



Thomas D. Hays

July 21, 1958 - June 30, 2019

Reaching the end of a nearly year-long battle with a rare and complex form of cancer, Thomas Dean Hays died at IU Health Bloomington Hospital early Sunday, June 30. He was 60.

Tom was born at Bloomington Hospital on July 21, 1958, to parents James and Dorothy Hays. His arrival, alongside identical brothers Tim and Tony, made local headlines – multiple news reports at the time said they were the first set of triplets born in Monroe County.

Where there was one Hays triplet, there was undoubtedly another. The three shared an indescribable bond.

Tom enjoyed spending time with his family, going on annual camping trips with his brothers and nephews. He planted tomatoes every spring and loved watching for hummingbirds. And he adored the Chicago Blackhawks.

For much of his working life, Tom operated a general maintenance and contracting business. In recent years, he took great pride in working in the City of Bloomington Department of Public Works.

Tom is survived by daughters Holly and Rebecca, siblings Jerry (Jeanne) Hays, Denise (Duane) Moore, Tim (Marcia) Hays, and Tony Hays, and more

than a dozen nieces and nephews he loved dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dana (Keith).

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on July 9, 2019, at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, with a burial at Valhalla Memory Gardens to follow. Visitation hours are 4-8 p.m. July 8, 2019 also at Allen Funeral Home.

Tom's family is grateful to his team of nurses and doctors at IU Health Bloomington and the Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis for walking this 10-month journey with them.

Myelofibrosis is a bone marrow disorder with an incidence of 1.5 cases per 100,000 people, according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders. The underlying causes of myelofibrosis remain unknown. In lieu of flowers, Tom's family asks that those interested make a donation to the MPN Research Foundation: mpnresearchfoundation.org.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

MV

“ I think about Tom and his triplet brothers all the time.

I looked up to all the triplets and all of them treated me like a brother.

I happen to be closest with Tom. He got me my first job and we spent countless weekends hanging out having fun.

Tom I was thinking of you today; such a genuine guy and someone I won't ever forget.

-Mike Vernon

Mike Vernon - December 29, 2024 at 11:26 PM

LG

“ I have known the triplets for years! It took a while but I could tell them apart. I loved seeing them all at social events. I was at their 50th birthday! It was nice seeing him at the Black Lumber dinners even this year when he won the grand prize! Tom will be missed by all my family.

Lynne Gorman - July 08, 2019 at 05:20 PM

AL

“ I remember meeting Tom in high school. I mistake him as Tim because I meet Tim that summer working out at Morgan Monroe State Forest. He did not tell me he had two other brothers that looked just like him. I think they did that a lot just as a joke. I know we lost touch over the years but his memory will always be with me and my family.

Arthur Littlepage - July 07, 2019 at 07:33 PM

SS

“ Mom, June, remembers his mom lining the triplets Up in a row and poking food in them. Said they were all good boys and she loved each one dearly.

*I always remember fun at family reunions when we were kids. Hate he's gone but hopefully we'll meet again in heaven . Love you all.
Sabra Ann*

Sabra Ann Stark - July 06, 2019 at 07:34 PM

CL

“ Tom hang out with my brother mark price and I know Tom through my brother he always had a smile on his face well now there's two angels in heaven I'm writing this on behalf of my brother he's no longer here with us either so sorry to the Hays family fly high Tom



Christina long - July 06, 2019 at 02:16 PM

SW

“ On the Holidays it was wonderful to have the "Hays Boys" all together. Sometimes you did not know who was who, and it was a challenge to figure it out.

Sharon Wilson-Dopirak - July 06, 2019 at 12:27 PM

TK

“ The Wilson-Dopirak Family, Sharon, Tracie. Karri purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Red for the family of Thomas D. Hays.



The Wilson-Dopirak Family, Sharon, Tracie. Karri - July 06, 2019 at 12:23 PM

KG

“ It was a pleasure to know Tom all these years! He always had a warm smile and hug for me!! I am sending love and light to all of his family!!! He will be missed!!!!

Kay Goodman - July 05, 2019 at 09:29 AM

SC

“ I had the pleasure to be around and work with all the Hays Triplets, I'm very sorry to be reading this about Tom, we worked together in his younger and older days, starting out at Hays Market. Such a fine young man who cared very much for others, as did the entire Hays family. Tom you will be missed by all, may you always Rest In Peace.

