



## John Patrick Hayes

July 10, 1977 - October 2, 2019

John Hayes, 42, of Manassas, VA, passed away on October 2, 2019 at Fairfax Hospital surrounded by his family. He fought a brief, but courageous battle against Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH).

John was born on July 10, 1977 in Rockville Centre, NY to John J. and Esther Hayes. The family moved to Gettysburg, PA in 1993, where he graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1996. John earned a Bachelors of Science Degree from Edinboro University in 2001 and has worked for Department of Defense in the Defence Technical Information Center since 2009. On June 18, 2005 he married Christina (Conlin) Hayes. They moved to Manassas, VA in 2006 and together were foster parents for Prince William County.

John had a passion for music. He enjoyed playing the drums. He also loved sports, especially his New York teams (the RIGHT ones!). He enjoyed bantering with friends, family and colleagues on sports, religion and politics. He loved serving God through his church, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and any other way he could through his daily life. He was known for his quick wit, infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. John made friends with everyone he spoke to.

John is survived by his wife, Christina, and their two foster children. In addition he is survived by his parents, John and Esther Hayes, sister Maureen,

brothers Jim and Mike (Christy), nephew Joe, neices Kary, Katie, Jenna, and Taylor and many loving friends and family.

Visitations will be held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110 will be Sunday, October 6, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Mass of Christian burial will be Monday, October 7, 10:00 AM at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA 20110. A reception will follow at the Bishop Russell (Knight's) Hall, 9290 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA 20110.

Interment will be private.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to either:  
March for Life Education & Defense Fund, [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org), 1012 14th St. NW,  
Suite 300, Washington, DC, 20005

OR

National Foster Parent Association, [nfpaonline.org/donate](http://nfpaonline.org/donate)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Visitation

OCT **6.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **7.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas,, MA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dear Christina and family - We only know you and John from sitting near you at Mass in All Saints Church and we want to offer our sincere sympathy on your great loss. We were so shocked when we came across John's obituary. May God continue to give you the strength to carry on with your wonderful loving work with foster children.

Mary & Tom Loren - October 20, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ Dear John and Christina. May the lord keep your hearts one. Love Dennis.

Dennis Parkin - October 10, 2019 at 06:52 AM



“ I worked with John at DTIC and he is simply one of my favorite people that I've met here. Always kind, always a pleasure to talk with. I would look for him at training classes and sit at his table because his humor always made it fun. I will really miss seeing him. My deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

Jana Wallace - October 09, 2019 at 01:59 PM

AN

“ My family met John when he and Christina were married. He exuded joy. We are so sorry for your loss Christina as well as heartfelt sympathy to your family and John's. Special prayers for your foster kids too 🙏❤️❤️ Love Annie and Barney Mckenna

annie - October 08, 2019 at 03:20 PM

MB

“ To Christina and John’s family and friends,

*I was saddened to hear that John passed away. He was a great guy. Always cheerful, helpful, and kind. I had many great times with John in Edinboro and I will always remember him fondly. I deeply regret not keeping in touch after all these years. Please know that you are in my thoughts and you have my deepest sympathies at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Matt Bonomo*

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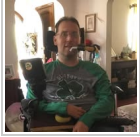
**Matt Bonomo** - October 07, 2019 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Although I cant be there in person, I am there in thoughts and prayers to all...Rest in peace John*

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**Robin Emory** - October 07, 2019 at 06:08 AM



“ *Love and Prayers. I remember the day I met John at Edinboro. He was opening his door, so I decided to go greet him. I caught him off guard with my choice of words. I said, "So what's wrong with you.?" I can't remember his response, but it was something witty.*

*Who would of thought after that exchange that we we would have become such good friends. Years later we were still laughing about that. He's probably watching me and thinking, "This is the memory you're sharing."*

*I wish I could make it down to the viewing.*

*Heaven is getting one of the best people I've known. I'm praying and thinking of your family.*

*Love,  
Dan Tomkiewicz*

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**Dan Tomkiewicz** - October 05, 2019 at 06:31 PM

MH

*You will be with us in spirit Dan. You and John were great friends. College was one of the best experiences in his life. He enjoyed independence, friendship and met the love of his life. Thank you for sharing Dan. Love, Mike Hayes*

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**Mike Hayes** - October 06, 2019 at 07:43 AM

LW

“ *Love, prayers and peace, Lois Walsh purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



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**Love, prayers and peace, Lois Walsh** - October 05, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



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October 05, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *I met John at Edinboro and we became fast friends. Over the years, life happened and we lost touch. I shed tears this morning for a life gone too soon, a grieving family, and memories of a friend gone but never forgotten. My deepest sympathies go out to your family.*

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**Missy** - October 05, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



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October 05, 2019 at 07:25 AM



“ *John, we all had some good times at Edinboro! Never will forget those wonderful years there. You'll be missed! 💙*

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**Stephanie** - October 04, 2019 at 09:42 PM

JE

“ I don't have many heroes, so I was particularly upset when one of them left us.

*I met John Patrick when I married his aunt 32 years ago. Over the years I watched with awe as he overcame severe physical disabilities to graduate from college, marry Christina (a remarkable woman), and get a good job working for the defense department. I was very impressed with all of it, but then they decided to foster two special needs children.*

*I saw John and Christina with those children this summer. They were so patient, so loving. A lesson for us all.*

*I seldom discussed his physical situation with him, but on one occasion I learned from his wisdom. I told him it was hard for me to accept the deterioration of my faculties – sight, hearing, walking, balance, etc. – as I aged with Parkinson's Disease. and I didn't know how he avoided depression.*

*“I don't think it's as hard when you've never had something as it is when you have it and lose it.” John Patrick was a man of faith. And I am sure that faith helped him and Christina through all of this.*

*Life dealt John a lemon, and he made lemonade -- for everyone. God bless you, John. I will miss you.*

*Requiescat in Pacem.*

*Jack Edmonston*

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**Jack Edmonston** - October 04, 2019 at 02:22 PM

EH

*Thank you, Jack. That was beautiful.....love, Esther*

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**Esther Hayes** - October 04, 2019 at 05:33 PM

AB

*A most poignant sentiment...& yes, John's sweet bride Christina is a remarkable woman. Continued prayers for the family.*

**Amber Bateman** - October 04, 2019 at 09:08 PM

MH

*This was a wonderful perspective of John. I know we have our personal experiences but they share very similar traits because John was the same person whoever he spoke with. That statement by John can summarize his life. We couldn't believe what he endured, some of us even took pity. And John turns the table and has compassion and empathy for us, our pain, our plight. He had the gift to be able to give entirely of self (except when he was watching hockey). Thank you for sharing this Uncle Jack. I see the man Aunt Kathy fell in love with.  
Love, Mike*

**Mike Hayes** - October 06, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



October 04, 2019 at 10:55 AM

DC

“ *Dr. & Mrs. Carmelo F. Caratozzolo purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



**Dr. & Mrs. Carmelo F. Caratozzolo** - October 04, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



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October 04, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



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October 04, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *The Card Club Girls purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of John Patrick Hayes.*



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**The Card Club Girls** - October 04, 2019 at 08:51 AM