

meet your neighbor

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meet Craig

The pediatrician's first words when Craig was born were "I'm afraid your baby has Down syndrome. If you had to have a child with a developmental disability, this is the one to have. They are happy and loving children". She was right! Craig is a special member of our family, bringing joy to us all.

Our son has always been able to make me smile and laugh, a fun and funny guy to be around. I vividly remember when he would be at the dentist with me, when I was having work done, sitting right beside me, Craig would rub my arm and tell me I would be okay.

Craig loves dancing, singing, and listening to music. He likes nothing better than performing at events, "playing" air guitar, standing right in front, announcing Elvis is in the house! He is happy and we are proud.

Sports are very important to Craig. His Dad, Pete, was a Wayzata Youth Hockey coach for many years with Craig right beside him on the bench, the assistant coach, in his Wayzata hat, jacket, and pants, cheering on his team - and very unhappy when they lost. Growing up, Craig would listen to his Minnesota Twins on the radio in his room and would be so upset with the announcer if they lost. If you asked him how the team was doing in the middle of a game, he sometimes answered, "almost tie game, almost". That always meant the Twins were losing! As you might have guessed, winning is extremely important to Craig!

Craig now lives at a Hammer Residences home, just a couple of miles from our home. Hammer is his home and we appreciate the incredible care the staff provide. He would rather be at Hammer than home with Mom and Dad, and for that we are grateful.

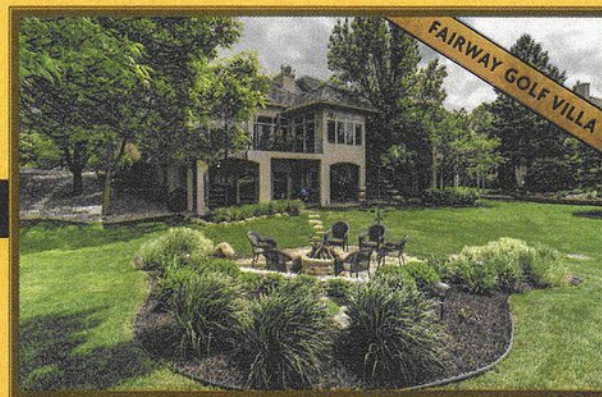


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