



Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes

January 12, 1935 - February 15, 2020

Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes
Pickens, South Carolina

Rudy Hayes, 85, husband of Nell Bolding Hayes passed away Saturday February 15, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born in Pickens, a son of the late Louise Ferguson Hayes and Rich Hayes. Rudy Hayes was a graduate of Pickens High School where he played football from 1951-1954, winning a state championship in 1954. Rudy played with The Clemson Tigers from 1955-1959. He played in the Orange Bowl (1957) and the Sugar Bowl (1959). His professional football career was with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1959-1962. Memberships include the Mason Lodge of Pickens and Gideon International of Pickens. He served in the Jail Ministry at Pickens County Law Enforcement Center. Rudy managed Owens-Dillard Marine Sales until it closed and later retired from Grant Ford of Pickens.

Survivors include his wife of sixty four years, two daughters, Teresa Landers (Mike) of Dacusville, Linda Constance (Chris) of Pickens, one son David Hayes (Amy) of Pickens, twelve grandchildren, Will Landers (Jill), Sam Landers (Makayla), Michael Constance (Adrea), Clay Constance (Natasha), Kelli Barker (Brett), Candace Frasier (David), Bryan Hayes (Taylor), Amanda Hayes, Andrew Hayes, Jonathon Hayes, Aidan Hayes, Nadalie Hayes and

fourteen great-grandchildren, Kenna Landers, Eli Constance, Noah Constance, Conner Constance, Finn Constance, Saylor Barker, Hallie Barker, Aryana Alleshouse, Landon Alleshouse, Lily Alleshouse, Blakley Frasier, Savannah Frasier, Elzie Hayes and Elliot Hayes.

Visitation will be held Tuesday February 18, 2020 from 12:00pm until 2:45pm at Red Hill Baptist Pickens, Funeral Service to follow at 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hayes was predeceased by his parents, two sisters Catherine Holder and Betty Cartee.

Memorial may be made to Red Hill Baptist Church, 558 Red Hill Road, Pickens SC 29671 or Gideons International, Post Office 1533, Pickens SC 29671.

The family will be at the home.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Hayes family.

Cemetery Details

Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

558 Red Hill Road
Pickens, SC 29671

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 12:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Red Hill Baptist Church
558 Red Hill Road
Pickens, SC 29671

Service

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mountain View Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - February 17, 2020 at 08:05 PM

MT

Very sorry to hear he passed. I just moved into my new house and was going through boxes when I came across a copy of the New Testament, on the inside was an autograph to my son he wrote out. Very warm hearted man he was, I enjoyed his conversation and company while I installed a windshield in his vehicle. Prayers for your family, I'm sure he will be deeply missed! God bless your family.

Mike Toth - November 27, 2020 at 07:53 PM

NO

“ David, I met you when I worked with Rudy at John foster Ford in Easley, when you would come by and visit your father. It was the first time I ever knew Rudy and I was not a Clemson fan. One morning in the sales meeting, the manager was starting to use some words that Rudy didn't want to listen to and had gotten up to leave the meeting and I asked him where he was going and he said Hardee's so he didn't have to hear those words and I told him wait and I was going with him, the sales manager wasn't happy about us leaving in the meeting but we did anyway. During breakfast I listen to your dad and realized he believed in a higher being and lived his life according to how he wanted to treat everyone he met. As he was telling me how he went by the jail every weekend and tried to save as many people as he could, I looked up to him after that breakfast. I moved on and went by grant Ford to say hi one day a few years later. When my daughter started looking at colleges, I told her we should go by Clemson, that I knew a person that graduated from there and it had to be the college she should go to. After some discussion, she agreed to go there and graduated from Clemson in 2007 and is a Doctor in Atlanta today, I know Rudy played a part in her future. He touched a lot of lives and I am sure you are very proud to have him as a father. I miss the Hardee's breakfast and listening to him talk about life. Ned O

Ned O - October 27, 2020 at 01:19 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry that I am not able to come and pay my respects and hug you all!! Your family means so much to me. I have so many great memories of working with Rudy at Grant Ford. Of course, our families had known each other for many years before that. Nell and my mom were great friends. Rudy was such a gentleman, a true gentle giant but a warrior for Christ. Can you imagine the homecoming in Heaven when he arrived? I know he was greeted and rewarded for the faithful servant that he was. Love you all so much!!

