



Zachary Wayne Carda

October 16, 1995 - December 23, 2016

Zachary Wayne Carda, 21 of Grand Island went to spend Christmas in Heaven on December 23, 2016 at Mary Lanning Healthcare-Hastings. Celebration Service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Old Salem Cemetery south of Seward. Family will greet friends an hour before service time.

Zach was born October 16, 1995 at Hastings the son of Maris and Lisa (Knuth) Carda.

Survivors are his mother, Lisa Carda of Grand Island and her friend, Douglas Smith; his father, Maris Carda of York; sister, Sarah Carda of Grand Island; brother, Tyler Carda of Grand Island; grandmothers, Ellen Knuth of Cordova, NE and Rozella Carda of Alma, NE; uncles, aunts and cousins and his extended family at his Mosaic Group Home.

He is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Wayne Knuth and Joseph Carda and an uncle, Joseph Carda.

Zach attended Stolley Park Elementary, Barr Middle School and graduated from Grand Island Senior High class of 2014. He was attending the Indra Transitional Learning Center through Grand Island Public Schools.

Throughout all his disabilities he always smiled. His smile was both contagious and infectious. He taught others about the "Love of Life". Zach loved his outings and time spent with family. The "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "You Are My Sunshine" were his favorite songs.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of Zach.

Tribute Wall



“ Zachary Wayne Carda

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ I have had the privilege of having Zach in my classroom 5 years at both the GISH and the Indra House-Transition Learning Program. Through Zach, I was able to work with the excellent staff at Mosaic and was given the opportunity to also work with his parents. Zach always had a way to make me smile. He would do a little dance in his chair. There were times when Zach would reach for my hand to hold or to do the “push-pull” game. A couple of times, I was getting on the class about not completing a chore. Zach let out a huge sound of “gee-whiz.” None of us could keep a straight face and Zach knew we needed some comic relief. I remember the times where Zach and I would sit and listen to NET classical music once our lessons were done. Zach’s absence will be felt in our whole CBI program. Yet, we will be able to smile as we warmly reflect on the great memories Zach has left us. How he inspired us by being joyful and kind.

Fred Lowery - December 31, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for you and your family, Lisa.

Marcia Keown - December 31, 2016 at 07:58 AM

DJ

“ I have never worked with anyone as sweet and compassionate as Zachary He always had a smile for you and loved to hold your hand . I was very happy and blessed to be a part of Zach life. My prayers and hugs are extended to the Cards BV family 🙏

Debra Jardine - December 29, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ Working with Zack at Mosaic always made my night brighter and my worries less. He truly will be missed



Mickie Potter - December 29, 2016 at 04:43 PM

SA

“ I also enjoyed the time I spent with Zach. I used to have the honor working with him when I worked for the Grand Island Public Schools. He was always full of smiles. Rip little buddy! God definitely gained an angel in heaven.

Sarah - December 29, 2016 at 03:13 PM

KA

“ To the family of Zachary Carda
All I can say is thank you. Thank you to his family for sharing him,
thank God for allowing me to be present in Zach's life and today,
thank you to Zachary Carda for that infectious smile and playful
heart. He was so easy to love. I can truly say I have received so
much more from working with people who have an intellectual
disability than I could have possibly given- that is truer than ever
today. No amount of physical care I could provide could ever
compare to the smiles, laughs, and unconditional love from one of
God's finest angels I have etched into my heart and soul. May his
family and loved ones find comfort and peace during this time of
loss.

Katie - December 29, 2016 at 01:45 PM

VW

“ Lisa and family. You have our deepest sympathy. May God be with
you at this difficult time. I've heard many wonderful things about
Zach from his grandma and grandpa before he passed. Thoughts
and prayers. Ron and Velma Watson

Velma Watson - December 28, 2016 at 07:08 PM

BT

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THE INDRA HOUSE. HE WAS ALWAYS
SMILING. LIKED TO HOLD HANDS.



Bonita Tech - December 28, 2016 at 05:40 PM

RH

“ *My deepest sympathies for your loss.*
Ron Hester
GISH

Ron Hester - December 27, 2016 at 08:07 AM

CR

“ *I am one of Zach's former special ed teachers at Newell Elementary. I can say with all honesty that Zach is one of the sweetest souls I have ever had the pleasure to meet and to work with. His smile and his "happy noises" were infectious! His gentel soul brought joy and smiles to everyone he met. The world needs more Zach's in it. I feel blessed to have known him.*
Christi Rademacher

Christi Rademacher - December 26, 2016 at 10:09 PM

JB

“ *Dear Sarah and Family,*
Zach was a student of mine at Newell who was so loved. He made me smile and kept my day bright whenever I spent time with him. I can still see his smile and know how much happiness he brought to every one he met. Such a blessing. Sarah, you were one of my students at Barr. I so enjoyed teaching you as well. I am thinking of you and your family. Many thoughts and prayers for all of you,
Julie Baker

Julie Baker - December 26, 2016 at 08:55 PM