



Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes

June 6, 1932 - May 12, 2023

Hattie Elizabeth Higgins Hayes passed away surrounded by loved ones on May 10, 2023, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. She was born on June 6, 1932, in Selma, Alabama to Minister Webster Higgins, Sr. and Nettie Higgins.

Hattie was a proud resident of Alabama where she attended Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, and Alabama State College for Negroes. After meeting and marrying her husband Rufus, they relocated to Bladenboro, NC. As a military family, they spent time in Germany and finally settled in Fayetteville, NC.

Hattie loved to read and shop, and she had a great sense of humor. She is preceded in death by her husband, MSG Rufus Hayes, Sr.; one brother, Webster Higgins, Jr.; and one sister, Mattie Wiggins.

Cherishing her memory are: her brother, Benny Higgins; daughter, Nettie Hayes-Miller; three sons, Rufus Jr., Harry and Preston; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Graveside Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Deborah Rosado lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes*



Deborah Rosado - May 21, 2023 at 02:54 PM

RC

“ *To the Hayes family. I am so sorry for your loss. I just found out today. I have so many happy memories of the wonderful person she was. There are too many wonderful moments to pick the best ones. She is gone but will never be forgotten.*

Romona Calhoun - May 18, 2023 at 09:53 PM

DH

“ *I'll truly miss Mother Hayes. Many times, I would see her in the yard and stop by and spend a moment or two with her. Keep Looking Up Hayes Family! The Haire Family/DJ Haire/City Council.*

DJ Haire - May 18, 2023 at 08:08 AM

JV

“ *Johnny Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes*



Johnny Vaughn - May 18, 2023 at 05:37 AM

BM

“ *Betty Hudson Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes*



Betty Hudson Martin - May 17, 2023 at 11:49 PM

MG

It was not unusual to see Ms. Hayes sitting on her porch attending to her flowers. May she rest in peace and may her family find peace in her memory.

Marilyn Godette - May 18, 2023 at 10:40 PM

JM

“ *Condolences to the Hayes family. Nettie I'm so sorry for your loss. May GOD ever keep you and comfort you. You have so many wonderful memories to cherish. I remember you talking about your mother a lot. Praying for you through this difficult time.*

*Love you,
Jackie McKinnon*

Jacqueline McKinnon - May 16, 2023 at 07:15 PM

AD

“ *Deepest condolences to the Hayes family. I just learned of her passing today and I wanted to extend my deepest sympathy to Nettie and family.. May her memory comfort you in the days and weeks to come.*

Avis Dunbar - May 16, 2023 at 05:53 PM

ET

“ *May God forever bless this family Earl & Phyllis Tyson*

Erika Tyson - May 16, 2023 at 12:17 PM

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Erika Tyson - May 16, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn Morgan-McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes*



Marilyn Morgan-McCoy - May 16, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.*



May 15, 2023 at 11:57 PM

PS

“ *I pray for the peace that surpasses all understanding for the Hayes family.*



Pamela Story - May 15, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JF

“ *Condolences to the Hayes family.*



j elaine faison - May 15, 2023 at 04:28 PM

MS

“ *Momma Hayes, such a beautiful lady. I loved her and Pops! Always so nice to me from the day I set foot on campus at FSU. I pray that God will give strength, peace and comfort to the family. She will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

*Mamie Robinson Simmons
Houston, Texas*

Mamie Simmon - May 15, 2023 at 04:22 PM

BD

“ *Bettye Fuller Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes*



Bettye Fuller Dixon - May 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM

DH

“ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the passing of His faithful servants -Mrs. Hayes and her family embraced me during my time at Ferguson-Easley Elementary- so thankful for the unconditional love and support extended to us - rest easy Mrs. Hayes, well done Mrs. Hayes, well done

Dr. Mellotta Hill - May 15, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RS

“ With deepest condolences, we are very sorry that we could not be there with you to celebrate aunt Hattie’s home going. We understand the situation, and we are mourning a significant loss with you.
Please understand that we are with you in Spirit, and we loved aunt Hattie very much.

Roy & Cheryl Speights - May 15, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.



May 15, 2023 at 01:35 PM

DH

“ Dorothy Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes



Dorothy Henry - May 15, 2023 at 12:50 PM

RS

“ Roy & Cheryl Speights purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.



Roy & Cheryl Speights - May 15, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.



May 15, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.



May 14, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Dear Hayes Family, may God continue to comfort you during your time of sorrow. Mrs. Hattie Hayes was such a loving and precious soul.



Margaret Williams - May 14, 2023 at 03:09 PM

AT

“ AAAB Operations Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.



AAAB Operations Team - May 14, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Hayes.



May 13, 2023 at 06:23 PM

JJ

“ Aunt Hattie and Uncle Rufus were close friends to my parents, Bernard and Adrena Carter from Bladen County. They shared many great times together at each other's homes eating meals, having parties, playing cards and enjoying life in general. During those times great friendships developed between the Hayes children, Pogie, Nettie, Harry and Preston and the Carter children, Bernardette, Gwen and Bubba. The families have remained lifelong friends and will always treasure the fond memories of the great times we shared together. We send sincere condolences to all members of the Hayes family for their tremendous loss.

John B. Carter Jr - May 13, 2023 at 06:14 PM

WA

“ *WandaAutman-Vaughn sent a virtual gift in memory of Hattie Hayes*



WandaAutman-Vaughn - May 12, 2023 at 04:02 PM