



James Winfield Hayden Jr.

March 7, 1937 - September 26, 2019

James Winfield Hayden, Jr., of Austin, Minnesota passed away September 26, 2019 in a way most befitting, working outdoors in his beloved woods. Born March 7, 1937 to James Winfield Hayden, Sr. and Margaret (Cress) Hayden, he was a proud graduate of Queen of Angels and St. Augustine High School (Class of 1955). After attending Austin Junior College, he joined the Air Force. He returned to Minnesota to earn a BA at Mankato State before pursuing a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Northern Iowa.

He married Joan Byam in 1965, remaining her dance partner for the next 54 years.

His formal teaching career began in Iowa and at Illinois State University. He returned, to teach art in the Austin Public Schools from 1968 until his retirement in 1999. Jim was a lifelong teacher, in the classroom, as a 4-H leader and in his many volunteer activities.

His artwork could be seen around town, on billboards, as parade floats, at the Paramount Theater, and as the dramatic backdrop of many Pacelli Schools and Queen of Angels events.

He was renowned for his willing spirit, quick laugh, creative genius, perpetual busyness, and love of music. Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughters, Jana (Gary) Hayden-Sofio and Beth Hayden (Drew Bremer); granddaughters, Adelaide and Mea Hayden-Sofio; siblings, Marlene (Elso) Ryks, Larry Hayden, and Janice (Patrick) McDowell; brothers-in-law, Lowell (Lorraine) Byam and Perry (Nancy) Byam; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister-in-law, Marjorie (Bernie) Nelson.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 10:30 am on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Queen of Angels Catholic Church with Father Raul Silva officiating. Friends may call one hour before the Mass at the church on Saturday. Military rites will be by American Legion Post #91 and V.F.W. Post #1216. Private interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Pacelli High School or donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.mayerfh.com

Cemetery

Events

Calvary Cemetery

4th Drive SW

Austin, MN, 55912

OCT **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Queen of Angels Catholic Church

1001 Oakland Avenue East, Austin, MN, US, 55912

OCT **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Joan and family,

I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was so nice to everyone. Sometimes I have a hard time beginning a conversation, but not Jim, he could talk to anyone. I really appreciated his visits with me. I was also so amazed by artistic talent and all the wonderful decorations he would create for Pacelli's auction. I'm sure he didn't use Pinterest either! He was an amazing man.

Linda Enstad

LINDA M ENSTAD - October 07 at 01:36 PM



“ Too many memories of good times to be sad. My last great memory was a tour of towns east of Austin finished with a steak sandwich and a beer at a special place he knew of.. We shared an appreciation of old Chrysler's and so much more. RIP Jim, be that wisp of wind.

Jim B.

Jim Bellemans - October 05 at 05:34 PM



“ Joan and Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about Jim. Jim and my Dad were close friends and I was there to watch them having so much fun together while they were working on the art work for a church function, hunting together, or just hanging out. There are so many good memories. They're back together now and I wonder what they're up to.

Keith Edstrom

Keith Edstrom - October 05 at 03:34 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I was so glad to be able to catch up on what's been going on in your lives when we ran into him at Hy-Vee not so long ago. We had a nice chat. My husband, Jim, and I fondly remember all the work he and his two art teacher cohorts did at the Paramount replacing the decorative edging at the Paramount Theatre. He and his beautiful smile will be missed. A gift will be given to the Paramount in his memory.

Milly Burroughs



“ Mr. Hayden was a great teacher! I had him back in the 80's at Ellis, I still have some of the Art. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Stacie Kalvoda

Stacie Kalvoda - October 05 at 09:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Winfield Hayden Jr..



October 04 at 01:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Winfield Hayden Jr..



October 03 at 10:29 AM



“ Joan and family,
So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Will always remember the good times we had at class reunions. Our thought and. prayers are with you. Dave & Etta

Dave Reicks - October 01 at 11:24 PM



“ Thinking about Jim brings a smile to my face because that is always how he made me feel whenever we would meet. His dry sense of humor always caught me off guard, not knowing if he was serious or just kidding around. I found out his "sweet spot" was trail mix, made with dry roasted peanuts, M&M's and granola. It was a favorite of mine too so I would have to make a big enough batch to share.

My deepest sympathies to Joan and the girls. Jim will be sorely missed by both

family and friends. Now Jim is with his large group of heavenly friends and family especially friend Kitty Garry.

Margy

Margy - September 30 at 06:55 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed horse collar with him also stopping to chat on the way past , will miss thoughts chats , steve and diane from down the street in tx

Steve and diane suhr - September 27 at 04:38 PM