



Michael L Hayes

July 20, 1967 - July 9, 2023

Michael Lee Hayes, 56, passed away suddenly on July 9, 2023.

Born July 20, 1967 to Janet and Thomas Hayes, Mike spent his youth on the family farm with his brother, Scott. There were days filled with dirt-bike excursions, barn shenanigans, and everything typical a farm kid could muster. During Mike's adolescence, family vacations, 4-H fairs, and youth sports consumed his time until he graduated from Oregon Davis High School in 1985. Mike attended Purdue University, later joining the family farm. It was in the corn and soybean fields of Hamlet, Indiana that Mike flourished and nurtured his true calling; farming.

In the late 90's, Michael was given the precious gift of fatherhood. Austen Thomas and Myah Noelle put a smile on his face daily. The memories of his rural childhood were revisited as he watched his two children repeat the same activities of his youth. It gave him great pride to watch them develop into adults pursuing their own dreams. His son would continue to grow the family farm alongside his father. This partnership was dear to Mike's heart, as his quiet dream was always to have his son follow in his footsteps.

Mike's loyalty to his friends and wild sense of humor were noticeable among those who were in his presence. His laugh was genuine and reverberating. He was full to the brim with knowledge gained through all his life experiences on

the farm. He willingly shared that knowledge with anyone needing assistance. He will be remembered for sharing his heart with his family and friends and continuing the legacy of Hayes Farms.

Mike is survived by his parents, Tom and Jan Hayes; his brother, Scott Hayes; his children, Austen and Myah; and many loyal friends that have been by his side throughout his lifetime. Mike is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Sam and Ruby Hayes and his maternal grandparents George and Mary Owens.

To say he will be greatly missed by his family and friends is an understatement. Per Mike's wishes, cremation has taken place as he wished his ashes to be spread on the family farm. His family will take time privately to honor and remember a life well-lived.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ Bayer Crop - Remington IN Employees purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Michael L Hayes.



Bayer Crop - Remington IN Employees - July 18, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ We heard of Mike's passing and wish to send our condolences. Dale and Trudy Morris 117 Regency Pkwy LaPorte, In 46350

Tanis Pawson - July 16, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael L Hayes.



July 13, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael L Hayes.

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“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Michael L Hayes.*



July 13, 2023 at 12:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael L Hayes.

July 13, 2023 at 12:26 AM



“ *Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Michael L Hayes.*



July 12, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ *Words cannot express how deeply saddened I was to hear of Mike's passing. I have had the pleasure of knowing him for most of my life. He was a loyal friend with a calming and compassionate nature. We could pick-up right where we left off with much time passing between conversations. He began his sentences in a soft tone while ending them in an outburst of contagious laughter. He respected people and had expectations from them; he lended a helping hand to many especially the elderly and loved his family dearly. God Bless Mike and his family. To say he will be missed is an understatement.*

Lisa Thomalla - July 12, 2023 at 03:25 PM

SP

“ Mrs. Hayes and family, I am so sorry about your son. I wish I had words to bring you comfort.

One of your Reading students from NL in the mid 80s. Shelly Platz

Shelly Platz - July 12, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael L Hayes.



July 11, 2023 at 08:37 PM

RS

“ I am absolutely blessed to have known Mike. He was an amazing person. I have many fond memories of our times spent together. How lucky I am to have known someone that makes saying goodbye so hard. My heart goes out to his family and friends in this difficult time. I know he is proud of the family he has.

R Schafer - July 11, 2023 at 08:23 PM

PS

“ To the entire Hayes Family, I am so sorry for the loss of Mike. I remember when he followed Tom to the Hamlet co-op and then for breakfast at mom's restaurant. Such a good memory. Taken way too soon. My sincere condolences and prayers. Patti Roehrborn/Slough.

Patti slough - July 11, 2023 at 04:31 PM

JD

So sad to hear this. Sending hugs to Tom and Jan. Another classmate gone too soon.

julie depoy - July 11, 2023 at 04:44 PM

DS

I'm so sorry for the loss of Mike. My heart breaks for all of you.

Dawn Schmeltz - July 11, 2023 at 08:41 PM

LR

God Bless you all. May he rest in eternal peace.

LINDA L ROUSH - July 11, 2023 at 09:44 PM

VA

Growing up with families close is what we all pride ourselves on here in Hamlet, this is no exception. I will always remember childhood on the farm playing with Mike & Scott. My heartfelt condolences are sent from my house to yours. Love little Valerie Hancock 🕯️

Valerie Altman - July 12, 2023 at 12:20 AM

CU

Mike was best man at our wedding in 1989—a great friend, frequent house guest, and adventurous sidekick of Ken's for many many years. The 90s was a wonderful decade, and Mike was always around, so pleasant, jolly, respectful. Mike kept us in touch with the world of farming and the ups and downs of farming depending on the year. The news of his passing has saddened me greatly. Since living in Kentucky, I had not seen Mike in years, but some people imprint your life with a cascade of fond memories. Mike was one of those people for me. Prayers for the entire family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Cheryl (Allen) Upchurch - July 12, 2023 at 09:05 AM

PK

To Mile's family, I am sorry for your loss. He is a tremendous loss to the community also. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Patty Kennedy - July 12, 2023 at 12:29 PM

KG

So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers. 🙏🙏

Kathy Guseilla - July 13, 2023 at 01:30 PM

RS

Tom, Jan, and family, Jim & I are sending our heartfelt condolences. Mike was a wonderful, bright light during our time at Oregon Davis. He always smiled and could always be counted on for a joke or witty comeback. To say he will be missed by many is an understatement—all our love and prayers to the entire family.

Rhonda & Jim Scurek

Rhonda Carmichael Scurek - July 17, 2023 at 04:18 PM

AH

Tom & Jan, so very sorry for your loss. Wayne & Anita Haug

Anita Haug - July 27, 2023 at 02:54 PM