



Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve

October 19, 2004 - February 9, 2024

Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve, age 19, left this life, on Friday, February 9, 2024, leaving a mark on all those lucky enough to have known him. He courageously battled and fought the cancer that took him from us. His smile lit up our lives and will never be forgotten.

Service and celebration of Wyatt's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, at Third City Christian Church with Reverend Josh Sikes officiating. If possible, in honor of Wyatt, please wear your TeamGilly apparel. There is a visitation at the church on Tuesday, February 13, from 5-7 p.m. Burial will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Wyatt and his twin sister, Makenna, were born October 19, 2004, in Grand Island, the children of Jeremy and Emily (Webb) Gildersleeve.

Wyatt graduated from Northwest High School, class of 2023. He played football, baseball, was a member of the trap team and the National Honor Society.

When one thinks about words to describe Wyatt, many wonderful things come to mind; gentle, kind-hearted, selfless, brave, genuine, thoughtful, and a true definition of full send; always giving 100% in everything he did. Wyatt was truly a remarkable and positive young man. He never wanted anything more than to just blend into the crowd with that true Wyatt grin on his face, then once in a while his quick wit would come shining through at the perfect time.

In school, Wyatt would be the one you would find helping others when he got done with his work. He wanted to pursue a teaching degree with an emphasis in Math, in order to give back to others—always looking out for people! When others were not satisfied with their work, Wyatt would remain patient, and persevere with them until they got it right. He worked extremely hard on projects and assignments in order to get them right the first time around. A fond memory that a lot of people still talk about is his Mouse Trap car, which, to this day still holds the record at Grand Island Northwest from his freshman year. Wyatt was so proud of this project!

Wyatt was a warrior. He rarely complained about the numerous trips to Omaha, his treatments, blood transfusions, daily medications, and the amount of school he was missing. Wyatt took it all in stride, never wanting to be a burden on anyone else. He finished his Senior year in the top 15% of his class despite all the time in the classroom missed.

Wyatt was a friend to many (and never had an enemy), but he only needed a small circle of close friends by his side. Wyatt would always put others before himself. Even though he couldn't participate in football after his diagnosis, he was on the sidelines supporting his teammates and coaches. Baseball was a love of Wyatt's from a very young age. He had such a passion for the sport and worked hard to get back on the field after his diagnosis, even though being back on the field after his surgery required him to have numerous layers of protection on his arm to avoid any injury. He never complained, he just wanted to play the game that meant so much to him.

He also found a love in shooting sports and excelled at Trap. He was blessed to be a part of the amazing Trap Team with Northwest and was able to shoot with some of his lifelong friends.

One of Wyatt's pride and joys was his boat, which he named the Squeaker Seeker. He received this boat from Make-A-Wish. He loved being out on the lake tubing and fishing. Wyatt would regularly research new fishing techniques and mastered many of them. This allowed him to catch not one, but two Master Angler Largemouth Bass in just one year! Wyatt shared this love of fishing with many friends, hauling the Squeaker Seeker to many different fishing holes. Hopefully, he is on the golden pond catching lots of fish already! Save us a spot at the fishing hole, bud, we will be there when we are done!

He wanted his family to have the better things in life and he would take whatever was left. He enjoyed playing games with his family, especially water balloon baseball, which became a family tradition. Wyatt just loved being in the presence of his family and spending time at their second home, the lake! The bond that he had with his twin sister was something special. When they were toddlers, they would pull their cribs together so that they could sleep in the same crib, instead of separately. When Makenna was reluctant to drive anywhere, Wyatt would step in and drive. He loved his family dearly!

Wyatt touched so many people with his bravery, calmness, faith, and strength. Above all else, Wyatt will be remembered for having the biggest heart and an infectious smile!

Wyatt's motto was Full Send.

Young man, Full Send has been completed, though you never failed, you won the ultimate prize, eternity in Heaven! Rest in Peace our dearest son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend.

