

Jeff Taylor Sr.

Born January 1, 1960, Blytheville, Arkansas

Died: March 2020, Noorkoping, Sweden

High School: Hobbs High School 1978

College: Texas Tech 1982

High School

- Three-year lettermen in Basketball a1975-1976 Second leading scorer and rebounder of the 4A state runner-up team
- started all three seasons at Hobbs and was the leading scorer and rebounder his junior and senior season 1976 Named to the All-State Tournament team.
- 1976 Named to the Albuquerque Journal 4A All-State Team.
- 1976 Prep Sports Magazine All-Great Southwest's "Top Sophomore of the Year"
- 1976-1977 Named the team's Most Valuable Player and top rebounder. Led the Eagles to a third-place finish in the 4A state tournament.
- 1977 4A All-State First Team ... only junior on the First Team.
- 1977 New Mexico's 4A High School Basketball Player of the Year
- 1977 Named to the Prep Sports Magazine All-Great Southwest's "Dandy Dozen". The twelve players were from the four-state area of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado. Also, named the "Top Junior of the Year."
- 1977-1978 Led the #1 ranked Eagles until he broke his leg on January 17, 1978, against Carlsbad High School.
 - The team was undefeated and beating teams by 40 points per game.
 - The team was averaging 109 points per game.
 - Jeff was averaging 25.6 points per game, scoring 409 points in the 16 games.
 - On January 13th, the Eagles set the state record that still stands today for most points (176) and biggest spread (127) in a game when they beat Roswell High School 176-49. Other state records set in the game were 81 field goals made in a game. The Eagles' 84 rebounds would be 6th all-time, and the 66 assists would set a school record. In that game, Jeff was the second leading scorer with 40, just behind Steve Smith's 43.
- 1978 New Mexico's 4A High School Basketball Player of the Year
- 1978 Led the South team to a 98-93 victory over the North team. He was the Most Valuable Player of the game.

College

- 1978-1982 Four-year starter for the Red Raiders under long time coach, Gerald Myers.
- In 115 games, he logged 3,538 minutes and scored 1424 points. Left Tech fifth all-time in career points and assists.
- 1981 SWC Co-Defensive Player of the Year
- 1981 2nd Team All-SWC.

- 1981 All-District VI
- 1982 2nd Team All-SWC
- 1982 SWC Defensive Player of the Year

Professional

- Selected by the Houston Rockets in the second round, picked 42nd overall. Played in 56 games over two NBA seasons.
- 1982 Played one season with the Rockets.
- 1985 Signed with the Norrköping Dolphins, a professional team in Sweden.
- 1986-1987 Returned to the NBA to play for the Detroit Pistons.
- 1987 After his NBA career ended, he continued his career in Europe, eventually settling in Sweden, where he lived until his death.
 - 1998 Led the Norrköping to a National Championship.
 - An injury-free, and Jeff is the best I have coached, injured, he is one of the top ten. He has brought respect, and his attitude rubbed off, and he terrified opponents with his defense, " says Coach Kelly Grant.
- After his basketball career, worked as a physical education teacher. He continued at the same time, to always be involved in basketball in the Swedish city of Norrköping in the diverse types of leadership roles.
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Honors

- 2007 Inducted of the Texas Tech Hall of Fame.
- 2011 Inducted into the Lea County Sports Hall of Fame.

Family

- Wife. Pia
- Six children including son, Jeffery Jr. played college ball at Vanderbilt and played for the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats.