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DECATUR- Adam Walter Carter, 12 of Decatur, entered his eternal life at 11:33 PM Friday, April 23, 2010 in his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Adam's life will be held at 10 AM on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Joseph Molloy, presider. Visitation will be held from 3 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday in Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment will be in Mt. Gilead Cemetery. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Holy Family School, Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the family to be used for a memorial at the St. John's Pediatric Floor. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Adam was born on January 13, 1998, in Decatur, the son of Timothy W. and Shannon E. (Hayes) Carter. He was a sixth-grader at Holy Family School where he had been elected outstanding Christian by his fellow students since kindergarten. Adam loved the St. Louis Cardinals, the Kansas City Chiefs, and listening to music. He hoped to learn to play his new drum set that he received from the Blue Star Connection. He was active in the Decatur Catholic Dawgs Football and South Shores Baseball programs. Adam was an extremely giving person whose strong faith and prayerful attitude has been an inspiration to all who were lucky enough to know him.

Adam's memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. He was blessed with a wonderful family that includes his parents: Tim and Shannon, sister: Maegan at home, paternal grandparents: Walter and Barbara Carter of Decatur, aunts and uncles: Phyllis Stapleton and husband Jim of Sherman, Gayle Heneghan and husband Mike of Forsyth, Kathy Kirby and husband Gary of Decatur, Cindi Salzman and husband Bill of Peoria, Francie Brown and husband Don of Decatur, Pat Hayes and wife Stacy of Decatur, Mary Jane Hayes of Decatur, Sean Hayes and wife Monica of Moweaqua, Loni Furry and husband John of Forsyth, and Curt Carter and



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wife Kathy of Mt. Zion, numerous cousins, a host of friends, his loving English Bulldog- Albert, and his Golden Retriever Mac.

Adam was greeted in Heaven by his maternal grandparents: Laurence and Bernadine Hayes and his uncle Kevin Hayes.

The Carter family will be forever grateful for the many prayers, thoughts, and acts of kindness by so many. Special thanks go to Dr. Brandt and Dr. Niebrugge and nurses Justine, Kelly, Carol, and all of the pediatric nurses, especially Teri Pillsbury for everything they have done to support Adam. The family would also like to thank the St. Louis Children's Hospital for all of their kindness.

Heaven is a little brighter today because of Adam's smile. Adam will live on in the hearts of those whom he loved and loved him forever.



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CC

Chris Collins posted:

To the family of Adam-I saved the obituary for April 25th quite by accident. Just today I noticed Adam's obituary and felt compelled to read it. I just wanted to extend my condolences to his family. From the pictures and obit, Adam must have been a joy.I can't imagine your pain but I hope you are doing okay. God Bless Adam,Chris CollinsHouston Texas

September 30 at 9:10 AM

LG

Linda Gerson posted:

Shannon, Tim & Meagan,My prayers are with you. Adam was a brave boy. I can't imagine what you are going through. I pray you find comfort in knowing he is in heaven.Linda, from Dr Brandt's office

May 4 at 9:11 AM

DF

Dorma Whitacre And Family posted:

Shannon, we are so sorry in your loss, but heaven is a little brighter with your angel. Doc Hayes and Bernie are huggin and lovin him and enjoying him for you. God Bless you and your family.

April 28 at 3:25 PM

RB

Robert & Dawn Black posted:

Tim, Shannon & Maegan,Our hearts and prayers go out to you. Your family and Adam have been in our constant prayers. My God keep and guide you in the days to come. God will never allow the trials we face to be greater than the Grace he gives us to handle them. Please continue to lean on him in the days to come, for her will be your strength. All our love & support. The Black Family...

