



## Todd J. Hayes

September 5, 1967 - December 8, 2013

Hayes, Todd J. age 46 of Glen Dale, WV died Sunday, December 8, 2013 at home, surrounded by his wife and two friends.

He was born September 5, 1967 in Parkersburg, WV, the son of Paul and Jo Ann Adams Hayes of Wheeling, WV.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Moundsville; a Graduate of Marshall University, having received his Masters Degree from WVU; an Account Manager with the Ohio County Commission; a former Commercial Loan Officer at BB&T, Progressive Bank, and Ameribank; a former Deputy Director of OVIBDC; a former Director of Sales & Marketing for National Equipment, Wheeling; a former board member of Big Brothers & Big Sisters; a board member of Ohio County Development Authority, Bel-O-Mar Regional Council Executive Committee, and Work Force Investment Board, having served one year as Chairman of the Board; and a member of the Italian Festival Bocci Committee, Garibaldi Lodge, and Sons of Italy.

In addition to his parents survivors include his wife of 22 years, Marcia DiCresce Hayes; father and mother-in-law, Jerry and Claudette DiCresce of McMechen, WV; brother, Dave (Natalie) Hayes of Tampa, FL; sisters, Debbie (Pete) Lett of Cross Lanes, WV and Tammy (Brent) Richmond of Glen Dale, WV; brother-in-law, Mike DiCresce of McMechen and sister-in-law, Lori DiCresce of Parkville, MD; nieces and nephews; David Hayes, Danielle Evans, Adam and Carrie Lett, Amanda Richmond, Kelsey Hayes and Lauren DiCresce, and a special nephew, Jacob Stoner.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 5-9pm and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, Oak & Linden Avenue, Moundsville with Rev. Bruce Bevans officiating.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Plaza, Memphis, TN 38105 or The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke, Attn. Ellen Stainback, DUMC, Box 3624, Durham, NC 27710.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 11. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

### Visitation

DEC 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

### Visitation

DEC 12. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

DEC 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Oak & Linden Avenues  
Moundsville, WV

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Marcia my heart goes out to you. Todd was a wonderful man, and will truly be missed. God bless Todd's family. Tammi Maguire*

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**Tammi Maguire** - December 13, 2013 at 10:16 PM

GM

“ *I got to know Todd when I worked with him at Progressive Bank. He was truly one of the nicest people that I have ever had the privilege to know. He could really make us laugh. He had such a great sense of humor. Just what a great,great guy!! My deepest sympathy to Marcia. Gary Martin*

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**Gary Martin** - December 12, 2013 at 09:15 PM

SG

“ The first time I met Todd was when we were both 10 playing on the same all-star team in Moundsville. Todd Pitched the first 3 innings and struck out 9 and hit two home runs, just in 3 innings. Through our little league and high school years Todd is who we all looked up too. I had the privilege to be Todd's teammate in 1984 and 85. Winning the State Championship in 85, which he predicted at our sports banquet. Todd was very humble and quite but his actions on the field were deafening. I always felt that the reason we did so well in 85 was that we had Todd Hayes and you don't!!!!!! Simply put, Todd Hayes was the best, and no one was even close.

But I believe that he was an even better person, he was the definition of a true gentleman. Thank you for all of the memories my friend.

I will miss you Todd, God Bless you and your family.

Scot Goodnight

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Scot Goodnight - December 12, 2013 at 03:19 PM

JC

“ I met Todd in 1985 when we were both freshman on the Marshall University baseball team. He was a great hitter and I know he had a big state tournament earlier that spring. All the guys from Huntington East talked about how he hit against them in the state championship game. He was a heckuva ball player, a great teammate, and a very nice person. Really saddened to hear of Todd's passing. I was blessed to have known Todd and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends. John Chafin, Cincinnati, Ohio

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John Chafin - December 12, 2013 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ A great human being. He will be missed...

Chris - December 12, 2013 at 10:48 AM

ER

“ Todd's 1985 OVAC All-Valley newspaper article was the one that I had posted on my bulletin board at home when I was a kid. Sadly, I don't think that I took the opportunity to thank him for the motivation.  
RIP.  
Eric Knutsen

Eric - December 12, 2013 at 10:14 AM

DR

“ Darrell N. Robertson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Todd J. Hayes.