Deena McCollum

Deena McCollum - February 18, 2020 at 11:28 AM

NA

“ Nell, I had met and knew a lot about Rudy before I ever came to Red Hill and met and fell in love with you and your family. My Dad bought his first boat from Rudy; and, I guess because they both loved football and Dad knew Rudy's history they became friends. My heart is very heavy with sorrow for all of you. I will not get to come for the visitation and service today, but I will be to see you soon. Know that my prayers are with you during this most difficult time. With sincere love, Nancy and Jim Anderson

Nancy Anderson - February 18, 2020 at 11:22 AM

CB

“ My family and I are praying for you and family. Brother Hayes was a dear friend and distant cousin of myself and my father. He will not be forgotten now and in the days ahead. I remember him at Owens Dillard and also met his father in growing up in Pickens County. It was of much pleasure and happiness to know Rudy for he was the same Christian and always witnessed to everyone he met daily. Carl & Sharon Bagwell

Carl S Bagwell - February 18, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LM

“ *Extending my deepest sympathy on the loss of Rudy and praying that your faith will give you and your family strength in this sad time. With caring thoughts and prayers,
Linda Cater Mangum*

Linda Cater Mangum - February 17, 2020 at 07:46 PM

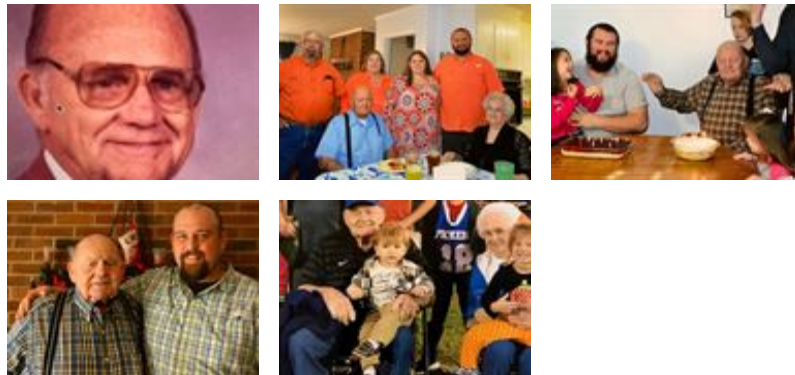
JR

Frank Rackley sends his prayers and condolences to the family. He was a teammate of Rudy's and always spoke highly of him.

jean rackley - February 17, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MV

“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - February 17, 2020 at 07:38 PM

DM

“ *So saddened by the loss of Rudy. He was such a loving and gentle man. He touched so many lives and demonstrated that he was sure solid soldier for Christ.*

Donna Mitchell - February 17, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes.*



February 17, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes.*



February 17, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *George and I are so, saddened @ the loss of Rudy. We bought a car from Rudy and he gave us a small Bible and had written in it. We still have it. He was a true man of God and friend. We want the family to know you're in our prayers and our hearts go out to you in your loss. But, our loss on Earth is Heaven's Gain. 🙏🏻✝️❤️*

George and Elaine Edwards - February 16, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ *Louise Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes*



Louise Campbell - February 16, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LC

Neil, Teresa, Linda and David, I am so sorry to hear Od Rudy's passing. I always thought a lot of all of you, including all the Hayes family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow. I pray the Lord will guide and direct you all and keep His loving arms around you today and in the days ahead.

Louise Campbell - February 16, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JJ

*Rudy was not only my hero but a hero to all of Pickens .
a godly man*

jim - February 17, 2020 at 06:40 PM

BU

“ *RIP My childhood Hero! Your family meant a lot to me and my family from the 1950's until now. My dad and your dad, Mr. Rich, were great friends.*

Ben Underwood - February 16, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rich Rudolph "Rudy" Hayes.*



February 16, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JB

“ Rudy was a great godly man and a football LEGEND in Pickens, he touched many lives in so many ways and football player still talk about uncle Rudy, so sorry for your loss, I know it was a grand day when he made it to Heaven to be with him parents and two sisters our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hayes family
RIP UNCLE RUDY



Jennifer Holder Broome - February 16, 2020 at 03:52 PM

PH

My Daddy and Rudy were first cousins...I was the firstborn in my family and Daddy sent my aunt to Pick my mom and I up from hospital so he could watch Rudy play for Clemson 😂Daddy loved him like a brother! Daddy and Rudy were both very Godly men and I know their reunion with Uncle Rich, and the rest of the family was awesome! Prayers to all of Hayes family 🙏

Pam Finley Holliday - February 16, 2020 at 06:30 PM

DT

We send our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of a man we loved and respected.

Doug and Rosemary Thomas - February 16, 2020 at 07:07 PM

RB

Rudy was a very good Christian man that helped show many the way to be saved. We talked several times about it.it was a pleasure and honor to know him along with being in the mountains for at least a week hunting and enjoying time together for around twenty years. Praying for the family during this time of sorrow, he will be missed here on Earth by all that came in contact with him.

Raymond Brewer - February 16, 2020 at 08:51 PM

TL

Thank you so much

Teresa Hayes Landers - February 16, 2020 at 10:21 PM

CA

I am praying for the family of Mr. Rudy. How did this gentle giant of a man live his life? He was such a Godly man that lived his life according to God's plan. He loved God first above all. Second, he loved his family and then he loved others and was so concerned about their salvation. He wanted all to know the sweet peace he had in his heart and he shared this. I loved hearing his testimony about how that one Easter morning he realized he needed to come back to living for our Lord. Mr. Rudy will be missed but what an example for us to follow!

Carolyn - February 17, 2020 at 07:40 AM

BC

This is what Rudy shared with me.

John 15

The True Vine

15 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[b] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Benny

Benny Cartee - February 17, 2020 at 08:17 AM