



Paul B Hayes

March 29, 1950 - January 17, 2024

Paul B. Hayes passed on January 17, 2024.

He was a hard worker, and he loved his family.

He rose early every day. Monday through Friday, he put in his time at work, came home for dinner, watched a little bit of TV, and then off to bed - to wake up the next morning and repeat the routine.

His Saturdays were full of odd jobs around the house. He liked manual labor and always found plenty of projects to keep busy.

Sundays were for church - morning and evening - afternoon meals, and naps.

He was - at best - a tinkerer when it came to cars. He maintained the family car - replaced brakes, rotated tires, changed oil, that sort of thing. But when his sons were adolescents and young teenagers, he spent many days with them, dreaming up great plans to restore a couple of old cars he had bought, but mainly they just ended up taking the cars apart and making a mess.

Despite being the tallest of the eight boys born to Shaw and Rosebud Hayes, he was wholly un-athletic. And although he never mastered a bat, racket, glove, club, or ball, he was a great fan of sports - at least, when his sons were playing. He never missed their games.

He was a quiet but thoughtful man.

He had a great laugh when some slapstick comedy would coax it out of him.

And although he never seemed comfortable sharing thoughts or ideas, he was always quick with dry humor.

Like many men of his age, he hardly shared or expressed his emotions, but

every day before he left for work, he told his wife and sons that he loved them – kissed them on their sleeping heads and whispered a quiet “I love you”.

The last 20 years of his life were characterized by disease as much as anything else. First, the cancer that took his wife in 2009, and soon thereafter the dementia that slowly took him away.

He quietly cared for his wife until she passed. And as dementia attacked, he quietly fought to remember and to survive.

He loved his wife. He loved his sons, their wives, and his grandchildren, and no matter the gains that dementia made in its battle with him, when his mind was clear, he always had a smile or a wry look with one eyebrow raised when he would see us. He knew us, and he was happy to see us.

And while we will miss him, there’s no doubt, he met mom in heaven with that eyebrow raised and a half grin, happy to see her.

He was a great dad and a wonderful Pops to his grandchildren, and we are happy that he is with his bride again.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents Shaw and Rosebud Hayes and by his wife, Carol. He is survived by his son David, his wife Jan, and their children, Colton and Abby and by his son Daniel, his wife Sarah, and their children, Isadora, Caroline, Parker, Hudson, and Evelynne.

Paul is also survived by his brothers, Billy and his wife Jackie, Charles, Larry and his wife Donna, Geary and his wife Brenda, Maurice and his wife Trudi, Robin and his wife Diane, and Douglas and his wife Donna.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Paul’s honor to the American Red Cross.

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

White House Memorial Gardens

3629 Hwy 31 W
White House, TN 37188

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
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Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Committal Service and Burial

JAN 22. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - January 18, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul B Hayes.



January 18, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *I worked with Paul for many years at I. C. Thomasson Associates. No finer person that I have ever encountered. Paul was a mentor to many throughout his career, and an example to everyone of kindness, humility and service. Prayers for his family, -Phil Barbe*

Phil Barbe - January 17, 2024 at 08:33 PM

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“ It is so hard to leave just one memory of Paul. It has been many years since I had seen Paul and had no idea of where he was or of his family. I went to school with both Larry and Geary . Our family moved from Dickson County and we lost touch. In my work, I had times that I spoke to Billy Shaw and Charles. This was a wonderful family, raised on hard work and love for their neighbors. They were raised with the word of God. My husband, Bobby Jones was close to this family and his family lived in their house for a time in their early years. Bobby spoke of his times on the farm and how he was treated. He had a special connection to Aunt Buddie. We always felt close to all of the boys. They all had a gift for kindness and love to everyone. I only found out recently that Paul was in memory care. I lost my Bobby in July this past year and his disease was the same as Paul's. Our hearts are broken as we know what you had to face. Paul was special and he left his mark on all of you. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. I feel lucky to have known Paul and his family. Our thoughts are with you all.



*Barbara Jones and Boys
Jimmy and Lee*

Barbara Jones - January 17, 2024 at 07:01 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Paul, was when he read the Christmas story. As he got emotional, I knew then he was truly a man of God.



Scott Musgrove

Scott Musgrove - January 17, 2024 at 06:39 PM