

*In Loving Memory...*

*Robert Dale  
Hays*



January 27, 1959  
to  
November 27, 2023

With heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of Robert Dale Hays, aged 64, who peacefully left this world on November 27, 2023 in Moorcroft, Wyoming, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on January 27, 1959, in Bismarck, North Dakota, Robert was welcomed into the world by his parents, Donna Jean (Laramore) Schmidt and Dale Joseph Schmidt. After Dale's death, Donna married Robert Henry Hays, who adopted Robert and provided him with a nurturing and supportive upbringing. Throughout his childhood, Robert resided in Pine Haven, Wyoming, and later moved to Moorcroft before eventually settling in Casper. Robert had an insatiable curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. He found great joy in building computers, watching educational videos on YouTube, and indulging in his favorite video games such as Minecraft, Atari, and Nintendo 64. He was also passionate about 3D printing, harnessing his creativity to bring his imagination to life. A man of many talents, Robert utilized his skills as an accomplished organist, lending his musical talents to the Catholic Church in Moorcroft. His heartfelt melodies touched the souls of all who listened and brought solace to those in need. Robert leaves behind a legacy of love and strength, including his wife, Darla Hays; his sons, Dale Hays and Derek Collins; his grandchildren, Dlynn, Logan, Kalynn, Colter, Emilio, Nayomi, Serenity, and the eagerly awaited arrival of another precious grandchild. His memory will also be cherished by his great-granddaughter, Wrenleigh Collins. In addition, Robert is survived by his siblings, Patricia, Mary, Christine, Ronald, Gregory, and Wendy, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding him in death were his grandson Kristopher Hays, siblings Joseph, and James, his parents Robert and Donna, and Dale Schmidt, whose memories will forever live within our hearts. Having found deep fulfillment in both his personal and professional life, Robert's occupation as a directional driller brought him immense pride and satisfaction. Working in the energy industry, he spent his days planning and facilitating the drilling process with expertise and precision. Memorial contributions may be made in Robert's name and sent to Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 W. 5th St, Gillette, WY, 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at [www.gilletteremorialchapel.com](http://www.gilletteremorialchapel.com) As we bid farewell to Robert Dale Hays, we treasure the memories he has left behind. His zest for life, unwavering love, and gentle spirit will continue to inspire us. May he rest peacefully, knowing he is forever cherished and loved.

*Memorial Mass*

11:00 a.m., Monday, December 4, 2023  
St. Matthew's Catholic Church  
Gillette, Wyoming

*Officiant*

Father Steven Titus

*Musicians*

Denise Lubken  
Cindy McGeary

*Music*

"Amazing Grace"  
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"  
"Alleluia"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"Song of Farewell"  
"Only In God"

*The family extends an invitation to a reception  
and time of fellowship at Parish Hall following the service.*

*Please scan the QR code to share  
a loving memory or tribute.*



**Rita Mashak, Guy Casablanca &  
Corrine Thompson**  
Funeral Service-Monuments-  
Advance Planning-Cremation-  
Lending Library, Learning to say  
goodbye; children's tour.



### Message From Heaven

I am not so far from you,  
Just a little way beyond;  
Past the cares and past the pain,  
Far past my earthly bonds.

When you feel you miss me most,  
As years go drifting by;  
Each memory will prove to you,  
That our love will never die.

For memories are but a touch,  
From the Father's gentle hand;  
To heal your pain and mend your hearts,  
To help you understand...

That while I left you far too soon,  
I did not leave alone;  
For the Father sent His angels,  
To gently take me home.

Take comfort when you think of me,  
Keep my love alive in your heart;  
And with the warmth of each memory,  
We will never be apart.

