

## Warren L. Taylor

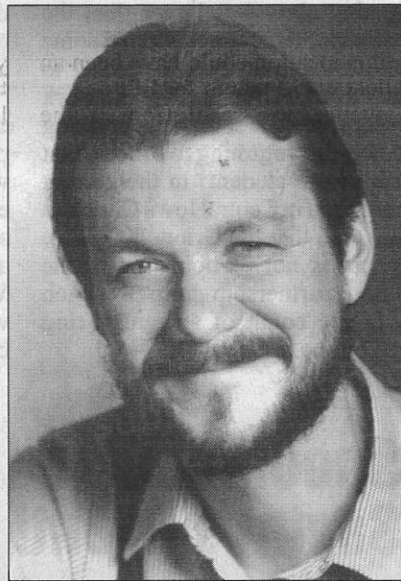
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On Sunday, September 26, surrounded by his beloved children, a favorite cousin, and the special partner of his final years, Warren Taylor died from lung cancer, leaving behind grieving friends, a family who can't imagine life without him, and a multitude of people who feel that a part of themselves has been taken away.

Warren was born in Ames, Iowa, on April 21, 1945, the third son of Noel and Margaret (Strachan) Taylor. In 1954 the family moved to Cedar Rapids, and two years later they settled in Grinnell, where Warren graduated from high school in 1963. Warren discovered photography in college, and he never let go. While at Drake University, he



took an internship with the Cresco Times Plain Dealer. There he met his first wife, Nancy Burr, with whom he would have two children. In 1970, shortly after his marriage, Warren was hired by The Des Moines Register, and except for his service in the U.S. Army, when he worked at Stars & Stripes, Warren remained at the Register, first as a photographer and then as Picture Editor, until he retired in 2008. In 1989 he married again, to Elizabeth Seiser of Des Moines, and together they had three children.

Photojournalism was the perfect job for Warren Taylor. With it he traveled the state of Iowa and beyond, covering all aspects of life, from sporting events to local news. In doing so he met people, and people were Warren's life blood. He couldn't go anywhere without making a friend, and to talk with him was to discover a life where friendliness was like breathing, and connections with others were the tapestry of his existence. Wherever he went, whether on Waveland Golf Course, driving to south Des Moines for Classic Frozen Custard, working the Drake Relays (41 years as a fan and volunteer), going to The Bartender's Handshake for drinks, covering the Sydney Olympics, or riding with his BMW motorcycle friends, Warren was always in his element. Few people could have been more beloved by those who knew him.

Warren leaves behind three children, Nathan (Tisha) Taylor of Golden, Colo., Megan Taylor (Brad Dugdale) of Minneapolis, and Katherine Taylor (Daniel Kohlhasse) of Ames. He was predeceased by his twin sons, Christopher and Patrick Taylor, in 1999. Warren is also survived by his brothers, Gordon Taylor of Monmouth, Ore., and Paul Taylor of Danville, Calif., and a sister, Beth (Bruce) Gordon, of La Canada, Calif. No list of survivors is complete without his beloved granddaughters, Beate Taylor, Lucy Taylor, and Olivia Taylor, of Golden, Colo., who named him "Beaka" and occupied a special place in his heart.

The Taylor siblings are forever grateful to our cousin Patrick Driscoll, who came from Rio Rancho, N.M., to be with Warren in his final hours. We also thank the people of EveryStep Hospice, who gave him their best. Finally, the Taylor family send their special love and gratitude to Kathleen Murrin, whom Warren met in 2013. Without her love, warmth, and energy, Warren's final years would not have been as happy and fulfilling as they were. We are in her debt forever.

A Celebration of Life for Warren Taylor will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Plymouth Church UCC, 4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines, Iowa (where masks are required). A light lunch reception at the Church will follow the service.

Instead of flowers, reach out to a stranger and strike up a friendly conversation. Somewhere, Warren will be smiling with approval.