



Trace Louis Hilburn made a grand entrance into this world when he decided to arrive four weeks early on May 4, 2016 in Miles City, Montana. He was welcome by his loving parents Trey and Kayla (Mindt) Hilburn and his three older brothers, Aaron, Nathan, and Konnar.

Being the fourth of five boys, Trace grew up tough. From the day Trace was born, he had a mind of his own. Even though he knew how to walk by the age of 8 months, he absolutely refused and chose to bear crawl (mowgli) till he was 1 ½ years old.

He was such a charmer, always giving people compliments. Trace had a special way of making his mom feel like the most beautiful woman in the world, reminding her daily that she smelled like rainbows. Time spent with Dad was Trace's time for the manly things. Together they would work on pickups, hunt, and mow the lawn with their matching mowers. Being his little brother, Tatum's, best friend and teacher came naturally for Trace. While giving his older brothers a run for their money was a priority, he truly was the apple of our family's eye.

Trace loved his family and had a special place in his heart for his grandparents. When visiting Grandma Carrie and Papa Eddie in Fort Peck, he found terrorizing the minnows in the tank so exciting! He also could be found sneaking into the Lakeridge store convincing his grandparents, that he really needed a Zinger, even if that meant denying his parents' wishes. If the box of Zingers were empty, he would settle for a Twinkie. He treasured fishing the Missouri River with Papa Marty even if all they caught were the memories. Moments with Grandma Tina were spent outdoors in the garden, watering flowers, or going inside to bake cookies or read books.

Hunting, fishing, and t-ball were always at the top of his list of favorite activities. Trace spent many hours in the fishing boats with his Aunts and Uncles where he not only learned the trick of the trade fishing Fort Peck but also usually a new vocabulary.

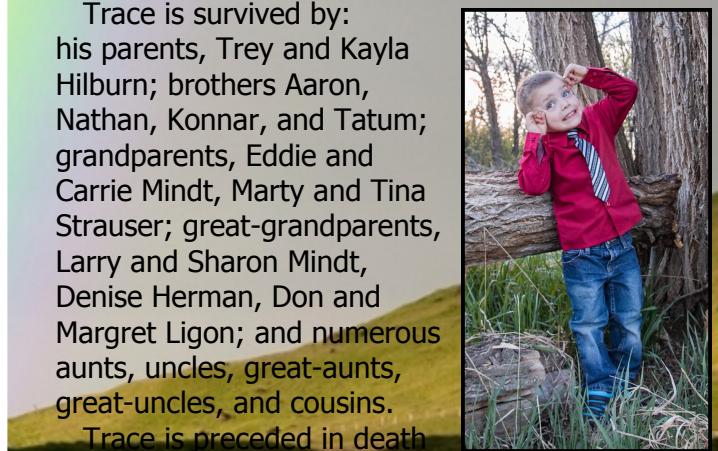
Trace was a mischievous, goofy, sweet little boy who enjoyed life and who lit up any room he entered. Not a day went by without a dance party in the living room or a jam session in the car. Being able to tease the family with a good thump or joke would make him smile and giggle. He adored making people laugh, prank them, or just plain acting silly.

Trace attended preschool at Heart Prints & Hand Prints Preschool. He took his learning very seriously, always quizzing to make sure his family was paying attention to what he was teaching them. Trace had big dreams to accomplish and was set on becoming a doctor. Some of his most cherished toys were his anatomy toys and pretend doctor kit.

Trace was taken from us way too soon on June 19, 2020 in a tragic accident. He was surrounded by his parents and loved ones when God decided to take his little hand and call him home. We could all use one more chase around the house and one more time to give him additional love.

Trace is survived by:
his parents, Trey and Kayla Hilburn; brothers Aaron, Nathan, Konnar, and Tatum; grandparents, Eddie and Carrie Mindt, Marty and Tina Strauser; great-grandparents, Larry and Sharon Mindt, Denise Herman, Don and Margret Ligon; and numerous aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles, and cousins.

