



Nelson Edward Hayes

November 28, 1940 - February 25, 2016

Mr. Nelson Edward Hayes, age 75, of Matthews, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at Novant Presbyterian Hospital - Matthews, surrounded by his two loving daughters.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Nelson E. Hayes will be conducted at 5:00 PM Sunday, February 28, 2016, with visitation one hour prior to the ceremony, at Morning Star Lutheran Church, 12509 Idlewild Road, Matthews, North Carolina, 28105, officiated by Reverend John (PJ) Mouritsen.

Additionally, the family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Saturday, February 27, 2016, at Davis Funeral Home in Monroe, 1003 East Franklin Street, Monroe, North Carolina, 28112.

Mr. Hayes was born on November 28, 1940, in Gastonia, North Carolina, a son of the late Robert Lee Hayes and Lena Viola Lee Hayes.

Nelson was a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) at Davis Funeral Service in Monroe; a former Manufacturer's Sales Representative for North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia with Pierce Chemicals Royal Bond Company of Dallas, Texas. He was also a Former Chairman and Secretary of the North American Division of the British Institute of Embalmers (BIE), and member of the American Society of Embalmers.

Nelson was a graduate of Gaston County Schools, High Point University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and a Summa Cum Laude Graduate of the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, class of 1970.

There are numerous professional designations, NC Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, two-term elected member of the North Carolina Board of Funeral Service, Past Director of District #9 NCFDA, Past President of Belmont Rotary Club, Past President of the Belmont United Way, Past President of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Sacred Heart College Board of Visitors in Belmont, former member of the Salisbury Rotary Breakfast Club and a high school biology teacher.

There are also fraternal memberships, such as Member of Belmont Lodge #627 AF & AM, Past President of Virginia Funeral Supply Sales Association, Member of West Virginia Sales Association, Past President of North Carolina Sales Association, Member of Mu Sigma Alpha, National Mortuary Honor Society, and was selected to appear in the 1973 edition of Outstanding Young Men Of America.

Nelson was an accomplished organist, having served numerous churches, such as Love Memorial Baptist Church of Gastonia, First Baptist Church of Belmont, First Baptist Church of Gastonia, Providence Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, Second Presbyterian of Salisbury, St. Marks Lutheran of Charlotte and many many more.

Survivors include his two daughters, Dr. Holly Jennifer Hayes Robbins of Christiansburg, VA and Heather Catherine Hayes Ferguson of Monroe, NC; mother of the daughters, Vicki Smith Lemons; two grandchildren, Anya Zoe Robbins of Christiansburg, VA and Aedan Edward Ferguson of Monroe, NC; a brother, Raymond Douglas Hayes and wife Clara.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Morning Star Lutheran Church, Music Ministry Organ Fund, 12509 Idlewild Road, Matthews, North Carolina, 28105.

Davis Funeral Home of Monroe is honored to serve the Hayes family. An on-line guest register book is available at www.davisfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall

AE

“ *Well I Miss You Love you, Grandpa We Will meet together Some day Miss you* ”



Aedan Ferguson - September 17, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DS

“ *Doug Sigmon lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes* ”



Doug Sigmon - August 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Tom Klopfenstein lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes* ”



Tom Klopfenstein - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *In honor of your 76th. birthday ... May God Grant You Eternal Peace .. I miss you my good friend. Your friend in Christ, Thomas D. Klopfenstein* ”

Thomas D. Klopfenstein - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Tom Klopfenstein lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Tom Klopfenstein - July 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Allen Rushing lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Allen Rushing - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Mark Pittman lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Mark Pittman - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Just found out my friend/colleague has passed on. AS usual I was calling on him to ask advice, whom I could trust in confidence I would receive a very well educated thought. My sincerest condolences. So sorry I missed his services. God bless his family.*

Mark Pittman - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *A true gentleman who I will remember fondly. Who amongst so many things introduced me to iced tea!*

Laura Rule (nee Howarth) - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Praying for peace for the family.*

Sharon Bruckner - March 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Our deepest and sincerest condolences to the family. Words alone can not ease the pain when grieving the loss of a love one. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". May God give you and your family comfort in your loving memories and in His promise that soon we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope, with deepest sympathy and warmth of heart.*

Ana - March 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear of Nelson's passing. May God Bless the family and comfort them in the days to come.*

Jane Carpenter - March 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ So very sorry and upset to hear of your Father's passing. Holly and Heather he was like family to us my mother and father adored him . He was such a blessing and comfort to us when my father passed away in October. We loved him so much and I am so sorry I did not get to celebrate his life with you. I just learned about this today. He talked about you girls and mostly his grandchildren always. We are praying for you and your family such a tremendous loss to us all.

