



## Adam Christopher Hays

October 28, 1973 - April 13, 2021

Adam Christopher Hays, 47 of Grand Island went to his Heavenly home on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at St. Francis Skilled Care.

Services will be held at 10:30 AM Monday, April 19th at Peace Lutheran Church. Reverend Luke Biggs will officiate. Live-streaming will be on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Celebration of Life-Grand Island. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-5 PM Sunday at Peace Lutheran Church. Memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Adam was born on October 28, 1973 in Grand Island the son of Robert and Rita (Wolf) Hays. He attended Engleman Elementary, Westridge Middle School and Northwest High School.

Adam was smart, curious, and boisterous as a child. As a fun-loving nerd, he always excelled in school. He was a big jokester and loved to make others laugh. All those around him couldn't help but be happy. Adam joked about wanting to be an only child, but he was an extremely caring and loving big brother. His hobbies included electronics, problem solving, and science. In middle school, he tested his electronics knowledge and rigged his locker to play the radio when he opened it. He enjoyed working on vehicles and spent time rebuilding his 1976 Chevy Malibu with his Dad. Even as a teenager,

Adam inspired others. He was a confirmed member of Peace Lutheran Church and active in their youth group. He was described by others as being kind, unique, inspiring, “someone who gave it his all,” “someone who would change the world,” and “someone who I wanted to be.”

On March 29, 1988 Adam announced to his friends that he was going to beat the school record in track at Northwest High School during gym class. Tragically, that day he collapsed on the track. What followed was a test of faith and strength. Adam returned home from the hospital in a persistent vegetative state. While stricken with grief, an entire community came together to support Adam’s family and “pray for Adam.” After being cared for at home for a few years, Adam was moved to CHI St. Francis Skilled Care. During the 31 years in the loving care of the Skilled Care staff, God’s plan began to be revealed. Adam continued to make others smile. God’s unending love shined through him. His story inspired countless people in strengthening their faith in God, and led many to pursue careers in nursing and healthcare. Several now carry Adam’s name to honor his spirit and memory. Adam was still able to change the world, just not how anyone ever expected.

Those left to cherish his memory include his parents, Bob and Rita Hays; his siblings, Grant Hays, Matthew (LaNae) Hays, Emily (Patrick) Jensen, Beth (Daniel) Deida, Andrew (Rachael) Carlson, Stephen (Molly) Carlson and Daniel (Brenda) Carlson; nieces and nephews, Emma, Macy, Reese, Nora Carlson; Allison, Brianna, Landon Deida; Henry, Arthur Hays; Evalynn, Robert Jensen; Oliver and Stella Carlson; and his grandfather, Carroll Wolf. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Delores Wolf, and Joe and Fern Hays.

## Cemetery Details

### Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life Service

APR **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran  
1710 N. North Rd  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ Adam Christopher Hays

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Adam Christopher Hays.



April 20, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adam Christopher Hays.



April 18, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ Rita n Bob n family I am so sorry to learn of Adam passing. I was 1 of the caregivers who worked overnights when Adam came back home. I would put music videos on n dance around the room n watch Adams eyes follow me.

Just know Adam is Finally Home where he will be at peace.  
Deborah Conevera



Deborah Conevera - April 17, 2021 at 10:39 AM

RH

*Thank you so much for sharing and for caring for Adam.*

**Rita Hays** - April 18, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Adam Christopher Hays.*



April 16, 2021 at 03:04 PM

GH

“ *Rita and Bob, I was saddened to read of Adam's passing. My heart and prayers go out to you. Gordon Hrnicek*

**gordon hrnicek** - April 16, 2021 at 10:45 AM

SV

*Steve & Bettye Vint send their heartfelt condolences 🌸*

**Steve & Bettye Vint** - April 16, 2021 at 04:46 PM

SS

“ *Sarah Schreiner purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Adam Christopher Hays.*



**Sarah Schreiner** - April 15, 2021 at 08:22 PM

BG

“ *Rita, Bob, and family,  
Ned and I send warm thoughts and love to all of you. We will hold you and Adam in our hearts. The Hays family have shown what true love is all about. Our condolences at this time, as you lose Adam for the final time.*

*Love,  
Ned and Brenda Groelz*

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**Brenda Groelz** - April 15, 2021 at 05:49 PM

DR

“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Adam (Rita and I have been penfriend since 1988, I live in Sydney, Australia.)  
When I received a letter from Rita re Adam I could not imagine the pain and distress she and her family were experiencing. Since that time my respect and admiration in their faith, love and caring knew no bounds.*

*I live a few doors from a Lutheran Church and spoke to the minister, who, along with the congregation said prayers for Adam. He may now be gone, but will never be forgotten, by his amazing family and friends. I am sorry I never had the pleasure of meeting Adam, but he will always have a special place in my heart. Dale Ritson.*

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**Dale Ritson** - April 15, 2021 at 05:47 PM