



## James Daniel Deplazes

April 4, 2002 - December 4, 2019

Kayla Rose Deplazes was born April 4th 2002 to David and Tracy (Roth) Deplazes in Fargo, ND. Kayla attended pre-school at A Childs World, elementary school at Lewis and Clark Elementary and middle school at Carl Ben Eielson.

Kayla was involved in Just for Kix, a variety of Fargo-Moorhead Community Theater plays, and she was involved in Hope Kids.

Kayla loved all animals. Throughout her life she had a succession of much loved pets including: Scooter, Miley, McCoy, KitCat, Chino, Erik and Leo. She spent many hours socializing cats at Cats Cradle shelter in Fargo.

Kayla was born driven to learn, was a lifelong reader and she took a book with her wherever she went. She started reading at three years old and started piano lessons in Kindergarten. She enjoyed her piano teacher, Wanda Wavra, very much over many years. Kayla loved to ride motorcycle with her dad.

In 2015, Kayla made the decision to transition to James Daniel. James' family supported this decision and did their best to help him feel comfortable and develop into the person he hoped to become. James attended Fargo South High School through his junior year and was currently attending Woodrow Wilson. James was expected to graduate December 2019. James planned to start Minnesota State University Moorhead in January 2020.

James had a passion for music. He studied piano for nearly 11 years. James also studied guitar, played viola in school orchestra and sang in the school choir. In addition to playing music, he loved to listen to all genres of music except country. James had hundreds of CD's in addition to an enviable collection of vinyl.

Throughout his life James also loved to be involved in theater. When he was young he performed and as he got older, he shifted to the technical side including lighting, sets and

sound. He was stage manager for the production of "Charleston".

The last few years James developed an interest in all aspects of film making. He participated in film-making at Trollwood Conservatory. At this point he chose to pursue a career in Film Production, which he intended to major in at MSUM.

James studied a year of German followed by three years of Spanish, and participated in a school sponsored trip to Spain in the summer 2019. He was an excellent student and earned an academic letter at Fargo South, he was also selected for Honor Society and was President of the Fargo South History Club.

James Daniel died at his home in Fargo on December 4, 2019.

James is survived by his father, David Deplazes; mother, Tracy (Travis) Knowler; grandmother, Sharon Roth, all of Fargo; grandmother, Cleo Deplazes, Devils Lake, ND; brother, Derrick Fournier and his son Hunter, Devils Lake, ND; uncles, Scott Roth, Costa Mesa, California; Mike (Glenda) Deplazes, Fargo, ND; aunt, Nola (Dan) Dahlen, Devils Lake, ND; cousins, Michael (Nettie) Deplazes, Jr., Ann (Matt) Pollert, Chris Dahlen, Michelle (Cullen) Nelson; and many friends.

James was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Paul and Eloise Deplazes; and maternal grandfather, Donovan Roth.

# Cemetery

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## Riverside Cemetery - Fargo

2102 5th St. S.

FARGO, ND, 58103

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Hope Lutheran Church - North Campus  
2900 Broadway N., Fargo, ND, US, 58102

**DEC** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home** - December 07, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Beautiful video. What wonderful memories. Cherished wonderful pictures. So much missed already. Prayers for all family.

With love

Kathy Valdez and family

**Kathy Valdez** - December 08, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ I am sharing in your sorrow. I had a niece named Kayla who is now my nephew named Kai. James' brilliance and creativity reminds me of my dear nephew. The loss of this dear soul is a loss to all. Linda Johansen

**Linda Johansen** - December 09, 2019 at 07:29 PM

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“ I never met James. Wish I would have gotten the chance to meet him. He sounds like a great kid.

**Nikki** - March 29 at 08:46 PM

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“ David and family. I was so sad to hear of your sons death. I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences.

**MARY J EVERSON** - December 10, 2019 at 08:08 PM

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“ James and I weren't super close but the few times I did engage with him it was apparent what a bright and good person he was on a fundamental level. My condolences to his family

**anonymous** - December 10, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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“ Just thought I would contact you and say you are in our thoughts and prayers. This has been such a shocking and devastating lose of a wonderful and talented young person.

