



## Adam Mayo

August 9, 1978 - December 18, 2021

Adam Wyatt Mayo of Steamboat Springs CO, originally from Chapmansboro died while on vacation in Veracruz, Mexico.

At the age of 43, Adam was an avid whitewater kayaker and enjoyed many outdoor activities. A graduate of Cheatham County High School, the University of Tennessee, and the Denver School of Law, he was currently practicing law in Steamboat Springs.

Adam was preceded in death by his sister Emily Claire Mayo.

He is survived by the love of his life Sallie Holmes, mother Connie Fort Mayo, father Barry Wayne (Dawn) Mayo, brother Matthew Fort (Ann) Mayo, sister Lauren (Don) Bischoff, nieces Charlotte Bischoff, Brooke Bischoff; and nephews, Rowan Manning, Blake Bischoff.

He was the grandson of Marvin & Dottie Mayo and Samuel Perkins "Johnny" & Lillian Hunt Fort.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View at 6 o'clock pm Wednesday, December 29th. The family will receive friends on Wednesday beginning at 3:00PM until the hour of service at 6:00PM.

If so desired, in Adam's memory memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Yampa, PO Box 771654, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 or [friendsoftheyampa.com](http://friendsoftheyampa.com).

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is assisting the family with these arrangements, 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee (615) 746-4433, [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 29. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

EH

“ Dear Mayo family,

*I'm certain you are aware of the countless people Adam touched in his lifetime. My son Joshua is one of them. In 2018, he set out alone from Alabama to kayak in Cali after converting my Honda Odyssey into a sleeper van. He was 18 then & as a Mom, it was really hard to let him go. He is a very good kayaker, but finding a team to kayak with was tough because of his age & because he didn't know anyone. And of course, that's where Adam came in. He befriended Joshua, boated with him, and introduced him to tons of people Joshua still meets up with. Two years ago, Adam and Joshua met up again in Mexico. Joshua is in Baeza, Ecuador now, doing what he loves — whitewater kayaking. And I push the worry away, trusting him to live his best life. I will always be grateful for Adam, and he will always be part of our family's journey. May he rest in peace, and may you find some comfort in knowing what a truly kind person he was. We are heartbroken that Joshua won't meet up with Adam again, at least not on the River.*

*Erika Huber*

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**Erika Huber** - December 30, 2021 at 02:04 PM

CM

*Mrs. Huber,*

*I can't begin to tell you how much your words mean to me. My intent was for Adam to leave my home as a good man. I didn't mean for him to be a kayaker. However, I've learned a lot in the past two weeks. Part of kayaking is being a good man. I thought kayaking was an individual sport. I see it another way now. It takes a community to be a kayaker. I'm so glad that Adam and Joshua were in a community together. I hope to meet you someday. We share a joy in two young men who met life head on. Thank you  
Connie Mayo*

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**Connie Mayo** - December 31, 2021 at 08:15 AM

BM

*Ms, Huber,*

*Your kind words are greatly appreciated. We knew Adam as a wonderful son growing up in rural a community. He was always joking and just all round full of fun. After he moved to Colorado and grew into an adult, we would visit as often as possible but we still lost the day to day knowledge of his life. It is through the kind words of people like you that gives us more insight into the man he grew to become. Thank you, your words are precious to us .  
Barry Mayo*

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**Barry Mayo** - January 01, 2022 at 01:40 AM



*I wanted to attend the service (coming from North AL) but we had travel plans over the holidays we couldn't change. Lord willing, Joshua will be back from Ecuador next Sunday. I know he would like to reach out as well.*

**Erika Huber** - January 09, 2022 at 07:19 PM

SB

“ So many great memories shares with "Mayo" during our time together at UT Knoxville. That infectious laugh truly rings loud in my mind on this day. There were so many moments filled with inside jokes and wise cracks that still bring a smile to my face to this day. My condolences to his entire family.



**Stephen Boswell** - December 29, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - December 28, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 28, 2021 at 01:53 PM

DJ

“ *Donie & Carol Jordan purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.austinandbell.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Adam Mayo.*

**Donie & Carol Jordan** - December 27, 2021 at 12:43 PM

TC

“ *The Cheatham County Commission purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Adam Mayo.*



The Cheatham County Commission - December 27, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 27, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 27, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 23, 2021 at 11:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 23, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.*



December 23, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *Susan Allen lit a candle in memory of Adam Mayo*



**Susan Allen** - December 23, 2021 at 06:02 AM



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**Susanne Buttrey** - December 22, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Donnie And Jerri Gupton And Family lit a candle in memory of Adam Mayo*



**Donnie and Jerri Gupton and Family** - December 22, 2021 at 06:40 PM

KS

“ Connie, I am so sorry to read of your son's passing. Just wanted you to know that I'm thinking of you and I am sending my prayers during this difficult time.  
Kitty Spry

Kitty Spry - December 22, 2021 at 05:36 PM

HR

“ Hillary, Emily, Wein, Drew, & the rest purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Adam Mayo.



