



A tribute to Ray Hintz from dear friend, David Nash.

Ray Hintz finished his earthly race, Sunday, November 24, 2024. One of the most gentle and kind person to lace up a pair of running shoes. I had the honor of running my first Boston Marathon with him in 1999. We have run thousands of miles side by side. As I told him on Friday morning. Every time I've run since he's been sick he was with me and every mile I run in the future he will be with me. I have no doubt the first thing he did when he arrived in Heaven was to lace up a pair of shoes and go for a run. If you ever met him you were blessed. See you again my friend. You ran an awesome race.

“Comments” from Ray’s Tribute on social media:

“Godspeed my friend! Truly a blessing to have spent hours on the running paths with you.”

“I never met Ray but I sure heard about him. A heavenly run sounds awesome and he will still be running with you all. Peace.”

“Rest in peace my friend! I will miss you 😭 I still remember when I was running the Bismarck marathon and I missed the turn-you came running after me to tell me to turn around. So grateful” 🥰💜

“Beautiful tribute to a beautiful man who made running beautiful. Rest in God’s peace, Ray”

“A great man, no doubt. I had the privilege of lacing up with him a time or two as he coached me on some training runs. I learned his story and gleaned some sage wisdom on running life’s race. You and Ray both inspired and encouraged me in many ways. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.” 🥲🙏

“Oh, David. I only knew of this kind and faithful man by what you shared with me while you ran with him indoors. You said even while he was ill, he was never bitter or angry, but always hopeful and STILL RUNNING! We could all be like Ray.”

“I was able to get to know Ray and watch how he treated others for several years. Ray taught high school teachers how to build computers so they could take it back to their own schools. So patient and so kind, with a smile for everyone, no matter where they were starting their tech journey. I can only imagine how often he continued to help those teachers after the formal sessions. He was a special someone and I am blessed to have known him.”

RUN THE RACE



RAYMOND HINTZ

APRIL 24, 1948—NOVEMBER 24, 2024



Raymond William Herman (Ray) Hintz, Bismarck, was called home after 76 years, to be with His Creator and Savior, November 24, 2024. Ray was born to William (Bill) and Dorothy (Henke) April 24, 1948, and on May 23, 1948, at baptism, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hannover, ND, he was labeled a child of God. Ray was the second of four children raised on a farm northwest of Hannover.

On May 15, 1977, Ray and Carol Jenness were married at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hannover, during a regular Sunday morning worship service. Ray and Carol were partners through all of life's adventures.

Farming was the first challenge and Ray built one of the top dairy herds in North Dakota. After some years, Ray felt God's calling to a different vocation. He and Carol set off for Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, with the intent of pursuing the ministry but instead became an educator with strengths in math and computer technology. He taught at Seattle Lutheran High School, WA, and Watford City High School, ND. Ray became known for his creative, kind, respectful, compassionate way of teaching. He took several summers to pursue his Masters of Mathematics degree at University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.

By now Carol's MS was beginning to seriously impact their lives, so a move closer to health care providers was necessary. They settled in Bismarck where Ray worked with curriculum planning in the North Dakota State Department of Education and took a deep interest in distant technology education. His next move was to the Career Academy of Bismarck where Ray taught an online computer class. He drove many miles around the state checking on the progress of his students. Retirement at this point ended his teaching, but he joined the staff at Shiloh Christian schools and became their IT expert. During this time, he received his cancer diagnosis. He continued his work at Shiloh through May of this year despite the cruelties of medication and continued progress of the cancer.

Ray ran track his senior year at Center High School. He knew nothing about training but his talent set a new state record in the mile. He didn't run after that until one day, in Laramie, he noticed he "couldn't see his shoes." This observation began his running career. Ray ran marathons in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, New York, and Massachusetts. Through running, Ray made numerous friendships; a strong friendship developed with Dave Nash. Together they logged more than 5000 miles. They ran a number of marathons including 2.5 Boston Marathons. The last Boston Marathon they ran together was in 2013, the year of the bombing. By the grace of God, Ray dropped out of that race at mile marker 14. Had he continued the pace he was running, he would have crossed the finish line about the time the bomb went off.

Sometimes Ray took a break from running and went bicycling. He often did charity rides in Wyoming and Montana with Janet and, in doing so, raised money for the MS Association.

Ray enjoyed woodworking and gifted his sisters with some of his creations, but his masterpiece was the house he built for Carol where everything is wheelchair accessible and the kitchen cabinetry was designed and built by him.

Long before retirement, Ray met with Doug Hintz, Dave Nash, and Brad Christensen for coffee weekly to solve the world's problems. These friendships were a great source of support in Ray's final year.

As a child of God, he confessed and lived his faith. He drew comfort from three books that were always within a hand's reach: his Bible, Book of Daily Prayers, and Book of Psalms. Through all the ups and downs of life, through the progress of Carol's MS, and recently through Ray's cancer, Ray never wandered from his faith. No matter the problem, he told us "God is in control." He looked forward to seeing his Lord and Savior face-to-face. We are grateful for the impact Ray had on all of us and look forward to a reunion soon in heaven.

Ray leaves his wife Carol; step-daughter, Lorie Dvoracek (Chad); three sisters, Roselyn Newton (Ron); Renee Patzer (Mike); Janet Reynolds (Rick); three nieces: Nolana Hatcher, Morena Griggs, Kenya Patzer.

To The Glory Of God In Loving Memory

Raymond Hintz

April 24, 1948-November 24, 2024

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Hannover, ND

Friday, November 29, 2024

2:00 PM

Officiant & Preacher	Rev. Lester Wolfram
Accompanist	Deb Tellman
Vocalists:	Claudia Albers Sheryl Pfliger Charlene Sampson
Processional Hymn	"The Lord's My Shepherd" LSB p.710
Funeral Service	LSB p.278
Invocation	
Remembrance of Baptism	
Psalm 7:17 & Psalm 75	
Salutation and Collect	
Epistle	Hebrews 12:1-2 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Special Music	Vocal Trio
Holy Gospel	John 14:1-6
Apostles' Creed	LSB p.279
Hymn	"Fight The Good Fight" LSB p.664
Sermon	
Prayers	
Lord's Prayer	LSB p.280
Benediction	LSB p.281
Recessional Hymn	"For All The Saints" LSB p.677

Interment will be at Hannover Cemetery in Spring of 2025