



Donald L. Hayes Obituary

May 7, 1940 - January 2, 2005

A native of Wigham, GA, Mr. Hayes has lived in Albany since 1979, where he was a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Albany Junior College, receiving an associate's degree. Mr. Hayes was very involved with the Exchange Student program for over 12 years. He was a 1961 graduate of Lee County High School and was retired from the United States Navy serving during the Vietnam conflict. Survivors include his wife, Beverly J. Hayes of Albany, daughter, Monica D. Hayes of Albany, four sisters, Carolyn Norman of Albany, Sharron Howell of Jacksonville, FL, Delores Edwards of Charleston, SC, Sandra May of Greenville, SC, two brothers, Marvin Hayes of Wigham, GA and Jerry Hayes of Soperton, GA and several nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L. Hayes Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *We were saddened to hear of Don's passing. We will be in prayer for his wife and family.*

*Ray & Diana Fritz
Former USS Grant sailor.*

Raymond Fritz - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest regrets go to Donald's friends and relatives over his passing. I was Comm Officer on the Gold crew from '67 to '70. I'll tap a fairwell in Morse for him today.*

Deepest regrets,

Lt. Tom Witman

Tom Witman - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *With our deepest sympathies*

Avis Thomas and family - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Didn't know Donald well but served at the same time. My condolences to all.*

Don Barber MMCM(ss) gold

Donald C Barber - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ *Dearest dad, I will miss you a whole bunch and will treasure all the moments we have spend together. You are in my heart!! Dear Mom and Monica, we wish you lots of strength and send you all our love. We will think of you! Love you a lot, Anoesjka, Leon, Jaap & Ida*

Anoesjka van Zanten - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We are thinking and praying for you in this time. We love you and hope to see you soon!*

Mike, Marian, and Catherine Forrest - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *I was a Plank Owner on the Grant (Blue) crew. During commissioning of a sub there is very little difference between the crews - they worked closely together. I remember Don very well - calm, competent, reliable and obviously intelligent. He was a good crew member and responsible for Grant's being the fine boat she was. He is remembered..... My condolences to his family and friends, Al Webster former QM1(SS)(DV)*

Al Webster - January 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Beverly and Monica. I do believe from the heart that one day soon I'll see my brother in Christ Donald Hayes, face to face with our savior Jesus Christ.*

Jim Casey - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Dear Dad,
Thank you so much for all the beautiful moments in America. I will never forget the warmth and fun we had. You are one of a kind and I am forever grateful that I had the chance to know you in person. You, Beverly and Monica hold a very special place in my heart. I wished I would have taken the chance to see you again before, but in memory my mind will be with you forever. Rest in peace.
With love from me, Lesly and my family.
Natasja from Holland*

Natasja Grob - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Monica and Mrs. Beverly,
I haven't seen either of you in a while, but learned of Mr. Don's death through the DOCO website. My family spent a great amount of time with you all when Natasja was here from Holland. You are both in my thoughts and prayers.
Tanya Williams (from Pelham)*

Tanya Williams - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dear Beverly & Monica,

Please know that you and Monica are in my and Susan's thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Donald was special to me and I have so many fond memories of our times together - especially during the many lunches we shared together over a period of years. Words seem inadequate to properly express our sympathy for you during this time.

In our prayers,

Randy & Susan Wages

Randy Wages - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *We had many great times together here in our home with our dear brother in Christ. Please know of our love for him and for you. How we rejoice that one of our own has gone to be with The Lord Our Righteousness.*

Larry and Sandy Simpson - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *I served with Don in the Navy aboard the USS U.S. Grant, SSBN631, Gold crew. Don was a Radioman First Class and was one of the best petty officers aboard the submarine. He was a plank owner and a member of the commissioning crew of the USS Grant. He served his country well and will be missed by all his shipmates. Smooth sailing shipmate. He is now on Eternal Patrol in God's Navy.*

Michael N. Arterburn - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Was a crewmember aboard the
USS U.S. Grant (SSBN-631)
My deepest sympathy.

Ronald D. Huffman - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I was on the commising Gold crew with Don. He will be missed

Ronald D. Huffman - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

F(

“ I served on the Grant in the 1960's and would like to say how sorry I
am that another Submarine sailor has passed. I did not now Donald
but I can tell you this, he must have been quite a man to have
braved the arduous task of serving the United States Submarine
Service, proudly!

Forrest C. Young, STS1 SS (retired) - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I am honored to have so many good memories as a child and an
adult of "Uncle Donald" to share with my new husband. "Uncle
Donald" was wonderful at putting a smile on your face when you
needed it most. He will always be in our thoughts. With love and
prayers, April and Chris Hargrove.

April Lasseter Hargrove - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Very sorry to hear about Donald's death.
Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Bernice and Frank McCullough - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am thankful to remember you, Dad, as a person to learn from and to laugh with. You'll stay in my memory as my American Dad. My thoughts are with you and Mom and Monica as well.
With love, Jennie.

Jennifer Kunikowski - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Beverly and Monica-- you are both in my thoughts and prayers. I can not begin to imagine the grief you are experiencing. Love-
Donna Golden

Donna Golden - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Our deepest sympathy!
We lost a good friend.

Fred,Cordula and Rebecca - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dearest Monica and Mom Beverly,

You are in our hearts and have our deepest sympathy.

Terrie Cook-Williams & Family - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ There was no other in this world like him.He was my friend,my
uncle,
Aunt Beverly,Monica,
You have been in our thoughts and prayers.

Don Hayes - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Your family is in our prayers.*

*Tracey Howell, RPh.
Winn Dixie Pharmacy*

Tracey Howell - January 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM