

James Winfield Hayden Jr.  
March 7, 1937 - September 26, 2019

Obituary for James Winfield Hayden Jr.

James Winfield Hayden, Jr., of Austin, Minnesota passed away September 26, 2019 in a way most befitting, working outdoors in his beloved woods. Born March 7, 1937 to James Winfield Hayden, Sr. and Margaret (Cress) Hayden, he was a proud graduate of Queen of Angels and St. Augustine High School (Class of 1955). After attending Austin Junior College, he joined the Air Force. He returned to Minnesota to earn a BA at Mankato State before pursuing a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Northern Iowa.



He married Joan Byam in 1965, remaining her dance partner for the next 54 years.

His formal teaching career began in Iowa and at Illinois State University. He returned, to teach art in the Austin Public Schools from 1968 until his retirement in 1999. Jim was a lifelong teacher, in the classroom, as a 4-H leader and in his many volunteer activities.

His artwork could be seen around town, on billboards, as parade floats, at the Paramount Theater, and as the dramatic backdrop of many Pacelli Schools and Queen of Angels events.

He was renowned for his willing spirit, quick laugh, creative genius, perpetual busyness, and love of music. Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughters, Jana (Gary) Hayden-Sofio and Beth Hayden (Drew Bremer); granddaughters, Adelaide and Mea Hayden-Sofio; siblings, Marlene (Elso) Ryks, Larry Hayden, and Janice (Patrick) McDowell; brothers-in-law, Lowell (Lorraine) Byam and Perry (Nancy) Byam; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister-in-law, Marjorie (Bernie) Nelson.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 10:30 am on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Queen of Angels Catholic Church with Father Raul Silva officiating. Friends may call one hour before the Mass at the church on Saturday. Military rites will be by American Legion Post #91 and V.F.W. Post #1216. Private interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Pacelli High School or donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at [www.mayerfh.com](http://www.mayerfh.com)



Jim painted the Hobo Night mural