Dottie Schnibben - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Our family has known Nelson since his days in Louisville, KY when we lived in the attic apartment of McAfee Funeral Home and he lived in the basement. Years later he became our Pierce rep and funeral consultant. More importantly, he's been a cherished friend that we'll miss very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

The Shirley Family at Enders & Shirley Funeral Home, Berryville, VA - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Schnibben Family lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Schnibben Family - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Joel Blady lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Joel Blady - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Kevin Haney lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Kevin Haney - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Mr Hayes was a great man always looked forward to his speaking at our annual clinic. He was a true professional in the field of funeral service and will be greatly missed.*

Richard Jenkins Board Member Academy Of Graduate Embalmers of Georgia - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *My deepest condolence to Mr. Hayes' family. I first met Mr. Hayes when I was a student at Mid-America College of Funeral Service. He was a true professional with a great passion for funeral service. He will be missed.*

Lacy Robinson - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I am truly sad to hear of his passing. We spoke just the other week. I am blessed to have met him and become a friend; and will take all our conversation's and visit's with me the rest of my life! He was a wonderful person and my prayers go out to the family.

Ryan Shipley - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Nelson was the organist at FBC, Belmont when I was there as the Minister of Music. He was a dear friend and mentor and did a much better job of keeping up with Martha and me than we did of him. He found us when we lived in Roanoke, Va, and surprised me with a visit when I was serving Main Street UMC in Greenwood, SC. Rest peacefully, dear friend, and I hope you find a magnificent pipe organ to play in heaven.

Larry and Martha Moore - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Rest In Peace Bro Hayes. Prayers for the family from Dallas, Texas
The John P. Brooks Family Funeral Homes
John P. Brooks
32 President/CEO Knox-Corinthian Lodge 851 Valley of Dallas

Dallas, Texas - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Larry And Martha Moore lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Larry and Martha Moore - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *What a charming man and true professional was Nelson. Am grateful for his friendship and the many laughs and stories we shared. Nelson lived large with his travels and network of friends. Thanks be to God for you, good man of abundant talent and kindness. You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, dear Nelson.*

Mark Higgins - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Nelson, my friend - what joy you brought into many lives. I will be eternally grateful to you for the love and compassion you showed me and my family with our parents' passings. A true gentleman you were - always dressed perfectly when worshiping our Lord - and thanks for wearing the seersucker suite - you made my day. I love you.*

Andrea Comer - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Broome lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Debbie broome - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Milissa Wilson lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



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MM

“ *Mark McDonald lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Mark McDonald - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Ronald J. Boyd, Sergeant First Class, US Army lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



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SV

“ *Staff Of Wells/Sheffield Funeral Chapel, Lovington, Va lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Staff of Wells/Sheffield Funeral Chapel, Lovington, Va - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Annette Smith lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Annette Smith - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *to the hayes family sorry for your loss nelson was a friend and mentor I got started in the funeral business when he was manager at carothers in Belmont. I learned so smuch from him he was a fine man and will deerly be missed I know he is walking the streets of gold today*

kevin s brown hudson nc - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *I am so sorry about the passing of Nelson. He was a very good friend and over the years it was always a pleasure to deal with him and ask questions. When my son passed away he was so much comfort to my wife and I and we will never forget him. We know he is with the Lord. Rest in peace.*

Stanley Morehead, Stover Funeral Home, Strasburg, VA - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Nelson was a truly wonderful, kind and loving person. We hope you find some comfort in knowing that others share your loss. May God's unfailing love and peace sustain you during this difficult time.*

Joel and Kathey Shelton - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Rest in peace You were a wonderful man with a wonderful sense of humour . Heaven has gained a fantastic angel sleep well my friend
Xxxxx

Normanton west yorkshire england - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I had the distinct honor of being in his presence at many of the American Society of Embalmers conferences. He was the consummate professional and always had a lot of entertaining stories to share, along with vast knowledge of our profession. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Mark McDonald - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My deepest condolences are extended. Nelson was a true gentleman, a great funeral director and ambassador for the funeral industry.

Jody Tyson, Taylor-Tyson Funeral Service - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Hayes Family. Nelson was always exceptionally nice and I always enjoyed chatting with him about our travels, church missions, and day to day life. He spoke often about his girls and his grandchildren. May you find comfort in knowing Nelson is at peace with our Heavenly Father Jesus Christ!

Alison Baucom - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Nelson has served the Sisters of Mercy over the years in many capacities -- as a friend, a supporter of Sacred Heart College in Belmont and as our funeral director. May he rest in peace.

Sister Mary-Andrew Ray, RSM - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Nelson my heart weeps, my soul remembers, and my love continues.. We shared something no one can take from us, even in death. Boy, how the organs in heaven are sounding! Unconditionally, unconditionally.

