

THE 12th ANNUAL DON TAYLOR MEMORIAL 800 METER RUN
&
ILION DAYS RUN-FOR-FUN & MINI-TRACK MEET

Established June 2, 2012

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

6:00pm Registration & Warmup - CVA Track

6:30pm RUN-FOR-FUN (8 and under) 20 Meter Dash, 50 Meter Dash & Relay

ILION DAYS MINI-TRACK MEET (9 and over)

Don Taylor Memorial 800 Meter Run

50 Meter Dash 100 Meter Dash 200 Meter Dash

400 Meter Run 4 x 100 Meter Relay

All age groups welcome, each person may enter the 800, 2 running events, plus the Relay

Details (Sponsored by the Youth & Family Center the Mohawk Valley)

All former players and friends of Don Taylor are welcome to participate. The school age boy and girl who completes the run with the best time will receive a small trophy and all participants will receive a Hershey ribbon.

Mr. Donald J. Taylor was a lifelong resident of Ilion and a true Ilion Golden Bomber.

When Don ran track for Ilion HS, his main event was the 880 yard run.

He passed on 5/19/2012. He was born in Ilion, on 2/1/1930. He was laid to rest next to his parents in the Oak View Cemetery in Frankfort on 5/26/2012.

Don was a graduate of Ilion HS, Class of 1947. He enlisted in the US Army on 2/9/1951 and was honorably discharged on 10/16/1956. Coach Taylor began his local legendary coaching career in 1953. For the next 43 years he was the CYO grade 7-8 basketball coach at the Church of Annunciation Catholic School. The Annunciation School gymnasium was dedicated in his honor as the Don Taylor Gymnasium. Mr. Taylor was the official timer at the track events at Ilion HS, including the Hershey's Track and Field Games and was awarded the Hershey's Track & Field Outstanding Local Program Award in 2003. Don was also a recipient of the My Hometown Sports and Adirondack Bank 12th Man Award.

Mr. Taylor was inducted into the Central Valley School District inaugural **Hall of Fame** on 3/11/2017. The Don Taylor Memorial bench is located at the Central Valley Academy track.

