



Mr Joseph A. Hayes

February 12, 1929 - July 21, 2016

Joseph A. Hayes, 87, passed away in Highland, CA, on July 21, 2016, surrounded by his family. Originally from Rolla, MO, Joseph graduated from Vienna High School class of '47. He attended Warrensburg State Teacher's College during the summer of '47 and then taught at the Tennesyn Elementary School in Vichy, MO, from '47-'48.

In 1948, Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force. During his time in the Air Force, he was stationed at various bases within the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii; although most of his time was spent in Southern California. After 21 years of honorable service, Joe retired with the rank of MSGT. He then began his second successful career as a Real Estate Agent and Broker; opening two of his own real estate offices. Later, he worked as the Secretary/Treasurer of several Masonic organizations. He also volunteered at local senior centers, where he helped people do their taxes. Joe was well known for always being a hard worker and it would be impossible to list all of his achievements!

In late 1949, fate placed him in the only available seat on a long-distance bus ride where he met Betty LaRue Hicks. They were married shortly thereafter and remained married until her passing in 2013. Together they had four daughters; Suzanne, Sandra, Sharon, and Sylvia. Their greatest joy in life was family! As a family, they loved to travel throughout the United States and especially enjoyed visiting State and National Parks. Joe and Betty continued travelling until their passing; enjoying many vacations and cruises.

He was a Master Mason - Blue Lodge of San Bernardino, the Scottish Rite, York Rite, The Shriners, Past Watchman of Shepherd of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Past Associate President of State White Shrine for California, Past Patron of Gate City Order of The Eastern Star, and Past Grand Royal Patron of California Order of Amaranth. He was also a longtime member of Highland Congregational Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty and his youngest daughter Sylvia.

He is survived by his daughters, Suzanne (Jerry) of Highland, CA, Sandra (Jay) of Sacramento, CA, Sharon of Highland, CA; his five grandchildren Gerald Hicks, Rodney

and Jedediah Irvine, Jessica Lara and Jacqueline Pacheco; and his twelve great-grandchildren. Also surviving him are his brother Johnny Hayes and his sister Bertha West.

Cemetery

Events

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside, CA, 92518

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Committal Service

10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Been thinking alot about you lately! So glad you weren't burdened with the world's issues right now! All your kids managed to survive Covid-19. I miss you so much Dad!
Love you always!! Suzanne



Suzanne - May 15, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Physically gone but always in our hearts! Love You Dad! Suzanne



Suzanne - September 10, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ Love You Dad...I think about you every day!



Suzanne Hicks - January 07, 2019 at 05:08 AM



“ Just finished up everything from your estate. You would be so proud to know it worked out the way you wanted it too. All the burden is gone and now I just have to love all the memories of You.
Love You Dad, so very much and so proud to be your daughter!



Suzanne Hicks - April 06, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ Love You Dad!!



Suzanne Hicks - February 02, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Miss You so much, Dad...We go by your house everyday. I know you are there watching over it. We went by your house on Christmas Eve and know that you joined us for Christmas Eve Service at the church. There are so many things we do everyday that remind us of You. We are so blessed and grateful that You were in our life. We love You so much Dad and Merry Christmas!!

Love Suzanne, Jerry and Isabella

Suzanne Hicks - December 25, 2016 at 10:17 PM



“ Buddy, as I called him growing up, taught me how to swim as we spent many a Sunday afternoon at the creek with our friends. I will miss him, as we all will. My regret was we are always so far apart that seldom got to spend time together. We will all miss him. John

John Hayes - August 05, 2016 at 05:40 AM



“ I was the youngest of five children in the Hayes family and Joe (or Buddy as we lovingly referred to him) was several years older than myself and I always felt his loving protection around me. Living on a farm he and the rest of us grew up knowing hard work and learned the art of perseverance. Joe loved horses and his guitar. As he would travel home from school on his horse I would quite often run down the hill to meet him to see if perhaps he had brought me a candy bar and quite often he had. Joe grew up in an era where everyone served his country so after teaching for about a year he entered into the Air Force leaving his home in Missouri. Although at a distance from Missouri most of the time we managed to stay in touch and our hearts were always full of love and wished the best for each other. He will be missed by all
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Bertha - July 30, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ I cannot even begin to put into words what my Daddy meant to me. He was my hero and I completely idolized him. He was a kind and caring man, who showed you he cared in everything he said and did. He helped mentor my boys to assist them with becoming the wonderful men they are today. I couldn't have asked for a better Dad! I miss you Daddy so much and it's not the same here without you. I love you with all my heart!

Love,
Sharon

Sharon Shehan - July 28, 2016 at 06:29 PM



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Bertha (Hayes) West - July 25, 2016 at 04:38 PM



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I still cannot believe my Dad is gone. He was My Super Hero, my mentor, my strength, my teacher, my example for everything in my life! He Protected and Loved his family so much. He was Always there for us. Reading the words just DOES NOT even begin to express my feelings for my Dad.

Dad passed away at home with his daughters and grandson surrounding him. We LOVE You Dad and Thank You so much for EVERYTHING!!!

We LOVE You Dad

Suzanne, Jerry, Isabella, Gerald, Kelly and Michael



Suzanne Hicks - July 24, 2016 at 10:27 PM