Those who cherish Wyatt's memory include his parents, Jeremy and Emily; sister, Makenna; paternal grandfather, Robert (Michelle) Gildersleeve; maternal grandparents; Marvin and Jeanne Webb; several aunts, uncles and

cousins; many friends; and his four-legged buddy, Scout.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Deborah (Steve) Williams.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Third City Christian Church
4100 W. 13th St.
Grand Island, NE 68803

Celebration of Life Service

FEB **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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4100 W. 13th St.
Grand Island, NE 68803

Service will be available to watch on Facebook through "Amanda Hoffman Smith" Facebook Page around 9:45 AM.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ *Kristina F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.*

Kristina F. - February 14, 2024 at 07:19 AM

SF

“ *Sully and Chance Kratzer (and family) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.*



Sully and Chance Kratzer (and family) - February 13, 2024 at 12:22 PM

MM

“ *To Wyatt's family my most sincere sympathy and condolences. I hope your fondest memories will hug you tight and help you as you grieve the loss of Wyatt.*

Monica Ayoub McClure - February 13, 2024 at 02:46 AM

KS

“ *Kristi S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.*

Kristi S. - February 12, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



February 12, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



February 12, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



February 12, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ Northwest High School Principals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

Northwest High School Principals - February 12, 2024 at 11:27 AM

PM

“ Patricia Masson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Patricia Masson - February 12, 2024 at 10:52 AM

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“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



February 12, 2024 at 10:32 AM

AF

“ Anthony Masson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

Anthony Masson Family - February 12, 2024 at 10:32 AM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



February 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM

LC

“ Love, Coach Kim and the WSC Cheerleaders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

Love, Coach Kim and the WSC Cheerleaders - February 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



February 12, 2024 at 12:47 AM

SF

“ Sophia McKinney and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Sophia McKinney and family - February 11, 2024 at 10:06 PM

SF

“ Sophia McKinney and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

Sophia McKinney and family - February 11, 2024 at 10:06 PM

TN

“ Taylor & Chianne- MCC GI NURSES<3 purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Taylor & Chianne- MCC GI NURSES<3 - February 11, 2024 at 09:31 PM

CB

“ Cecilia B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

Cecilia B. - February 11, 2024 at 10:10 AM

AK

“ Alec, Rylee, Ken, and Kimberly purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Alec, Rylee, Ken, and Kimberly - February 11, 2024 at 10:06 AM

AK

“ Alec, Rylee, Ken, and Kimberly planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

Alec, Rylee, Ken, and Kimberly - February 11, 2024 at 10:06 AM

KL

“ We were saddened to hear of Wyatt’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers going out to the family! Jim and Kris Lech (former Karp and Krow trap coach)

Kris Lech - February 10, 2024 at 10:14 PM

AS

“ Abby T, Molly P, Kallie C, Gavin S purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Abby T, Molly P, Kallie C, Gavin S - February 10, 2024 at 09:33 PM

TF

“ The Klinginsmith family. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



The Klinginsmith family. - February 10, 2024 at 08:45 PM

TF

“ The Klinginsmith family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.

The Klinginsmith family. - February 10, 2024 at 08:45 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you.



The Tiedt Family - February 10, 2024 at 08:23 PM

AW

“ Amber, Derek, Maylei and Chay Washburn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Amber, Derek, Maylei and Chay Washburn - February 10, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are for the whole family. Wyatt fought his battle with cancer so courageously. He was such a good friend to our grandson, Nolan. Rest in peace dear Wyatt.



ChuckandKay Carpenter - February 10, 2024 at 03:37 PM

EM

“ Emily Fakkema and Alison Marshall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.



Emily Fakkema and Alison Marshall - February 10, 2024 at 03:21 PM

JL

“ *Jasen, Judy , Spencer & Shayle Landers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wyatt Wayne Gildersleeve.*



Jasen, Judy , Spencer & Shayle Landers - February 10, 2024
at 02:56 PM

LC

“ *Jeremy and family, I am so sorry to read this sad news. I can't even imagine your pain. I hope your beautiful memories of Wyatt bring you comfort and peace.*

Lori (Wenthe) Crick - February 10, 2024 at 02:25 PM