

Hugh Taylor

Taylor, Hugh Alan of Webster Groves passed away after a brief illness on Jan. 24, 2017, in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Hugh would have been 72 on March 21.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Marion Taylor. Hugh is survived by his sister, Diane Taylor of Las Vegas, Nev., and his brother, Roger Taylor of Kansas City.

Hugh had an extended family of friends, employees, colleagues and classmates (Webster Groves High School, class of 1963). Those who knew him understood his passion for life, his exuberance, fearlessness, loyalty and unique sense of humor.

Hugh was a well-known member of the Webster Groves community. He made his presence known when he entered a room, whether frequenting a local bar and restaurant, the barber shop, or a sports event. Hugh was both “preposterous and precious.” He was a “character,” in the truest sense of the word. He loved a good joke and had an unforgettable, contagious laugh. Above all, Hugh had a deep love for his family and his many devoted friends.

Hugh graduated from Webster Groves High School, where he excelled at football, basketball and baseball. When asked about the Turkey Day game of 1962, he would tell the triumphant story of catching the touchdown pass that won the game for Webster. In later years, Hugh helped organize many creative and enjoyable class reunions. After his proud high school career, Hugh attended the University of Missouri in Columbia.

After Hugh’s time at Mizzou, he moved to California, where he lived for many years. Hugh returned to St. Louis in the 1980s, where he owned and operated Concord Bowling Lanes; not only managing the business but creating a miniature golf course, batting cages and a volleyball court.

Hugh was passionate about his work, but never neglected doing what he enjoyed. He loved golf, fishing, watching football and basketball games, music (in particular, “the Blues”), politics and spending time with family and friends. Hugh will be sorely missed. His memory will live on in the hearts of countless dear friends, classmates and family members.

Hugh retired to Mexico in June 2014 to pursue his passion for fishing. He was affectionately known in San Miguel as “Gringo Hugo.” In December, Hugh told a few friends that he was going on a “long fishing trip.”

Indeed, this was Hugh’s unique way of saying goodbye. He was full of surprises, and his quiet slipping away is somehow fitting. May Hugh Alan Taylor rest in peace. Memorial tributes may be made in Hugh’s name to the Latta Scholarship Fund ’63 of Webster Groves High School, P.O. Box 31124, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. (*Webster-Kirkwood Times*, Fri., Feb. 17, 2017)