



Taylor Rae Phelps

February 28, 2025

Taylor Rae Phelps, 72, of Hillsborough, N.C., formerly from Portsmouth VA, passed away February 28, 2025 at home with her beloved brother Brian and his wife.

Taylor was to the late Gladys Rountree Phelps and Clinton T. Phelps. She was also preceded in death by her brother-in-law Michael Andrade.

Taylor is survived by her sister Sydney Andrade of Virginia Beach, Va and her brother Brian T Phelps and wife Sandy Wood Phelps of Hillsborough NC, niece Lyndsay Hamby, nephews Brian Liebler and wife Caitlin, Matthew Liebler and wife Julie, Blair Phelps and Brad Riley and wife Kaci, many great nieces and nephews and her beloved Kitty Charles Raymond Phelps.

Taylor taught school in the Virginia Public Schools for more than 30 years. She was loved by her students and colleagues alike. At the young age of 52 Parkinson's disease stole Taylor's ability to continue to teach publicly but she continued to help students by tutoring from her home. She was a loving, giving kind person that gave generously to every charity that crossed her path. Her last great gift was donating her brain to the University of Miami for Parkinson's research so that her battle could possible help someone else with the disease.

On Sunday March 2, 2025, Taylor was celebrated with a Memorial Service at the Hillsborough Wesleyan Church that can be viewed on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/12BXmrzjXiH/>

Taylor's family will be taking her back to Virginia to her final resting place with

her parents.

There will be a graveside service on March 15, 2025, at 2pm at Holland Cemetery 6670 O'Kelly Dr. Suffolk Virginia 23437.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to one of Taylor's many charities. ST Jude's Children's Hospital, SPCA, Tunnel to Tower, Disabled Vets and of course Parkinson's research.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

6670 O'Kelly Dr
Suffolk, VA 23437

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Taylor Rae Phelps.*



March 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Taylor Rae Phelps.

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Taylor Rae Phelps.*



March 11, 2025 at 11:54 AM



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“ Taylor and I taught together at Southwestern Intermediate in Suffolk. We had some good times along with Mr. Debranski, Talmadge Darden, and the rest of the Southwestern family. We then moved on together to John Yeates Middle and Kings Fork. My condolences to the family.

Carolyn H Seagraves - March 09, 2025 at 07:27 PM

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“ It saddens me this morning to read of the passing of Taylor. I had the pleasure of teaching with Taylor at John Yeates Middle School. Then, we were lucky enough to join Talmadge Darden when he opened King's Fork Middle School. Taylor was very well liked by her colleagues and students. It was a sad day when Taylor retired because of her disease. My condolences to her family and friends.

Jim Upton - March 09, 2025 at 08:47 AM