Darrell N. Robertson - December 12, 2013 at 09:13 AM

PS

“ I grew up just a few houses away from Todd. And although we lost touch over the years, I was always greeted with a warm smile and a willingness to stop and reminisce about the old times whenever our paths crossed. I have very fond memories of the many pick-up wiffle ball and football games that Todd was a part of in our Glen Dale neighborhood. Needless to say, Todd's teams usually won.

Rest in peace old friend.

Paul Smith

Paul Smith - December 11, 2013 at 11:59 PM

JM

“ I was saddened by the news of Todd's passing. Todd was a great classmate, teammate, competitor and above all friend. My deepest sympathies go out to his family. God bless you all.

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**Jim McCracken** - December 11, 2013 at 08:46 PM

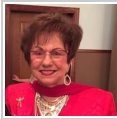
SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**S. Montgomery** - December 11, 2013 at 05:40 PM



*U R 1 in a million....so nice of U to do the JM wall.  
I am sorry I missed U, the team mates and Monty,  
But Mike said it would have taken me to the wailing wall ....so  
Thanks for being such good people to our kids ! they  
Will never forget U. God Bless !*

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**Marilyn Myers** - December 11, 2013 at 10:38 PM

JC

“ It was a pleasure to have known you for all those years. Rest In Peace buddy God blessed us all with you in our lives.

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**Jimmy Cook** - December 11, 2013 at 04:51 PM

MM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Micheal Myers - December 11, 2013 at 11:24 AM

OO

*We had the pleasure of working with Todd at the Ohio County Courthouse over the last few years. His sense of humor was one we look forward to every day, and we will miss him very much. The staff of the Ohio County Tax Office*

Ohio County Tax Office - December 11, 2013 at 02:04 PM

MB

“ *I had the pleasure of spending time with Todd as my roommate during our Master's program at WVU, and was a good friend back to our high school days. Needless to say, Todd was a tremendous athlete, a great student, and even a better person. He will be missed, and my sincere sympathy goes out to his family.*  
*God Bless,*  
*Michael J. Brak*

Michael J. Brak - December 11, 2013 at 11:22 AM

JF

“ *We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May those precious be foremost in your hearts and minds during this time of grief and pain.*  
*( Isaiah 25:8)*

Jackson Family - December 11, 2013 at 09:55 AM

NB

“ *Todd: We know you are in a better place now and we look forward to seeing you again on the bocce ball courts in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers will continue for all of Todd's family members and friends*

*From The Bresslers  
Nicky, Beth, Joey, Leah & Mrs B*

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**Nick Bressler** - December 11, 2013 at 09:24 AM

PF

“ *Patty Fahey lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes*



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**Patty Fahey** - December 11, 2013 at 09:18 AM

CC

“ *Cindy Curitti lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes*



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**Cindy Curitti** - December 11, 2013 at 08:46 AM

CC

*I am remembering all the time you spent at my home with my son Steve, and what a nice young man you've always been. You became like another son to me. Your stay here was much too short, but God needed another angel to watch over the rest of us. you're not gone, you are still with us but we mourn the loss of seeing your beautiful face and hearing you. your life was a blur, but you left us with wonderful memories. My family adore you and you will be forever a part of our family tree along with Marcy.*

*My wishes for your family are that God be with them in their hours of bereavement. God bless you and and may you rest in eternal peace in the presence of Angels. We will always love you.....See you in Heaven!!*

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**Cindy Curitti** - December 11, 2013 at 08:55 AM

DS

“ *I looked up to Todd Hayes. At first, like so many others, I admired his athletic ability. But as I came to know Todd I became most impressed with his humility, composure and his compassion for others. While I feel very fortunate that Todd Hayes knew who I was; I know I am a better person because I knew him.*

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**Don Schafer** - December 11, 2013 at 08:13 AM

JR

“ *There are really no words to describe Todd. He cared about family first. He was the true meaning of gentleman. As a businessman, he was top notch. I never had to worry. He always knew just what we needed. His strength is outweighed only by that of Marcia. Peace to all who knew him especially to Marcia, Lori, Lauren and family who walked with him every step of the way. May his love always provide you the comfort that you need.*