April 27 at 2:47 PM

HA

Heather Askew posted:

Although we do know know Adam or your family personally, we have many mutual friends and have been following his story and illness for quite some time. I, myself have a 12 yr old son as well as a 10 yr old daughter who attend school at South Shores Elementary. My son has played sports with many close friends of Adams. This has really hit close to home for us as well as many around. May god be with you and your family during this tragic time. He and his smile and disposition will always be remembered in our community! Heaven has now acquired another angel. R.I.P. Adam. On a happier note, may the Cardinals win the World Series just for him! Best Wishes!!

April 27 at 10:56 AM



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TS

The Corrington's posted:

To the Carter family and friends, May god be with you during this time of loss. He is in the hands of our lord and no longer in pain. He is waiting for the day for you all to be together again. I have kept up on his illness and prayed for him everyday. Again, I am sorry for your loss. Please know his illness showed many family's how precious life is and everyday is a gift. My heart is with your all during this time and I will continue to pray for you!!!

April 27 at 9:39 AM

CK

Chuck Kitson posted:

Shannon, Tim and Maegan, throughout Adam's fight, all I ever heard from Judy is that Adam could find the will to smile and be such an amazing young man. Everyday I am surrounded by soldiers with a strong will to fight and defend another's right to freedom. It is very evident that Adam, even at such a young age, maintained that same will and character as he fought for his right to enjoy life's freedoms with his family and those around him. My heart and prayers go out to you and the rest of your family.

April 26 at 10:43 AM

GE

Gary & Terri Engel posted:

Dearest Tim, Shannon & Meagan: We send you our love and prayers at this most difficult time. God was waiting for His little Adam to come through His heavenly gates to join Him in the glory of His new home. And isn't Adam a lucky guy now? Be strong as you walk your journey this next few weeks and especially years going forward. It will be a new experience for all of you. God's strength be with you all. Love to all of you.....Cousin Terri in Wisconsin and Gary Engel

April 26 at 10:06 AM

TO

The Olivers posted:

Your family will continue to be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Adam has set a beautiful example to everyone. Thank you for sharing him with the world. We have a 10 year old Granddaughter whom we love and cherish even more. I worked many many years ago with Jim at the State Treasurer's Office and remember how important your faith is. We hope you feel comfort and love from God as he wraps his arms around all of you. The Olivers

April 26 at 9:23 AM



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KW

Kerry Waser posted:

Shannon, Tim, and Maegan, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Adam certainly showed all of us how to live and to face his difficulties with the utmost courage. May you have comfort in memories of happy times with him. Kerry and Tony Waser

April 25 at 6:10 PM

CA

Carol posted:

Adam has been on our prayer list for some time and many prayers have went to our Father who knows what was best for Adam. I am so sorry. This loss is one of the hardest things to bear and I will be keeping you in my prayers. I will pray that the Holy Comforter will do just that and comfort you.

April 25 at 5:55 PM

JC

John Catt posted:

Adam has been a tower of hope for everyone who has to battle this horrible disease. I cant imagine a stronger warrior to have on your side. I am going to miss him and Im going to remember him for his fighting spirit and that amazing smile.

April 25 at 5:55 PM

AM

Amy posted:

Although I did not get to know your family well, please know how truly inspirational you all are. Adam was an incredible young man, who was loved by so many. Your family is an amazing family...we will miss seeing you around St. John's.

April 25 at 1:58 PM

KH

Ken Hawley posted:

Although I have never met Adam or his immediate family, I do know his Uncle Sean (Hayes). My heart goes out to all of the Carter family for their loss. Adam has obviously brought much joy into many hearts and his memory will forever live on. My sympathy goes out to all of you.

April 25 at 1:45 PM



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Dawn Kramer posted:

Dear Carter Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We met you and Adam when he was made honorary captain of our son Colton's Bantam hockey team. We had just found out a few days before that Colton's dad had Stage 4 Esophageal cancer. Adam's courage and wonderful smile was an inspiration to us, and gave us the strength to deal with our own battle with cancer. God bless you, Dawn, Dirk, Katie, Colton, Quinn, and Brooklyn Kramer

April 24 at 2:24 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Adam by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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