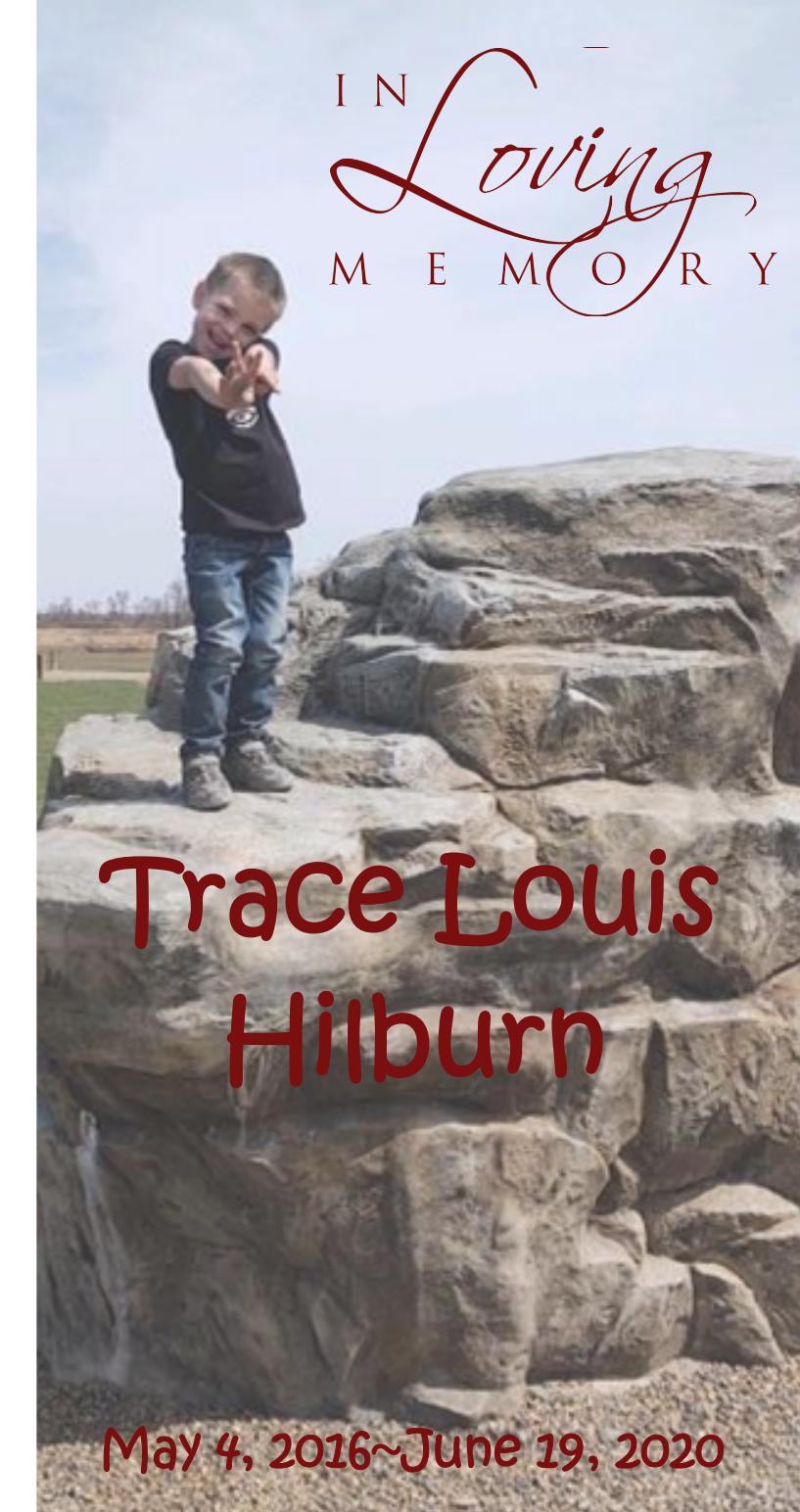
Trace is preceded in death by: grandparents Willis Godfray Jr. and Janice Loretta Hilburn; and great-grandpa Buck Herman.



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M E M O R Y

Trace Louis
Hilburn

May 4, 2016~June 19, 2020



"A CHILD LOANED"
"I'll lend you a little time
A child of mine," He said,
"For you to love the while he lives
And mourn for when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years
Or twenty-two or three,
But will you, till I call him back,
Take care of him for me?
He'll bring his charms to gladden you,
And should his stay be brief,
You'll have his lovely memories
As solace for your grief.
I cannot promise he will stay,
Since all from earth return,
But there are lessons taught down there
I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over
In My search for teachers true,
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes,
I have selected you;
Now will you give him all your love,
Not think the labor vain,
Nor hate Me when I come to call
And take him back again?"
I fancied that I heard them say,
"Dear Lord, Thy will be done,
For all the joy Thy child shall bring,
The risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness,
We'll love him while we may,
And for all the happiness we've known,
Forever grateful stay.
But should the angels call for him
Much sooner than we planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,
And try to understand."

Trace Hilburn

Born to Trey & Kayla Hilburn
May 4, 2016~Miles City, Montana

Passed Away
June 19, 2020~Sidney, Montana

Services
10:00AM Friday June 26, 2020
Event Center Richland County Fairgrounds
Sidney, MT

Officiating
Kara Triplett

Special Speaker
Pastor Richard Evans

Casketbearers

Tarkus Jones Taylor Mindt Justin Mindt
Haley Mindt Larry Mindt Gary Mindt

Honorary Casketbearers

Aaron See Nathan Hilburn
Konnar Ulrich Tatum Hilburn

Ushers

Chad Herman Kerm Peterson
Austyn Mindt Lance Johnson

Final Resting Place
Lambert Cemetery~Lambert, Montana

Luncheon to follow burial at the
Sports Complex in Lambert, MT

Arrangements By
Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home

