



## Everett Earl Hays

October 14, 1928 - December 1, 2015

Everett E. Hays, 87 passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at his home in Austin, MN. He was born October 14, 1928, to Elton and Loretta (Graff) Hays. Everett attended Whittier Grade School prior to graduating from Austin High School in 1947. He furthered his education at the University of Denver where he studied art. He served three years in the US Army (Korean War) where he was a surveyor from April 1951 to May 1952. He worked in the retail business for many years in St. Paul and California.

After moving back to Austin he met and later married Catherine Peterson (McGee) on February 7, 1969.

Everett was a huge sports enthusiast so much so that he was one of the founders of the Austin Youth Basketball Association. He was also heavily involved with The Austin Youth Football Association and the Austin Softball Umpire Association.

Many are familiar with his artwork, something he was extremely proud of. His best known works were his 1987 and 1991 Minnesota Twins World Series posters. He taught art classes through Community Ed, as well as at Pacelli High School. Many of his drawings are displayed throughout Austin.

His greatest love was his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elton and Loretta Hays; two brothers Richard Hays and Robert Hays and sister, Loretta Hays.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Katie) Hays; brother, David Hays, sister Ruth (Bob) O'Grady; children Randy (Amy) Peterson; Mary (Paul) Skifton; grandchildren, Josh (Shannon) Shatek, Nate Peterson, Jena (Nick) Feltis, Nicole Skifton, Matthew Skifton; great grandchildren, Lily Shatek and Wyatt Feltis. Nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 am on Monday, December 7, 2015 at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father Jim Steffes officiating. Friends may call from 4-6 pm on Sunday at Mayer Funeral Home and also one hour before the service at the church on Monday. Military rites will be by American Legion Post #91 and V.F.W. Post #1216.

A burial will be held with the immediate family in the Spring.

Condolences may be left online at [www.mayerfh.com](http://www.mayerfh.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Calvary Cemetery

4th Drive SW

Austin, MN, 55912

**DEC** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Mayer Funeral Home

600 2nd Street NW P.O. Box 27, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**DEC** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church

405 4th Street NW, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**DEC** **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church

405 4th Street NW, Austin, MN, US, 55912

# Comments

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“ Everett was awesome! I took several of his Community Ed classes many years ago and learned so much from him. He was a talented artist, for sure! He was also a gentle and kind-hearted soul. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

Val Rogers

**Valerie Rogers** - December 06, 2015 at 03:21 PM

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“ I have always lived in a world that had my uncle Everett in it . He saved my life when I was a small boy, I was choking on a orange.  
He was trully an all around example of goodness.  
I will surely miss our phonecalls together.  
He will hopfully always be remembered by us in the way we pass on, the the things he passed to us.

Chris Hays

**Chris Hays** - December 05, 2015 at 11:12 AM

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“ I was introduced to “Ev” when my son played for him in Austin Youth Basketball. Not only was he an exemplary coach, but a father-figure.

With his vivacious wife, Katie, by his side, they exuded positivity to everyone around them. His talents as an artist emerged with his drawings of the Minnesota Twins and the boys he coached. I have my own keepsakes of his work. I never saw him raise his voice ot lose his temper. If there’s a youth basketball team in heaven, I know the perfect coach and an artist who will sketch them for their families forever. Rest in peace, Coach. – Lee Bonorden

**lee bonorden** - December 04, 2015 at 02:23 PM

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“ Very sad to hear this news. Ev was near & dear to my heart. I was lucky to be able to call him a friend. He had a knack of knowing when you needed an encouraging word or a kick in the pants. A dedicated volunteer coach for many years too. He will be missed.

**John Weikum** - December 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM

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“ What we do for us alone dies with us. What we do for others lives on and is immortal. What a legacy Everett leaves to his family, friends and community. May GOD'S peace and unfailing love be with each one of you as you reflect on all the memories you will always hold in your hearts. Katie we love you so much. Our hearts and prayers are with you all. God Bless! Love always and forever Roxann and Lonny Menard and family

**Roxann Menard** - December 03, 2015 at 01:30 PM

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“ I knew Mr Hays' work before I knew him. Growing up in Austin when the Minnesota Twins actually won World Series titles, I had seen his wonderful sketches of the team roster. I took some of his art classes in the summer when I was younger, and he taught at Pacelli when I was a senior. I had always been an "artist," but he taught me to take my time and really pay attention to the subject I was drawing. His direction made me better and I am forever grateful for it.  
-Adam Pulchinski

**Adam Pulchinski** - December 03, 2015 at 10:39 AM