*Jane Criswell Rickman*

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**Jane Criswell Rickman** - December 10, 2013 at 10:07 PM

RT

“ I had the privilege to play baseball with Todd at Marshall and against him and his team when they beat us in the state finals in 1985. What a hitter he was!! Very sad news. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Ronald Thomas** - December 10, 2013 at 07:01 PM

TW

“ I'll always remember Todd for being such a genuine, sincere guy—he was the real deal. Just saying “was” is awkward, because a person like him really lives on even after he's left us behind--- forever in the minds and memories of everybody who knew him. He had a rare combination of humility, sincerity, intelligence, and humor. But, I think one of his greatest gifts was the way he treated people around him---he was a friend to many---and that speaks volumes about his character and integrity.

*We're all better people for having known Todd Hayes. He was a down-to-earth guy with an old-school way about him. And that's why we loved him. And why we'll all miss him more than we can say with words.*

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**Todd Wallace** - December 10, 2013 at 05:55 PM

CH

“ Charleen Hatten lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes



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**Charleen Hatten** - December 10, 2013 at 05:40 PM



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - December 10, 2013 at 01:00 PM

JR

*Simply beautiful.*

**Jane Criswell Rickman** - December 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM



*Just Beautiful.*

**Lisa Myers Rowe** - December 11, 2013 at 06:53 PM

BE

“ *im sorry to hear about Todd.he was always a great man just as his dad is.my prayers go out to his family and freinds.*  
*Bob Etchison*

**Bob Etchison** - December 10, 2013 at 11:20 AM



“ *Christopher Morris lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes*



**Christopher Morris** - December 10, 2013 at 11:20 AM



*He will be missed by all those who where lucky enough to call him their friend . Restin Peace Todd and God Bless u and ur family*

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**Christopher Morris** - December 10, 2013 at 11:22 AM

KB

*“ Todd was a very nice person, a great competitor and one of the best pitchers McMechen Baseball has ever faced back in the day. A great rivalry made for great memories. He will be missed, God bless.*

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**Kevin Bratton** - December 10, 2013 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ I believe God was low on angels on Sunday, because Todd Hayes went to play baseball and basketball in HEAVEN and now a whole host of angels are learning from Todd..  
Todd was one of the grandest guys you would ever want to associate with. I was always happy when he was at our house as a young boy and even when he got older.  
I never saw him angry, but saw many smiles and much laughter even with his serene demeanor. Todd, you'll be missed by so many and remembered fondly by all of us who had the privilege to know you. You have earned your place with our Heavenly Father and all the angels....MEET US AT THE PEARLY GATES....WE WANT ON YOUR TEAM! NOW, YOU ARE A R E A L W I N N E R !  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marci. The Hayes family and the DiCrease family....May God comfort all of you during these difficult days !  
Joe and Marilyn Myers

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**Marilyn Myers** - December 10, 2013 at 09:15 AM

SS

“ Sandy Schafer lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes



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**sandy schaffer** - December 10, 2013 at 09:08 AM

SS

“ Todd was a fine man, and will be truly missed. My memories of Todd will include him holding the trophy in 1985 as he got off the bus after winning the baseball championship.

*He was an important part of the sports scene at John Marshall in the eighties, and I wanted to say thanks for all the great memories from Todd, and all the great guys who were on his teams. That group of young men from John Marshall will always be special to me.*

*He was a gentleman, and was loved by his friends and the community. He was selfless and always had a smile for everyone.*

*God bless Marcia, and his family. God is getting a good one for his baseball team.*

*I will miss him.*

*Sandy Schafer*

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**sandy schafer** - December 10, 2013 at 09:07 AM



“ Todd was a true gentleman, on and off the field/court. I just wanted for everyone to remember that Todd was on the basketball team that was first to beat Wheeling Park during the 83-84 season, and the first JM team to beat Wheeling Park both times during our 84-85 season. He gave 100% effort and was the first to offer a hand to help his opponent off the floor. I am sure that his fellow 1985 graduates from the team (Bill Gallagher, Joe Montes, and me) will never forget him.

