to MARR Addiction Treatment Center, 2815 Clearview Place, Atlanta, GA 30340 or online [www.marrinc.org/donations/](http://www.marrinc.org/donations/) in memory of Taylor Graves.

# Comments

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“ When someone I care about was dealing with a very hard situation, Taylor was there for her, cheering her up. People do these things, as he did, just being kind, showing up in a timely way, not realizing they are saving lives. I got to thinking he probably saved lives people were not aware of. This ministry of encouragement is a ministry few actually do, and apparently he did it powerfully.

**friend** - February 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken, Janet and family. We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Taylor! It's an incredibly heart breaking time for all of you that's hard to imagine. Please know that my family is praying for you during this difficult time. Take care Ken and Janet.

Love, Jeff, Toni, Tia, Shelbi and Mackenzie.

**Jeff Valek** - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken and Janet, we stand with you having you close to our hearts and fervently in our prayers. I'll always remember my cherished conversations with Taylor. Amid many challenges, he persevered. Now he has overcome! I'm confident of the faithfulness of our Good God for bringing him into His Glorious Presence with great joy and celebration. Many blessings and much affection. Bob

**Bob and Linda Dukes** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Graves family during this difficult time. Wish we could be there to support you but know we are with all of you.

Love,  
Jeff, Jessie, Alex, Domenic, Jansen and Gabe

**Jeff & Jessie Morrison and Family** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken and Janet,  
Brent and I are heartbroken for you and your family. We love you dearly. We are praying for you. - Brent and Maranda

**Brent and Maranda** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken and Janet, I am SO sorry to hear about your loss of Taylor! I can't fathom the pain, but am praying in frequent snippets throughout the day(s) that God will comfort you in ways that only He can.

**Scott Kaufman** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Friends, We are so saddened by your loss and are grieving with you. Thoughts and prayers in the hard times ahead.  
Malinda and Randy

**Randy and Malinda Pennington** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Janet and Ken, So very sorry to learn of the passing of you son Taylor. Our hearts and prayers go out to you as you morn the loss of your son. Praying your are comforted by your faith and the fellowship around you that is willing to walk with you through this painful time . May Taylor Rest In Peace .

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“ Janet and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Taylor, but have heard and read many wonderful things about him. I can't imagine the depth of your heartbreak. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Gail Savage

**Gail Savage** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ God gave Taylor a job to do here on earth and this past year he worked hard at helping others. He put EVERYONE before his own needs. God saw what he could do and brought him home to do bigger things. I will miss you Taylor but smile thinking about you helping others on a much higher level now. You were one of a kind for sure. I pray that your family has peace.

**Derek** - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken, Janet and the entire Graves family - Our hearts are heavy for you all during this difficult time of loss of your beloved Taylor. Words cannot wash away the pain that you all must be enduring at this moment. However, our prayer is that you find peace and comfort in the coming days and weeks remembering the love and fond memories that you all shared together during his time on earth. May Taylor's soul rest in peace until you are each reunited some day in Heaven. Love - The Shoop family

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“ Mr. and Mrs. Graves, Garrett, and family  
So sorry to hear that Taylor has passed. I remember meeting him my freshmen year at BHS. Caitlin Burnette(Quinn), Lauren Mcquade, Erin Wood(Loo), Scotti Cline, Taylor, and I would walk or Caitlin's mom would give us a ride to the Academy. He will be greatly missed. BHS C/O 2007

**Rainey E** - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Janet and Ken,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this very difficult time. Prayers.

**Moira Mulholland** - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am extremely saddened to hear about Taylor!! I will continue to pray for all of you through this time. I was able to reconnect with Taylor just a few years ago which was a blessing. Please know that I am here for you all. My sincerest condolences!

**Michael Young** - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Ken and Janet,  
The news of Taylor's loss is heartbreaking. Please know that Lee and I are thinking of you, and that there is love and prayer being offered for your family.  
Your time with Taylor is gift and treasure. I know you realize that, and will always be grateful for the way he touched your family and many others.  
You have so much to be proud of in Taylor's life. His struggle was real and more difficult than most know or understand. In this time of sorrow, mixed with gratitude for Taylor's life, please know we are with you.  
-Dianna and Lee

Lee and Dianna McWhortet - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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I am so sorry about your loss of Taylor. Please know I will be praying for God's sustaining grace for the days, weeks, months and years ahead to come.  
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“ Dear Ken, Janet, Garrett & family, I'm sending love and prayers over you all. Taylor was such a beloved part of our family, especially Damen's when he was younger and I cannot imagine our lives without him. I have seen him a few times in recent years and I know he was making a difference in people's lives. Our family will hold yours in prayer and our thoughts. much xoxo Debra

**Debra Hart (Tyre)** - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ken & Janet,  
My deepest condolences on hearing of the passing of Taylor. I am still in shock. He always made me smile when I saw him. Funny guy always upbeat. You family are in my prayers & thoughts. For Taylor Phil:1:3.  
Sincerely,  
Tamara Whisnant

**Tamara Whisnant** - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ You have our Christian sympathies.

**Erv & Ginger Dykstra** - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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A stone I died and rose again a plant;  
A plant I died and rose an animal;  
I died an animal and was born a man.  
Why should I fear? What have I lost by death?

May he rest in peace.

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“ Dear Ken, Janet, Garrett and family, our hearts are broken. We can only imagine the shock, confusion and heartache you are experiencing. We lift our prayers up to our loving, comforting Heavenly Father for the strength you now need to endure such a loss. We think of all who loved and will sorely miss Taylor and we will will cherish the good years and times we've experiences with him always. With much sorrow and love, Russ and Polly

**Russ & Polly Cleveland** - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. And MRS. Graves, I'm so sorry for your loss. Taylor was a great guy and won't be forgotten. My prayers are with you.

**Dave Aderhold** - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so very sorry to hear about Taylor. No words can even be said. Watching him grow up in school with Misty at Buford, even from Hopkins, he was such a good person. He was always sweet and polite. We didnt see him very much since they all graduated, but I heard good things from Misty and Ashley. May he rest in peace.

**Shawn and Gaines Westmoreland** - January 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM