



## Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe

August 15, 2006 - February 17, 2026

Taylor's life was unfortunately ended way too soon in a tragic auto accident on February 17, 2026. Taylor was born on August 15, 2006, at the St Cloud Hospital. I'm gonna start with saying it's hard to describe somebody as beautiful as her in a couple of paragraphs, so I will try my best to sum it up. She attended high school at ROCORI, in which she graduated in 2025. She loved all animals, but specifically her 6 horses. She worked hard to purchase and care for her dreams of owning horses after growing fond at Valley Creek Farm where she started lessons at the age of 7. She had many passions including camping, going to the cabin, getting as muddy as possible four wheeling, tubing, travel, country music and fostering/adopting any animals she could find! She had a passion for trucks and thoroughly enjoyed assisting the love of her life on any of his mechanic projects. He brought so much joy to her life in which they were two missing puzzle pieces that fit perfectly together, the only time they were apart was while they were at work. She also had 3 brothers that she thoroughly enjoyed as well as her friends and extended family. She more recently enjoyed some travel, filled with experiences that I am forever thankful for at this time with a couple of trips to Hawaii, as well as to Texas for the rodeo she looked forward to seeing for years. Her smile lit up an entire room, as well as her calm demeanor was always felt.

She is survived by her father, Eric Wahnschaffe, mother, Nicole Stommes (Jesse Burg); brothers, Mayson and Boston Wahnschaffe and Jayce Burg;

significant other, Jonah O' Leary; grandparents, Jim and Lynn Burg, Janet Dunning, Don and Mary Wahnschaffe; several loving aunts, uncles and cousins that all had very special relationships with Taylor.

She is joined in heaven by her guardian angel grandfather, Vernon Stommes, who I'm sure is holding her tightly in his arms. She will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 2026, her grandfather Vern's birthday, at St. Boniface Catholic Church Narthex, Cold Spring, MN.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **11**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Church Narthex  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ *She was truly one of a kind. She always had a way of bringing light into the room and the ability to put a smile on everyone’s face. She always found a way to be there for someone no matter who it was. She will always be loved and missed. God took a perfect angel way to soon*

Braxton - April 27 at 10:10 PM

JD

“ *Taylor, you are greatly missed. Your smile was infectious and you will always be in our hearts. Eric, Nicole and family you have our deepest sympathies. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



Jamie A Daniel - April 10 at 04:10 PM

TJ

“ *The Daniel's Jay, Jamie, Paige, Tyler, Luke purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe.*



The Daniel's Jay, Jamie, Paige, Tyler, Luke - April 10 at 04:03 PM

BA

“ Brutgers-Jeremy, Michelle, Tyler, Ashley purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe.



Brutgers-Jeremy, Michelle, Tyler, Ashley - April 10 at 08:29 AM

BA

“ Brutgers-Jeremy, Michelle, Tyler, Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe.

Brutgers-Jeremy, Michelle, Tyler, Ashley - April 10 at 08:29 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe.



April 08 at 02:01 PM



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

April 08 at 02:01 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe.*



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March 25 at 03:36 PM



“ *Eric and Family~  
So sorry to see you've lost your precious Tay. We share your sorrow and hope you find comfort in the love from your family and friends.  
Chuck & Tiff Koshiol*

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**Chuck & Tiff Koshiol** - March 13 at 05:53 PM

HB

“ Dear Eric & family,

*My heart is so heavy for you and your family. I cannot begin to imagine the depth of the loss you are carrying with the passing of your beautiful daughter. Nineteen years is far too short, and I am so deeply sorry that your time with her was taken so suddenly and tragically.*

*A father's love for his daughter is something incredibly special, I personally witnessed this with you & Tay. I hope that in time the memories you shared - her beautiful smile, her laughter, and the moments that made her uniquely yours - bring you some comfort in the midst of such profound grief.*

*Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May you feel surrounded by love, strength, and the support of those who care deeply for you during this incredibly difficult time. Lean on your friends & family when needed. That's what we are here for. *

*With deepest sympathy.*

*Travis & Heather Bermel  
Monticello, Minnesota*

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**Heather Bermel** - March 12 at 05:58 PM

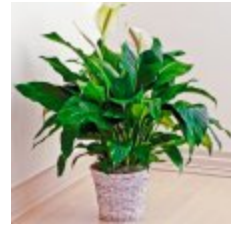
TT

“ I didn't know Tay, but her mom, Nicole, is my primary care physician. Nicole is amazing woman and an awesome mom, so it's not surprising to hear that her daughter Tay was an awesome young lady full of life and zest. I'm sending prayers to you Nicole, and Tay's family and friends during this time is unspeakable grief. I will be praying that the Lord wrap you all in His koving arms during this unimagivable time of grieving. I'm so sorry for your loss and know you'll all be in my prayers. God Bless. ✨

Troy Thielen - February 27 at 06:13 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Taylor "Tay" Wahnschaffe.



February 21 at 02:46 PM



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

February 21 at 02:46 PM



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

February 21 at 02:41 PM

JL

“*Tay was determined, full of heart, and always wanted to ride more. She trusted me to guide her as her trainer, mentor, and friend. Something I will never take lightly.*

*I hope she knew I was always in her corner. Every tough conversation came from wanting the very best for her and her horses. She deserved every chance to chase those arena lights she dreamed so hard for, and we were ready to chase them together. She had the grit to get there. Without a doubt the most dedicated client I have ever had the pleasure of working with.*

*I will carry her with me into every arena I step into, thinking of her every time I see those lights. I will always feel her presence in every sunset I see between the ears. Forever in the Saddle.*

*Prayers for her family and everyone who loved her. □*

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**Jasmine Lee** - February 20 at 08:49 PM

AH

“*Taylor would show up to our house on a horse, she would let others ride them, so they could have that experience of riding a horse. I will never forget her smile!*

*Amy Harren*

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**Amy Harren** - February 20 at 05:31 PM