Skip Chambers - July 04, 2019 at 05:25 PM

SS

“ Went to middle school with Tom, Tim & Tony, haven't seen them in years but never forgot them. Good memories from those days. Sending prayers and condolences to the family.



Sheri Campbell Scaggs - July 03, 2019 at 08:48 PM

SB

“ I was so sorry to hear the news of Tom's passing. I knew Tom, Tim and Tony from middle school (Central). May God comfort his daughters, grandchildren and siblings at this time. Bless you all.
Sharon (Lone) Boyd

Sharon Lone Boyd - July 03, 2019 at 08:45 PM

AH

“ So very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have so many great memories with Triplets camping and being on the family farm. I will never forget you Tom.

With great sympathy Alissa, Curtis and Brookelyn Harding

Alissa Harding - July 03, 2019 at 04:17 PM

LQ

I am so sorry to hear of the Passing of Tom. I knew him only as one of the Triplet siblings of classmate Jerry Hays.

However, we lived close to Willis and Martha White (which I think were grandparents). ?

Martha use to tell us about how cute the triplets were and how they used their look alike ability to do silly cute things. Such as: They loved to be rocked when they were really little. She would set one down and pick up another one and they were laughing and Martha had been rocking the same one every time !! My heart goes out to the family at this time of sorrow.

Linda Quillen - July 04, 2019 at 11:16 PM

CC

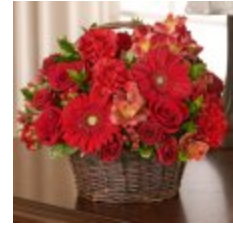
“ Our thoughts are with you during this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Tim will be in our hearts and memories forever. Wishing you strength and peace during this hard time. Remember Life is a gift from God. Our children, family, friends, neighbors, and strangers are all gifts to be savored. Although some days may be full of hardship and sadness, each breath, heartbeat, and thought illustrates the beautiful gift of life. Keep the positive memories alive and thank God for the blessings in your past, present, and future. Tim will be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

With deepest sympathy, Jim & Cindy Cain

Cindy Cain - July 03, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Hays.*



July 03, 2019 at 01:24 PM



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Cindy Cain - July 03, 2019 at 10:30 AM

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With deepest sympathy, Cain Family

Cindy Cain - July 03, 2019 at 10:21 AM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear about the passing of Tom. I had the pleasure to babysit with the triplets as very young boys. I have not been around Bloomington to stay in touch over the years. I did enjoy seeing them grow each year at the Hayes Reunion. Rest in peace Tom and no more will you suffer from the effects of the cancer. My very best to your brothers and all your family.

*David Blackwell
Austin, Texas*

David Blackwell - July 03, 2019 at 06:14 AM



“ Tom, along with Tim and Tony, were frequent guests at our restaurant. He always had a smile, a handshake, and a good word for me. They all loved to talk hockey with me. His laugh was infectious, and I always try to see them when they came in. He will be missed by the staff, and by me.

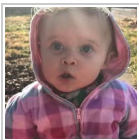
-Terry Stanton, manager, Cracker Barrel

Terry Stanton - July 03, 2019 at 12:52 AM



“ It is with great sadness that I read of Tom's passing. I remember when he and his brothers were born. My parents and grandparents were friends with his parents and grandparents. Please accept my sincere condolences and know that I am praying for the family.

Glenda Chestnut - July 02, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Tom I rip. You gave all you had in this battel. We soon meet again.

David Mcdonald - July 02, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ There is no way I could just pick our one memory of Tom. I will so miss him coming in and hearing him call out hi! Peachy. I love the three of the so much.

*Janet Lyle
Black Lumber*

JANET LYLE - July 02, 2019 at 02:48 PM

GS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Toms passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!!
So many great memories!!
Love and hugs to all!
Ginger Dishman Sipes

Ginger Sipes - July 02, 2019 at 02:09 PM

TV

“ Our Condolences Jerry & Family. Tough Year but God has a plan that includes us seeing our Loved ones again. What a comfort His Grace and promises are in these times.
The Vest Family

Tim Vest - July 02, 2019 at 02:04 PM

GP

I went to grade school with the triplets! Everyone loved them. Was so sad to hear this news. They were always the cutest boys in the school and all the girls loved them. Lost touch with them after 6th grade, but never forgot any of them. They were amazing! RIP Tom, you will never be forgotten!!

Gwen F Plitouke - October 26, 2019 at 09:24 PM