



Austin Chase HagEstad

December 5, 2023

Austin Chase HagEstad, 12, of Buckeye, Arizona, went home to be with Jesus on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

Austin was born to Patrick and Rachel HagEstad at the Community Medical Center in Missoula, Montana on January 5, 2011.

Austin is remembered for his adorable smile, infectious giggle, his increasingly loud vocalizations when he really wanted to get his point across, his sense of humor and sarcastic wit revealed through his eye-gaze talker, and his indomitable spirit that continuously chose life over and over again until his body finally refused to cooperate.

Austin is survived by his parents, Patrick and Rachel HagEstad; brother, Michael HagEstad and wife, Emma; brother, Jonathan HagEstad; grandmother, Susan HagEstad; and grandfather, Lyndell Scott. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Gary HagEstad; and grandmother, Barbara Scott.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at The Church at Sun Valley, 26252 W Desert Vista Blvd, Buckeye, Arizona held in the Festival Foothills Elementary School gym. Memorial donations can be made to the SEPTSA (Special Ed PTSA) at

Kingswood Elementary in Surprise, AZ; the Foundation for Blind Children; or the Ryan House. Austin benefitted from all three of these non-profits and/or schools.

“There are children who rely on the help of others to survive their entire life,” Lee observes.

“Many people think it is better for them to go to heaven as quickly as possible, because life on earth would be too difficult for them. But God sent them to the earth with disabilities. They’re not the unnecessary ones in the world. God sent them to earth with a purpose. Disabled children teach many people, change many people and help people reflect upon themselves, which is why they are the educators of society.” Pastor Lee Jong-Rak, *The Drop Box*

“And whether you believe in miracles or not, I can guarantee that you will experience one. It may not be the miracle you’ve prayed for. God probably won’t undo what’s been done. The miracle is this: that you will rise in the morning and be able to see again the startling beauty of the day.” William Kent Krueger, *Ordinary Grace*

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My sincere condolences. I have had your family in prayer for strength as you walk through this valley. I can't imagine the void you're feeling. I pray that as you walk through this valley you'll find hope and peace while leaning on our Lord Jesus Christ. Debra McCrorey*

Debra McCrorey - December 15, 2023 at 10:55 PM

PH

“ *Austin was an encouragement to my husband and I. Seeing the joy in his face would remind us not to focus on the challenges we face each day but to appreciate the gift of life. When my husband gets discouraged with his disability he thinks of the hard fight Austin gave just to hang on to another day. God bless your family and thank you for sharing all your heartfelt Austin stories with us throughout his life.*

Pamela Huston - December 06, 2023 at 03:40 PM

SK

“ *Patrick and Rachel, my heart goes out to you. I have followed your journey through your poignant postings. May you be comforted that one day you will be reunited with Austin. May you hold him in your heart until you hold him in heaven*

Suzanne Knauf - December 05, 2023 at 11:01 PM

DA

“ It’s so hard to express our feelings of sadness for your family but there are so many wonderful memories stored up. One in particular was the way Austin was “hooked” on Blues Clues. What a great program of teaching young children. My preschoolers so enjoyed watching it during a down time of their day. He very much loved watching “his show” repeatedly. So praying many prayers and sending much love to all of your family from, Dave and Pat Avann

Dave and Pat Avann - December 05, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ Rachael & Patrick we cannot begin to imagine all the emotions you are experiencing together with the physical loss of Austin, but Praise God we know he is dancing in heaven today with Jesus, whole and complete, and we will all see him again. His soul is now at peace. May God continue to hold and comfort yours & Patricks hearts and the hearts of all Austin’s loved ones. 🙏💕

Don & Sandi Mayer - December 05, 2023 at 06:04 PM

DP

“ I send my deepest sympathy to your family. I loved Austin’s sweet smile. I loved how you all figured out how to include him in all your activities. He was sure one loved boy.

Diane Pena - December 05, 2023 at 04:28 PM

RS

“ We love you guys so much and are praying 🙏 Some of my memories of Austin that has warmed my heart is when Al would always clap and dance in front of him to make him laugh. Patrick gliding him in the pool float and how he seemed to enjoy being out on deck in nature. How precious ❤️ I've admired you both over the years in your complete love and devotion to Austin. I know he has been so well loved. And I'm certain he is laughing and playing with Jesus. May our Lord bring you all comfort through this next season of life. ❤️ Love you 💕

Rebecca Streckfuss - December 05, 2023 at 04:01 PM

ML

“ Austin, Our family will always remember you as the funny and boisterous little boy in the back row of church. And as you grew up, the young man who kept his parents on their toes and always had something to say! Trey enjoyed his visits with you and I always looked forward to seeing what new things you had discovered that you could do. Your smiles and giggles will be truly missed. We know that this is a hard time for the people you left behind but we rejoice in knowing you are running and playing with Jesus. See you again someday. Mark, Melissa and Trey

Melissa Loveless-Boynton - December 05, 2023 at 03:45 PM

AB

“ Rachel & Patrick– Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your beautiful son. May your many memories together bring you comfort during this difficult time. We thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to care for Austin's final arrangements.

Ashley Bradford - December 05, 2023 at 11:11 AM