



# **Serge Neff Taylor**

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**S**erge Neff Taylor, 68, passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, June 5, 2021. We are comforted by the thought that he was welcomed by his father, his granddaughter, and many others who have gone on before him with the same loving embrace that he last felt from his family on earth. He was born October 5, 1952, in Syracuse, New York to Charles and Frances Taylor. Serge was a successful and talented engineer with a brilliant mind. He retired as president of Smith's Interconnect/Trak of Tampa, Florida after over thirty years with the company.

Serge was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and modeled his life after his Savior. He served in many capacities in the church, such as Bishop, Boy Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, high councilman. Serge was a quiet, humble example of the gospel.

He has been happily devoted to his wife Julie for 43 wonderful years. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple for time and all eternity. They enjoyed spending their time traveling the world, but Serge was happy anywhere when he was with his family. As a father, Serge was always patient, loving, and supportive. He never wavered in his dedication, and he led by his big-hearted spirit – he was truly a gentle giant. Serge was a proud grandpa to two wonderful boys: Chaz (13) and Phoenix (10) and was a calming presence in their lives.

He is survived by his wife Julie, a daughter, Kristin, two grandsons, Charles (Chaz) and Phoenix, his mother, Frances, two sisters, Ardis Padgett and Karen Brooks, brother-in-law Dave Brooks, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles, and granddaughter, Lily.

Private memorial services will be held for the family in Florida. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Serge's name.



## Tribute Wall

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RB

**Rod Bluth** posted:

I just found this and had the opportunity to read many of the comments people wrote. I didn't know that much about Serge's past because he was never a man to talk about himself or his accomplishments. He was truly humble, the kind of friend that is a true friend. From the moment I met him, we were not only neighbors...but fast friends. He lived a life devoted to his beliefs, in loving the Lord and serving others. I watched as he cared for his mother and his grandson. He was selfless and kind. I watched as he bravely fought the challenges involving his CA. He is and will be sorely missed. Most sincere condolences to Julie, Ardie, Frances and Taj—those family members I knew.

October 5 at 2:14 PM

GP

**George W. Pate Jr** posted:

I always enjoyed working with Serge. He was a creative engineer and always inspired his fellow employees. George Pate

June 12 at 10:14 AM

SU

**Steve Upchurch** posted:

I worked with/for Serge over 30 years. He was a bright, amazingly organized natural leader with a deep understanding of our products and customers. A man of faith who lived a purpose driven life, he had a great sense of humor and tremendous courage. Most importantly, he was my friend. I will miss the lunches we shared, the politics we argued and the sporting clays we destroyed. My deepest sympathy to Julie and the rest of Serge's family. Steve Upchurch

June 8 at 11:39 AM

DG

**Don Grubbs** posted:

Many, many cherished memories of Serge, and the days we spent together as young men growing up in State College and talking over the years even when we lived far apart. Our careers in electronics started from our common interests in that, we had so much fun hacking on that stuff. His self-confidence and positive attitude really shone through, I sure will miss him greatly. My deep condolences to his family. He was a terrific person. Don Grubbs

June 7 at 8:47 AM



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HG

**Hugh Gibbons** lit a candle in honor of Serge.

Remember Backyard sleep overs? How about your M-80's and my Estes Rockets? Not suppose to mix the two...but...So many memories from teen years, all great!

June 6 at 3:44 PM



RN

**Rick Neff** posted:

My memory of Serge is very recent, although I have many of my not-too-much-older cousin throughout the years. I'm so glad we were able to see each other much more after his move to Utah than in all those years he lived in Florida. Serge has been such a great example of a disciple of Jesus Christ, and someone who could listen to my ravings about math and teaching, and understand me as well. Our last email exchange earlier this year was a great joy to me, as Serge expressed his wonderful, warm memories about traveling in Italy, and showed how much he loved spending time with his family, and how much he wanted to spend more time with them. I know he is enjoying his family on the other side now, and rejoice in his having fought the good fight, and kept the faith! Rick Neff

June 6 at 3:42 PM

LB

**Linda Bogan** lit a candle in honor of Serge.

I worked with Serge for over 30 years at TRAK/Smith's. From his first day until his retirement he was always a kind and brilliant man. My deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones. God has a very special angel in His care who so deserves his place in Heaven!

June 6 at 2:15 PM

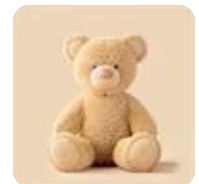


CH

**Carolyn Hamilton** sent a virtual gift in honor of Serge.

Serge has been part of our extended family for over 40 years, and was always one of the kindest people I know. He was not afraid to tackle a project if it would benefit someone else, and we have many happy memories with him. Like his parents, wife and sisters he was quick to smile and serve, and was good at putting others at ease. Those of us who knew him well are blessed to call him friend. We love you Serge - until we meet again 🙏❤️🙏

June 6 at 12:36 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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