



## Mary Kay Taylor

August 18, 1944 - February 15, 2026

Mary Kay Taylor, 81, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Born on August 18, 1944, in Gainesville, Florida, she was the beloved daughter of the late Mosby and Mary Taylor. Mary Kay taught at The Cathedral Parish School, where she was actively involved in the youth group, and also served as a teacher at San Sebastian Middle School, the St. Johns Youth Detention Center, and at Ketterlinus School.

Mary Kay was a devoted member of San Sebastian Catholic Church. She was a graduate of the University of Florida and a staunch Gator fan.

She is survived by her brother, Michael Taylor, and his wife, Elaine of New Jersey; her sisters, Francine Tomlinson of Nevada, and Denise Pfister and her husband Jeff of Sarasota, Florida; and her niece, Anne Pfister of Longbranch, NJ, along with many nieces and nephews as well as extended family and friends.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at San Sebastian Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Inurnment will take place at Our Lady of Good Counsel Cemetery. Those unable to attend the mass may view the livestream by going to: <https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83>

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/>, will be appreciated.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to her tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/mary-taylor-192/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## **Mrmorial Mass**

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

San Sebastian Catholic Church  
1112 FL-16  
St. Augustine, FL 32084-8596  
(904) 824-6625

## **Inurnment following services**

FEB **25**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Cemetery  
5400 FL-16  
Saint Augustine, FL 32092

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Kay Taylor*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - February 24 at 01:28 PM

LR

“ *Miss Taylor was my 5th grade science teacher at Webster Elementary. She was my absolute favorite teacher and made a huge impression on me and was a positive force in my life. She often talked about a boy she adopted. I hope he is well and knows he was loved by her.*



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**Lori Reed** - April 23 at 02:25 PM

JC

“ *Josh Carman lit a candle in memory of Mary Kay Taylor*



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**Josh Carman** - February 25 at 02:36 PM

JV

“ *Jack Vaccaro lit a candle in memory of Mary Kay Taylor*



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**Jack Vaccaro** - February 25 at 01:47 PM

BS

“ *Beth Suydam lit a candle in memory of Mary Kay Taylor*



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**Beth Suydam** - February 25 at 10:23 AM

DL

“ *Denise LaPlaca lit a candle in memory of Mary Kay Taylor*



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**Denise LaPlaca** - February 24 at 08:41 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - February 24 at 01:07 PM

KB

“ Miss Taylor stood in front of me on my first day in a new school and had me introduce myself to the class. She made me feel welcome and seen. She had a gift of making kids feel that way, welcome and seen. Rest well, good and faithful servant. Jesus is there to welcome you and see you. Thank you for all the love.

Katie Evrard Bixby - February 24 at 11:26 AM

DP

Thank you so much ch for your kind words

Denise Pfister - February 28 at 08:36 PM

BS

“ Remembering the good times. Safe in the arms of Jesus. You have served so many, Thank you Dear Friend.

Beth Suydam - February 23 at 11:48 AM

DP

Thank you Aunt Beth. Much love to you

Denise Pfister - February 28 at 08:36 PM

GS

“*Mary Kay was a blessing to many throughout the St Augustine community. She has left her long lasting mark by all the positive impact she has made in the lives of many of us. What an honor to have known her and all the goodness she represented.*”

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**Geralyn Sachs** - February 21 at 03:57 PM

DP

*Thank you for your kind words. Mary Kay will be missed.*

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**Denise Pfister** - February 28 at 08:37 PM



“*I'm so sorry to hear about Mary Kay. She was my middle school science teacher at Ketterlinus, and we kept in touch over the years. Most recently, she and my mother were both in the same assisted living facility, so I saw her often and was lucky to be invited to her birthday party in August 2024. I will miss her!*”

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**Shannon Larrabee** - February 20 at 12:59 PM

RL

*Our family is deeply saddened by the loss of our cousin Kay and our hearts go out to her family....Denise, Jeff, Annie, Michael, Elaine and Francine. Kay was a wonderful person who spent her life in service as a dedicated educator who went above and beyond for her students. She was a positive influence on so many of them instilling lessons of the importance of hard work and perseverance. She also believed in justice and fair play and I'm sure was well respected for those traits. I learned many things from my older and wiser cousin throughout the years and I will miss our conversations about life and the state of the world. She will be greatly missed by our family.*

*We love you Kay*

*Your cousins,*

*Rebecca, Benny, Benjamin, and Elizabeth Layfield*

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**Rebecca Layfield** - February 23 at 09:47 AM

JM

*Mary Kay was a dedicated teacher, heartwarming christian lady, and such an asset to the betterment of community. A friend to young and old alike*

*prayers extended to family*

*Judy Nelson Mariani*

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**judy mariani** - February 23 at 12:53 PM

CM

*So sorry to hear the news of Miss Taylor passing. I had her as one of my teachers at CPS. She was an amazing teacher. Peace & comfort to her family...Connie-Giannotta-Mulligan*

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**Connie Giannotta Mulligan** - February 24 at 10:52 AM

JV

*My deepest condolences to her family and extended family. Mary Kay had a very profound impact on so many of her students and friends. She will be missed!*

*Jack A Vaccaro, St Joseph's Academy, class of 1963*

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**Jack Vaccaro** - February 25 at 01:45 PM

DP

*Thank you Jackie. We will miss her dearly*

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**Denise Pfister** - February 28 at 08:40 PM