Hillary, Emily, Wein, Drew, & the rest - December 22, 2021 at 05:10 PM

WH

“ Barry & Connie, it has been years Barry, I am so sorry. Richard Harris

W. Richard Harris - December 22, 2021 at 12:25 PM

CM

Thank you so much, Richard.

Connie Mayo - January 02, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adam Mayo.



December 21, 2021 at 03:17 PM

LM

“ I met Adam 8 years ago through my husband KT - Adam was one of his dearest friends, his groomsman, and one of his first friends he was comfortable enough to introduce me to! I will forever love knowing Adam because of his kindness and warmth, his serious love of laughing (and will always have a Top 5 laugh of anyone I'll ever know), his commitment to his friendships, and his magical powers to always make me feel incredibly important and like what I had to say mattered a lot to him. Every time I was with Adam, my stomach hurt from laughing and half of the time I don't even think he meant it - he was just that wonderful to be around. Adam stayed with me for a weekend in our old house once when KT was out of town and Adam was visiting Denver, and I was scared it would be awkward and we'd have nothing to talk about for about 5 seconds before I realized that Adam was the best company - and the best person to watch hours of TV with and shit talk whatever we were watching together - in the world. I don't think there's anyone anywhere who couldn't feel lighter or more heard when they were around him. I feel so privileged to call him my friend and the world will always be brighter, more thoughtful, more full of funny memories, and more bestowed with a responsibility to squeeze every single ounce out of life in it because of his influence on so many of us. I will miss him and his smile, laugh, and passion for the good things in life will forever color the way I lead mine.

Liz M - December 20, 2021 at 09:27 PM

CM

This comment is to Liz M. I can't tell you how much your kind words mean to Adam's family. To us. He will always be a star. He was willing to live a life many people only dream of. Your description of him captured him perfectly. You are appreciated.

Connie Mayo - December 22, 2021 at 07:48 AM

DM

Deepest condolences to Adam's family and friends. I've had the pleasure of many kayak based adventures and good times with Adam here in Steamboat. He was a legend, good man, and an inspiration to many. Seeing him style life helped inspire me to go to law school at age 40. I have since had the pleasure/displeasure of dealing with him in the legal arena, and having him whip up on me in court (I had three trials scheduled against him in the next month). I was looking forward to learning from him and both dreading and looking forward to opposing him in front of a jury. If there is any way I can be of assistance in these tough times, please reach out. I unfortunately have lost other friends to the river, and have heard "at least he died doing what he loved" too many times. While possibly true, it rings hollow and still hurts terribly.

I'm pretty sure I guided Adam's father once, fishing up in the Flattops a few years back (Yampa Valley Anglers). I am so sorry for your loss. David Maris

David Maris - December 22, 2021 at 03:09 PM



*Please know how very sorry our family is to hear of your loss. Our daughters thought the world of Adam and we all are so saddened for your family during this difficult time. We know he was a wonderful son and brother. May God give you peace and heal your hearts in all the days going forth. Our love and prayers to each of you.*

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**Susan Allen** - December 23, 2021 at 06:01 AM

DS

*It was with great sadness that we learned of Adam's death. We knew Adam as the brother of our son-in-law, Matthew. We had met him and been with him enough to know him as a good person with a great personality. When learning of the trips he took with his family and his friends he became more endearing for his love of the outdoors and zest for life. We had looked forward to learning more from him about his life and his adventures.*

*Our hearts go out in sympathy to his family and his friends.*

*Dan and Wyckie Seamans*

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**Dan and Wyckie Seamans** - December 27, 2021 at 12:44 PM

DA

*Barry, Matthew & Connie: Please know how very sorry we are for your loss of Adam and sorry we are unable to come to the visitation. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Donnie & Delone Anderson*

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**Delone Anderson** - December 29, 2021 at 02:57 PM

CM

*Thank you, Donnie and Delone. Delone, Adam was a relative of yours. Your Dad explained it to me a long time ago. Maybe through the Forts. Whatever, i greatly appreciate your rememberin him, and at least one of you made it in person. Hug your kids.*

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**Connie Mayo** - January 01, 2022 at 12:08 PM