*Don't forget that his 1985 JM baseball team won the WV State Championship.*

*Thanks for all the great memories!*

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**Bart Beckley** - December 10, 2013 at 07:48 AM

JL

“ My condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Todd. Although we had lost touch through the years, he never failed to extend a hand and ask how things were going when we crossed paths. My early days of baseball were spent with him and Mike Myers at the JM ball field shagging balls and hitting, and following that up with a walk to Mike's house where we would test each other's skills at Intellevision baseball. You will be missed Todd. God Bless.

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**John "Butch" Lantz** - December 10, 2013 at 06:50 AM

SP

“ Growing up, Todd and his neighbor Mike Myers were my baseball idols. They were the reason I was so proud to play baseball for John Marshall High School.

*We certainly lost a genuinely good guy. RIP Todd. You will be missed.*

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**Steve Poland** - December 10, 2013 at 06:12 AM

KH

“ I still remember all those baseball games we played against you back in little league. My dad helped coach my team back then and oh how he will remember you too. You tell him I said hi. RIP Todd.

Kevin Harris - December 10, 2013 at 05:56 AM

EA

“ I meant Todd through my husband Gary. Gary had cut Todd's hair since he was a boy. Todd could make you laugh when things were down. He was always there for everyone. Gary and him would talk about gardening. God now has a new Angel watching over us. To Marci and his family you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need please let us know. We will remember Todd always. He was one of the nicest persons. Todd touched many life's and will be remembered forever. Gary and Eleanor Adams



Eleanor and Gary Adams - December 10, 2013 at 03:24 AM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers be with the family of Todd Hayes he was a good man and kind to all.

Diana Walton - December 09, 2013 at 09:38 PM

CM

“ Rip Todd. Peace and prayers to your family and loved ones

carol jean parks miles - December 09, 2013 at 09:32 PM



“ I was saddened to hear about Todd's passing. He was always very kind and considerate and just a down right good guy. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family and to all who knew him. I hope and pray that you will all have strength during this time of loss. I know he will be missed by all.

*Karen Yates Westlund*

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**Karen Yates Westlund** - December 09, 2013 at 09:06 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Todd J. Hayes.



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December 09, 2013 at 07:42 PM

JO

“ Todd Hayes. From Day One, the name Todd Hayes would strike fear into baseball players who dared to take him on. And from that day on, the kid -- then man -- Todd Hayes would charm you and win you over like none other. I still can't grasp that he's gone from us. There are the rare people in this world who should live a century-and-a-half, and Todd was one of those few. I guess God needed a No. 3 hitter, and a smile. It's not fair to the rest of us, who will miss him every day. I guess it's best to remember the good times and feel blessed to have known him. I do. Rest in peace, good man. And may God bless Marcia and Todd's family. I think God owes you one. Joe Myers

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Joe - December 09, 2013 at 06:57 PM

MM

“ Where do I begin? With words? Sometimes words just aren't good enough.

Words simply can not provide justice to, nor can they define the greatness in a person... whether that greatness is shown on a baseball field, in a gymnasium, in a late-night telephone call, or in simple conversations between two best friends growing up together and deciding how to spend a lazy summer day.

No, words on a page can not begin to describe something like that.

In the midst of the flood of emotions and memories of all the times we spent together... all the practices, all the games, all the days, all the nights, and all the other wonderful memories, I have but four of those not-quite-good-enough words:

Todd Hayes... The Best.

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Michael Myers - December 09, 2013 at 04:55 PM

LD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Lori DiCresce** - December 09, 2013 at 04:54 PM

AK

“ *Andy Knope lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes*



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**andy knope** - December 09, 2013 at 04:42 PM

AK

*Todd and the whole family will be in are prayers.*

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**andy knope** - December 09, 2013 at 04:43 PM

JW

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**Joe Webb** - December 09, 2013 at 04:21 PM

RJ

“ Todd Hayes was a beacon of light. Soft-spoken but yet he still would light up a room. He was a gentleman, before he was even old enough to be called a man. He was one of those folks that was very good at everything. His post-baseball accomplishments are proof of that. I had the honor of coaching him, coaching against him, writing about him. umpiring his games and playing with him, and from day one and on every occassoin I wondered, what is he going to do next? He was the OVAC (All-Valley) player of the year in 1985 and earned a scholarship to play at Marshall. Even with all of that talent, never once was he cocky or arrogant about it.....not once. I have told my stepsons, this is a person to model yourself after. He was a champion in every sense of the word and I am priveledged to know him. My heart is with Marcia and the Hayes / DeCrease families. He lit up the world around him. Todd Hayes was a beacon of light.

