



Taylor Fukuzawa

November 25, 1993 - January 13, 2022

It is with profound sadness that the family of Taylor Ashley Fukuzawa announce her sudden passing and entrance into Heaven on January 13, 2022 at the age of 28. Taylor was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1993 in Wenatchee, Washington. She is the daughter of Tracy (Panzone) Piepel and Ted Douglas Fukuzawa.

Taylor was a 2012 graduate of Eastmont High School. She was a cheerleader, and on the dance team where she competed and qualified to be part of the national dance team that traveled and performed in Rome, Italy.

Taylor loved all kinds of music. She would round up her sisters and go for night drives with the music blasting and singing at the top of their lungs. She also enjoyed being silly and sharing "girl talk" with her sisters and their friends. She fiercely loved and protected her brother Nick and was always so proud of him and his accomplishments.

Taylor had a real soft spot in her heart for all animals, but her #1 favorite animal was the Sea Turtle (which she swam with on a recent family vacation in Maui this past April). She was always up for trying something new and adventurous like skydiving, zip lining (upside down that is), alpine day hikes. You name it, she was ready.

She loved outer space and stargazing too. Taylor had a passion for documentaries and true crime shows & podcasts. Taylor also loved big cities, traveling, and experiencing different kinds of cuisine (like a good "Rare Steak"), she was a true "Foodie". Some of her favorite sounds were: Kade telling her he loved her; crashing waves, rain falling on the roof, and the pop of a cork from a bottle of champagne.

Taylor accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior on June 24, 2018, surrounded by her family, friends, and WORD Sisters. Taylor's greatest legacy is her three-year old son, Kade Douglas Bitterman. She was so proud of him and loved him deeply. Her bright light and smile will live on through him.

Taylor Ashley Fukuzawa was preceded in death by: Great Grandparents, Robert & Frances "Peggy" Stremke; Grandparents, Ben Fukuzawa, Dennis J. Panzone, and Richard & Janet Piepel; Uncle, John T. Fukuzawa; Great Uncle, David M. Stremke. She will be lovingly remembered by: the JOY of her life, her precious son Kade Douglas Bitterman (Father - Bryce T. Bitterman); Fiancé, Randy W. Grib; Parents, Tracy M. Piepel & David J. Piepel; Ted D. Fukuzawa (Mary A. Rose); Brother, Nicolas R. Fukuzawa; Sisters, Madison P. Piepel and Kaitlyn G. Piepel; Grandparents, Haruko "Daisy" Fukuzawa, Cheryl Stremke; Great Aunt, Miki Borigini; Uncles, Dennis Panzone (Jenny Bardwell), Tye Panzone (Jami); Aunt, Mindy Piepel; Cousins, Christina Flaherty (Kyle), Cheyenne, Mia and Bella Panzone, Austin Fukuzawa, M'Lynn Vanderweide (Justin), Gunner Degman (Mira), Charity Jones (Tyler); Second Cousins, Robert and Ed Mier; and many more extended family members.

The family sends out a special Thank You to all of Taylor's loved ones, for their prayers, support, messages and calls, and especially the memories that were shared. Taylor's beautiful light will shine on.

The family greatly appreciates the outpouring of support and the beautiful

flower arrangements, however, we would like to request that any flowers be delayed and/or delivered to the Grace City Church on Friday, February 4th by 3:30pm so that they can be displayed at the service.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Grace City Church, 277 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 10:30 am.

Arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I was recently traveling on highway 28 when I saw the memorial for Taylor. I decided to look her up and was so moved by everything I read that I wanted to extend my deepest, heartfelt sympathy to everyone fortunate enough to have known and loved this wonderful person. She so very obviously meant the world to the many, many people whose lives were made so much better by her presence. I know what a difficult time that was for the truck driver and everyone close. I also know that Christ is with Taylor, and you'll all be together again forever one day. Please press forward using the promise of the future to sustain and buoy you, and the good memories of the past to enrich you. And always remember there are so many keeping you and Taylor deep in their hearts and prayers.



Don Hightower - February 22, 2025 at 04:14 AM

EC

“ *Forever could never be long enough for me, to feel like I had long enough with you*”

Oh my sweet, beautiful, kind, funny, and precious friend Taylor. The grief and the sadness, never gets any easier to endure. I miss you more than words can describe, and hold every memory I have of you so near to my heart.

I remember when we were at the center together, and everyone used to comment on the way we were like "two peas in a pod". We were absolutely "double trouble" 😂❤️❤️. I love reading the notes we passed back and forth to each other when we're supposed to be paying attention. 😎💜

I remember our inside jokes fondly- "lil bips", "twiggys", and our obsession with buying those cute maternity clothes, even though neither of us were pregnant 😂❤️. People thought we were so weird. We used to sit outside at the restaurants in Edmonds, and eat and talk for hours. It was Christmas time, and we were in a treatment center. People were wearing masks, and no one could have convinced me that during that time I would ever be able to "feel" the Christmas spirit. Taylor, when I think back on it.. that was the best Christmas ever. We grew and changed so much, in such a short period of time. And you brought a sense of warmth and comfort in to one of the darkest periods of my life.

You made life SO fun, and you always made me laugh so hard! You were spontaneous, silly, carefree, and unbelievably kind to every person you met.! I admired so many things about you Taylor. I was so proud to be your friend.

Taylor I love you so much. I will never stop remembering you, talking about you, or missing you. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Emma canavan - April 30, 2022 at 12:43 AM

SB

“ Taylor just always had an amazing spirit of JOY about her. She just seemed to radiate an enthusiasm where ever we would see her. So appreciate the gift she was to all of us. No doubt when she stepped through the gates heaven was a bit brighter!! Love to all her family.
Steve Bishop

Stephen L Bishop - January 31, 2022 at 11:25 AM

JN

“ May you rest in peace. My condolences to your family and friends of all the lives you touched in our valley. I know you were truly a gem!!

Joseph Nichols - January 22, 2022 at 06:13 PM