Andru-Scot Spangler - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Nelson was a pure example of a southern gentleman and knowledgeable in his field. I didn't know he had been sick and I'm truly sorry for your loss. I knew him for years as a salesman who came by Crowder-Hite-Crews Funeral Home in South Hill, Va. and saw him for years at the VFDA conventions. He will be truly missed ! Condolences to all of his family. Randolph Hite

Randolph Hite - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Nelson was a true friend of funeral service and a friend to many of us who chose the path of funeral service. He will be greatly missed and certainly made a mark on our profession and many funeral directors and embalmers around the country. Rest Well, My Friend!

Fred H. Kitchen - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My sympathies to Nelson's family. Thank you Nelson for your dedication to funeral service. I always enjoyed seeing you at the ASE meetings. Rest In Peace.

Melissa Johnson - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Eternal rest is yours my friend. Thank you for everything you have ever said and ever done...I will miss you always!

Chris Sykes - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ A SOPHISTICATION WILLOW BASKET SPRAY was sent on February 26, 2016

SENT WITH LOVE FOR A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND! HE WILL BE MISSED BUT ALWAYS REMEMBERED.. LOVE NANCY PIERCE BARBER SO SORRY I CAN'T BE THERE

Expression of Sympathy - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was ordered on February 26, 2016

Expression of Sympathy - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ZB

“ A great man and a great friend! Always a ear to hear you out and give advise. ..you'll be missed my friend.

Zach Boan - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *A true gentleman and a huge passion for the trade. Will be missed by many*

Carl Jones - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Nelson, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Peace and blessings upon your family. Sharon*

Sharon L. Gee-Mascarello, Instructor at Wayne State University Mortuary Science, Detroit and President, Michigan Embalmers Society - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *What a beautiful angel this gentleman. So thankful for his friendship. Sending prayers of peace for the family.*

Candace Langworthy - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *So sorry to hear of Nelson's passing, I enjoyed his humor and professionalism during our interactions. The whole Hayes family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time of great loss.*

Mike Mangum - Lakeland Memorial Park - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Nelson...I met him when I worked at Forest Lawn West in Charlotte...*

F.Michael Rogers - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Such a dear friend and a devoted funeral professional. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace dear friend. God bless.*

Ben Whitworth - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Such a sweet, kind man. The first time I met him, I adopted him as a paw paw. A wonderful kind soul who will be dearly missed. Prayers for the family.*

Teresa Threadgill - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *Thank you for your contribution to our industry. I remember your seminar you did for us in North Carolina for New Generation of Funeral Service Practitioners. You taking the time to share your wealth of knowledge proved to be invaluable. May your daughters find comfort in the memories and may your legacy of the lives you touched keep your memory alive.*

Lori Diaz from Columbus, Ohio - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *To the Hayes Family I am saddened to hear about the death of Nelson. I am so glad that Chase and I were able to see him this week. He has touched so many people in his life and will be missed be the lives he has touched. May the many memories that you have of your father, friend, mentor be the greatest treasures that you hold close to your heart. I met Nelson almost forty years ago and I can say I am glad I had the pleasure of him being in my life. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.*

Sherry Leonard Noble - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Ben Whitworth lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



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CL

“ *Candace Langworthy lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



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CS

“ *Chris Sykes lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Chris Sykes - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ *With sympathy from Staff of Washburn & Dorsey Funeral Home. Nelson was quite a character and will be missed...*

Washburn & Dorsey, Bostic, NC.. - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ You have my deepest sympathy, Nelson was a very nice man and will truly be missed. May he rest in peace R.I.H. Mr. Hayes.

Mary Blakely (Richmond Funeral Home (Monroe) - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Andru-Scot Spangler lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Andru-Scot Spangler - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Loretta Hearn lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Loretta Hearn - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home Of Matthews, NC lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home of Matthews, NC - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Glenn Caulder lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Glenn Caulder - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Howell Funeral Home & Crematory, Goldsboro lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Howell Funeral Home & Crematory, Goldsboro - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jeff Seiple lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Jeff Seiple - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Such A Wonderful Gentleman You Will Be Truly Missed. lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Such a wonderful gentleman you will be truly missed. - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Teresa Threadgill lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Teresa Threadgill - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Thomas D. Klopfenstein lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Thomas D. Klopfenstein - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Timothy Tennant lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Timothy Tennant - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Sharon L. Gee-Mascarello lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes



Sharon L. Gee-Mascarello - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Sherry Leonard Noble lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Sherry Leonard Noble - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Tom Williams lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Tom Williams - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Nick And Kimberly Page lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Nick and Kimberly Page - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Michael Savonarola, Ross Funeral Home Fairmont, WV lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



Michael Savonarola, Ross Funeral Home Fairmont, WV - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Mike And Amy. Kuruc lit a candle in memory of Nelson Edward Hayes*



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