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**Ross Johnston** - December 09, 2013 at 04:18 PM

JK

“ It was very sad to read about Todd today. It seems like every generation of small town athletes has the one "star" individual who leaves us too early. I can just feel all of those who played, coached, or umpired youth baseball in Marshall County in the late 70's and early 80's being stunned upon hearing of Todd's death. I know many will be saying "Hey, I played ball with (against) him." and remember some long ago memorable game from their youth in Marshall County.

While not knowing him well, except for baseball or softball fields , it's easy to know he was one of "Life's Good Guys who left us too early" by just talking to others who did. My thoughts and sympathy go out to his family and many friends

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**Jay Knapp** - December 09, 2013 at 04:17 PM

RT

“ Some of the greatest memories of the years of playing baseball was when we played against some of the Glendale teams that Todd was apart of. He always was a great sportsman no matter the score. Thanks for the memories Todd. Rest in piece and may God watch over you and your family.

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**Robert Timberlake** - December 09, 2013 at 03:27 PM

DP

“ Todd was such a character and I will never forget him. He was the best uncle to David and Danielle and always wanted to know what was going on in their lives. I loved him and he will be so greatly missed!! Hugs and prayers to Marcia, family and friends.  
Dee (Hayes) Pauley

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**Dee Pauley** - December 09, 2013 at 02:56 PM

JD

“ Todd was one of those guys that always made you feel like YOU were the most important person in the conversation. He was taken from this world way too early, but as we all know now.....so many people liked and cared for him. He was that kind of guy.

*I joked with him many times; my greatest baseball moment was stopping him from going 5-5 in a game. It was just a long fly ball out to him, but a big moment to me.....he would just do his snickering laugh and say that I didn't catch the ball.....but he always let me have my moment.....I called him many times "the Great Todd Hayes"...honoring on him about his great baseball abilities.....it's funny how that title just fits now as a person.....he was one of the great ones and will be missed.*

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**Joseph DiRemigio** - December 09, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CU

“ It has been a long time since I last saw, let alone speak, to Todd as my duties have kept me away from the Ohio Valley. Nonetheless, Todd is one of those rare individuals who everyone could claim as a friend. His prowess as baseball player is legendary, but it was his persona that is even remarkable. Despite his status as a talented ballplayer, Todd never put on airs or made one feel inferior. He was one helluva guy. Susan and I offer our sincerest condolences to his family and closest friends.

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**CAPT Tom Welsh, JAGC, USN** - December 09, 2013 at 02:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Todd J. Hayes.



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December 09, 2013 at 02:38 PM

JW

“ Todd was a life-long friend that I will never forget. I will miss him greatly. I am thankful for the time we shared over the years in all kinds of different adventures. I send my deepest sympathy to all friends and family. Rest in peace my dear friend.

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**Joe Webb** - December 09, 2013 at 02:23 PM

SN

“ One the best friends anyone could ever have. It was a gift from heaven to know him. I will miss his generosity, charisma and sense of humor. #9 Always! God bless Marcia, the DeCrease and Hayes families.

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**Steve Norman** - December 09, 2013 at 02:18 PM

AI

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the Hayes family.*

*Still remember the baseball Todd hit off of Matt Simcox at Oak Glenn his senior year. It was hit so far it rolled under the bus in right field.*

*Going to miss you Todd.*

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**Alan Ingram** - December 09, 2013 at 01:53 PM

HK

“ *Holli (Bine) Kudlak lit a candle in memory of Todd J. Hayes*



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**Holli (Bine) Kudlak** - December 09, 2013 at 01:46 PM

CI

“ *I think I saw just about every home JM baseball game in 1985, as my brother Alan was also on that team*

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**Carl Ingram** - December 09, 2013 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd J. Hayes.*



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December 09, 2013 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
Todd J. Hayes.



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December 09, 2013 at 10:44 AM