



## Michael James Taylor

January 21, 1973 - September 4, 2019

Longtime Hornbrook resident, Michael James Taylor, passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at his home. He was 46 years old, and had lived in Siskiyou County since 2nd grade.

Michael was born on January 21, 1973 in Burlingame, California to Michael Clifford and Barbara Taylor. After spending his youngest years in Reno and Redding, the family moved to Hornbrook in the early 1980's. Michael attended school in Hornbrook and graduated Yreka High School Class of 1991, where he took part in FFA. He worked many years as a carpenter in the area, working on new and old construction projects alike. He spent time as an EMT in Hornbrook, and as the neighborhood mechanic.

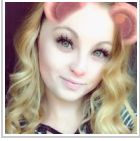
Michael enjoyed golfing in his down time, and loved to play city league softball, watch NASCAR, and throw horseshoes with friends. He was a big fan of the Detroit Lions football team, even though the recent decades of struggles. Michael also volunteered for many years at the Hornbrook Cemetery, where he helped his mom with cemetery management and care.

Michael is survived by his companion of 18 years, Sonya Shellner/Stratton and her sons Jaron and Seth Stratton; a brother, Peter Bodenhoefer; a sister, Stephanie Bortolussi; his mother, Barbara Taylor; nephew Jacob Wayne; and nieces Amiee LeeAnn and Trinity Lynn, all of Hornbrook. Michael will be truly

missed in his community – not just because of his mechanic skills, but because of his big heart and enjoyable presence.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Michael's home in Hornbrook.

# Tribute Wall



“ I knew of Michael threw my family Lottie ladd n then I went to his mom's house Barbara's few times met sonja also n they have been in hornbook forever it seems like been to their house few times n Michael always was nice may the great spirit be with Barbara sonja and family. R I P

Tammy Aubrey - September 30, 2019 at 03:12 PM

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“ There are so many memories of Michael from the day he was born until the day he left this earth it's difficult to choose just one..he always had a smile, a big heart and a story to tell..he was my go to man..he was my kids big brother too even though they were cousins.. we will especially miss him at Thanksgiving! Rest In Peace.....Aunty

donna ratliff - September 19, 2019 at 12:10 PM

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Michael was a huge part of my life. His intelligence proceeded most I've ever met. Michael saw me through the roughest times of my life and celebrated with me in my best times. He had a heart of gold and it showed. Michael worked for me for a few years and to say that he was an asset to my company and that of my life, would be an understatement. He will be missed by everyone in my family and loved for lifetimes.

Rob murphy - September 21, 2019 at 05:19 PM