Sincerely, Karol Knudson and Carl Knudson

**Karol Knudson** - December 10, 2019 at 04:28 PM

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“ Dave, so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. You adored Kayla and I am positive you adored James as well. A beautiful soul is a beautiful soul. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda

**Brenda Krogstad** - December 10, 2019 at 01:55 PM

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“ Doug and I are deeply saddened to hear about the death of your child. We always loved stopping by when we saw Leo out and James came out to visit. May the love of family and friends comfort you and bring peace to your heart. Our sincere sympathy.

Bonnie Thorp  
Doug McDougall



**Bonnie** - December 10, 2019 at 12:52 PM

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“ We send you our love and deep sympathy. The Wilson's have some great memories of the summer we provided child care for Kayla. We hold you in our hearts. In Sympathy,

Ann and Dean Wilson and family

**Ann Wilson** - December 09, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss of James. He sounded like a talented person, a young man taken too soon. May God be with you during this difficult time. Cherish the memories. Thoughts and prayers for all. Hugs from a caring stranger.

**Vicki** - December 09, 2019 at 04:24 PM

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“ Prayers and love to James' family. What a beautiful soul and a wonderful person. Truly one of the most gifted students I have taught. It was nothing but a joy being his teacher and I will miss his insightful work, clever commentary, and great sense of humor.

**Jaclyn Petik** - December 09, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James Daniel Deplazes.



December 09, 2019 at 02:04 PM

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“ Tracy, we hold you in our hearts and hope that sweet memories of James bring you comfort. In meeting James, we were thrilled by the delight he took in books and all things related to Sherlock Holmes. We appreciated the insight he brought to the books he had read and looked forward to hearing his thoughts.

Susan and Mark Kolstad

**Susan Kolstad** - December 09, 2019 at 12:49 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. A Caring Stranger

**LaRae** - December 09, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ I am sorry that you lost such a beautiful person. How great are the sorrows of life at times like this. May God be your strength and help. Steve Hoffarth

**Steve Hoffarth** - December 08, 2019 at 09:00 PM

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“ When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be  
-Paul McCartney

**Another Caring Stranger** - December 08, 2019 at 08:21 PM

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“ Although we've never met, I want to share my deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of this beautiful soul. It is my sincere hope the pain and loss you're experiencing now and in the time to come, will soon be replaced by fond memories of times together that ended way too soon. Blessed be the memory of James.

Bernie Erickson

**Bernie Erickson** - December 08, 2019 at 06:47 PM

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“ Tracy and family, Dave and family;  
So many prayers sent for you during this difficult time. James will be in our hearts forever. Luv you very much.

**Cherry** - December 08, 2019 at 06:42 PM

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“ I wanted to offer my heartfelt sympathy to your family. Your memorial was a beautiful, honest, loving tribute. I'm so sorry the world lost such a brave, talented person much too soon.

**A caring stranger** - December 08, 2019 at 02:40 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear this news. I only wish there were words to help ease the pain you must all be feeling. I have many good memories of Kayla at Lewis and Clark! She kept us on our toes, but was such a learner and always liked to keep her nose in a book!

Holding you in my heart and my prayers...

Tricia Erickson

Tricia Erickson - December 08, 2019 at 01:54 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - December 08, 2019 at 12:04 PM

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“ Kim Pilon lit a candle in memory of James Daniel Deplazes



Kim Pilon - December 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM

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“ Sending prayers to the family from the Peer Support Group for Parents Of gender expansive kids. We are all holding your family in love.

Michelle Webber - December 07, 2019 at 09:05 PM

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“ Deb lit a candle in memory of James Daniel Deplazes



Deb - December 07, 2019 at 03:45 PM

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“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - December 07, 2019 at 03:40 PM

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“ Dave I am truly sorry for it loss.He was so young and so talented .I remember as the town waited for his arrival.my prayers to u and ur family.

Lori whisman - December 07, 2019 at 02:12 PM

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“ Dave, I'm so sorry about your son. Elysia had chatted with him just last week about upcoming graduation and college plans, and was so excited for him. She has often referred to him as her "little brother " over the years, and I loved hearing her updates. He is a sweet, wonderful soul who is finding love and acceptance in the arms of his Heavenly Father. Families are forever, and though the time apart on earth will seem long, you will have eternity together. I know this is small comfort to you now. You're in our prayers and close to our hearts.  
The Roberts

Val Roberts - December 07, 2019 at 10:49 AM

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“ Dave, I am so sorry. We just heard of James's passing. Our thoughts are with you at this incredibly difficult time.

jessica Michaels family

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**jessica michaels** - December 06, 2019 at 10:41 PM