



## Leland Taylor Jr.

October 13, 1964 - January 2, 2014

Leland Taylor Jr., age 49, of Columbia Missouri, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at Boone Hospital. He was a vivacious man, whose smile and laughter could light up a room. A heavy equipment operator, he had a strong back and even stronger work ethic. He enjoyed cooking hunting, fishing and telling jokes, but above all else, he loved his family.

He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his fiancé, Laura Kekkanti; daughters, Kathryn , Brittany and Hannah Taylor; stepchildren, Donna Holder, and Faith and Kevin Love; grandchildren, Madisyn, Deyton, Kyeden, and Mia; father, Leland Taylor Sr.; siblings, Robert and Joey Taylor, and Judy Taylor Morse; ex-wife, Hope Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Vaccaro Taylor, and brother, SSgt. Brian Taylor.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation and funeral service at Oliver Funeral Home in Centralia Mo, on Thursday, January 9, 2014. Visiting hours will be observed from 12:00 pm until the funeral service at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow in in Mount Zion Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leland Taylor Jr. Memorial Fund, c/o Oliver Funeral Home, P.O. Box 125, Centralia Mo 65240.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Talbert lit a candle in memory of Leland Taylor Jr.*



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**Crystal Talbert** - January 09, 2014 at 08:10 AM



“ *I loved Leland's larger than life personality. He was so witty and clever. Brandon, our kids, and I always looked forward to his visits to Melanie and Robert's home. He was truly a one of a kind and he will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Martha Thompson** - January 08, 2014 at 01:15 PM