



Mr. William James (Bill) Hays, Sr. Obituary

November 24, 1924 - July 23, 2012

Mr. William James (Bill) Hays, 87, of Albany died peacefully at home, July 23, 2012. He was a mischievous soul with a great love of his family. He had an uncompromising sense of right and wrong.

Funeral services will be Saturday 10 AM at Kimbrell-Stern. Rev. Josh Duckworth officiating. Interment will follow at Hopeful Baptist Church Cemetery in Mitchell Co.

A native of Hopeful, GA, Mr. Hays has lived in Albany since 1964, where he was a member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, and former longtime member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Albany. He served in the United States Army Air Corp. during W.W. II as a radio operator and navigator on a B-17 bomber. Mr. Hays retired from the UGA Cooperative Extension Service with 30 years of service. After his retirement he was a pecan specialist, and was instrumental in starting numerous pecan groves in Dougherty County. He was a longtime member and past-president of the Exchange Club of Albany and a member of the American Legion. Mr. Hays was the youngest of 14 children.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley W. Hays of Albany, his children, William James (Butch) Hays, Jr. and his wife Esther of La Mesa, CA, Marcia Hays Barfield and her husband Toby of Chapel Hill, NC, David Thomas Hays and his wife Carrie Ellen of Senoia, GA and Katie Hays Goette and her husband John of St. Louis, MO, grandchildren, William James Hays, III, Lauren Ney, Toland Barfield, Ginger Baxley, Christian Revell, Garrett Hays, Beth Kelley

and Matthew Goette, 8 great-grandchildren, sister, Esther Connell of Pelham, GA.

Mr. Hays was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Henry and Katie West Hays, his wife, Virginia Hays and 12 brothers and sisters.

The family will receive friends Friday from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

Those desiring, please make memorials to Hopeful Baptist Church 2655 GA Hwy 97, Camilla, GA, 31730 or Georgia Baptist Children's Home Central Office P.O. Box 329 Palmetto, Georgia, 30268

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William James (Bill) Hays, Sr. Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. William James (Bill) Hays, Sr. Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *To the Hays Family, I wanted to extend my heartfelt condolences to this family in this time of this tragic moment. I hope that the family will stay strong and continue to try stay encouraged. Continue to trust in Jehovah God and always stay encouraged.*

Bristria - Albany, GA - Friend - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Curt & Kathleen

Kathleen & Curtis Bailey - Tampa, FL - Sister/brother-inlaw-John Goette - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the extended Hayes family, our sincere sympathy and blessings on the passing of "Papa". Bob & Mary Longenecker*

Bob & Mary Longenecker - Chesterfield, MO - Friends - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To Marcia and Toby, Our heartfelt sorrow is extended to you and your family. May God's Grace be with you during this time and in the coming days. Your loss is felt by many who knew your dad and your friends.

Jim and Neva Herschell

Jim Herschell - Moultrie, GA - friend - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Marcia and Toby so sorry to hear of your loss, you are in our prayers, Ellis and Nancy Benson

Ellis Benson - Macon, GA - Friend - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Marcia, Butch, David and Katie,

Jennifer lives in Albany and saw that Bill had died. She called me to let me know. I am so sorry to hear about his death and wanted to let you all know that I am thinking of you . Wish that we could all get together. I send my love and will keep you in my prayers.

Love,

Dianne

Dianne Marchant Gove - Monroe, GA - cousin on the Marchant side - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Katie, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know how hard this is to lose a parent. God bless and may you have peace.

Susie and Rick Jones

Susie and Rick Jones - Chesterfield , MO - Friend - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Butch and Family,*

I am sorry to hear about your father passing away. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dave Branch - Montgomery, AL - Family Friend - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Marcia, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Rani Pace Bailey - Albany, GA - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Katie and family, I am saddened to hear that your Daddy is no longer with us. He touched so many lives in so many ways. He was a TRUE foundation to the Albany area, with unselfish contributions of his time and talents to the public. I cannot remember a time ever seeing him that he did not greet me with a big smile! My prayers are with you as you adjust to his home-going.*

Kay Pierce Bradley - Albany, GA - Friend - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Billy was a good man and will be sorely missed by friends and family. As the youngest of his family he was only a few years my senior and we related quite well when I was growing up. I have only fond memories of Billy.

But for the 10 hour drive one way, I would be there for the funeral. Instead I will be there for all of you in spirit.

With love to all of you.

Paul Keadle Jr

Paul J Keadle Jr - Apex, NC - Cousin - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Marcia and family, very sorry for your loss.

Lou Taylor - Albany, GA - Friend - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Marcia, Toby and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very hard time.

*The Peace of the Lord Be Always with You,
Peggy Thomas*

Peggy Lawrence Thomas - Snellville, GA - friend - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM