



## Paul Yak

May 3, 1992 - May 26, 2023

Paul Yak, age 31, of Delray Beach, Florida, formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, May 26, 2023 in Delray Beach, Florida.

A Memorial Mass will take place Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be held prior to the service at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Paul Makuach Stephen Yak was born May 3, 1992 to Stephen Reath and Martha Ruon in Akobo, South Sudan. He was baptized as an infant at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waat, South Sudan. Most recently, Paul was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. He attended St. Mary's School in Storm Lake, graduating in 2010. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management and Business Communications from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Paul went on to be an entrepreneur and coach after college. He was the CEO of Yak Training Club and Co-CEO of M.T. Athletics. He also expanded his non-profit organization into East Africa, touching the lives of many.

Paul was passionate about basketball and running and loved coaching children. On July 2, 2016, Paul traveled to Australia for the Olympic Trials in

the Gold Coast Marathon. In his free time, he could be found at the beach working out and going shopping. He loved traveling, especially his memorable trip to Spain. Paul had a positive impact on many people's lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his parents: Stephen Reath and Martha Ruon of Storm Lake, Iowa; brothers: Bidong Yak of Storm Lake, Iowa; Reath Yak of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister: Nyalang Yak of Storm Lake, Iowa; and many friends.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Burial

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
1238 600th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Memorial Mass

JUN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in Peace Paul "Makuach" Yak. That smile and that laugh will live on forever within the memories of your family and your many, many friends who loved you dearly. Paul was an extremely gifted runner and basketball player, but his true talent was for making those around him feel welcomed and valued.

We miss you a lot buddy. Sending love and comfort to your family always.

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Andy - December 31, 2025 at 01:11 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 09, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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“ Peggy Flynn lit a candle in memory of Paul Yak



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Peggy Kay Flynn - June 03, 2023 at 01:52 PM

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“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Paul Yak



Peg Harrington Flynn - June 02, 2023 at 05:50 PM

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“ I will remember Paul smiling...and loving getting into his running stride so effortlessly that he must have felt like he could go forever... and never get tired... just being free and happy....stride after stride after stride...he was special... and that is how I will think of him.....running into eternity... in his happy place.... ✨

Peg Cavanaugh - June 01, 2023 at 11:17 PM

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“ Julie sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Yak



Julie - June 01, 2023 at 06:59 PM

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“ Hearing him and my daughters telling each other they love one another on our lawn one evening through my bedroom window.  
Julie Schwartz

Julie - June 01, 2023 at 06:58 PM