

# B E L O V E D

*Son, Brother, Partner  
Mayor Pro Tem,  
Councilmember  
Public Servant  
Confidant, Friend, Caregiver  
Liaison, Volunteer  
Daddy to his Puppies -  
Monique & Miss B  
Mentor, Counselor  
Event Committee "Go To" person  
Support Giver  
And so Very Much More.*



*Bart Taylor  
April 9th, 1960 - February 15th, 2015*

way of making it all easier, simpler –that's the way he was. Bart was a quiet man; he left most the talking to me. And if I was the last person to leave a function, he never once got impatient with me – usually he would just go get the car and wait for me. I will miss my partner so very much.

There's a reason Bart was elected by his fellow councilmembers to be Mayor Pro Tem for his entire time on council. He was trusted. Trusted to always be professional in his conduct. Trusted to look at all sides of an issue. Trusted to keep confidences. Trusted to be there and be prepared. He had one of the best attendance records, all the way to the very end. Council trusted him, to represent them. I trusted Bart to be there, to back me up without a personal agenda. I trusted Bart with the keys to the city as well as to my home. I trusted my colleague and my friend.

Bart's shoes cannot be filled. We will, however, have to fill his counsel position, and there is a legal process for that. As for Mayor Pro Tem, Council will elect someone from the existing council body to represent them. That person will become my back-up; it's a big job and requires a level of commitment not everyone wants to, or is able to, make. Council, as well as me, will need some time to recover from losing such a vital part of our body and our community at large. This was very evident on the Monday after his passing. His chair, next to mine, was very empty. I will be looking over my shoulder for you, Bart, for a very, very long time.

I first met Bart at my little store in Milton. I got to know him in the Council Chambers on Monday nights before we were elected on council. Bart and I were regulars in the city council chambers for years before we ran for our Council positions. Bart did not take things lightly – if he decided to do something, he was committed to doing it all the way and without much fanfare. This was very evident as we tried to assemble the group of photos of Bart. It was a difficult to find photos because Bart never looked for recognition; he was never the one out front. Where we did find a lot of the photos was by searching Milton event photos and looking at the volunteers. And sure enough, in every event, somewhere in the background was Bart, usually working. That's just what Bart did. He served the City of Milton, and he served people. A common question from Bart to me was, "What time do you want me to pick you up?" We went everywhere together. He was a true gentleman, always. Sometimes, some of the places we went were huge events with crazy tight schedules. Bart had a