



Roger Lee Hayes

November 6, 1940 - March 14, 2014

Roger Lee Hayes of Front Royal, VA formerly of Nokesville passed away March 14, 2014 at the age of 73. He was preceded in death by his parents Allen and Ethel Hayes of Nokesville. Roger is survived by his wife of 40 years Dianna Hayes and 4 sons; Todd and Malia Hayes of Manassas, Troy and Sisi Hayes of Gainesville, Timmy and Kristin Hayes of Nokesville, and Tony and Cody Hayes of Nokesville. Roger was a loving and devoted grandfather to Guy, Trent, Josie, Sophia, Tino, and Hunter Hayes.

He was a retired educator and administrator. He also simultaneously operated his own antiques business for nearly 50 years. Roger's Antiques started in Nokesville on the first floor of his family home. Later his shop moved to Centreville and most recently to Front Royal. Roger and his youngest son, Tony, recently opened Hayes Brothers Antiques and Auction House. Buying, selling, and refinishing antiques were Roger's passion. He shared this passion with his wife and four sons.

Roger was a longtime respected authority of antiques and antique history. He had two loves in his life, his family, and antiques. He shared his knowledge and expertise with others through his seminars, auctions, and appraisals over the years. A perfect day for Roger was a day in his antique shop or being on the road and finding that special treasure. He lived each day to the fullest doing the things he loved best. His legacy will now live on with his four sons as they continue in the antique business and auction house in Front Royal. Roger will be remembered for his infectious smile and sense of humor. He

was the life of the party and never met a stranger.

The family will receive visitors at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas on Friday, March 21st from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 22nd at 11am at Pierce Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Nokesville Fire Hall where Roger and Dianna celebrated their wedding reception over 40 years ago.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Roger's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Donations can be made by mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, by phone to 800-805-5856 or online at www.stjude.org/donate.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Visitation

MAR 21. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ Dianna,

I was so sorry to hear of Roger's death. My heart grieves for you and your children. Please take comfort in the thoughts and prayers of so many friends.

Carmela Dougherty

Carmela Dougherty - March 26, 2014 at 07:54 AM

LA

“ Dianna, I am so sorry for your families loss, roger was a very special person. I will miss him at the auction, his knowledge, laughter and stories made it that much better. He is gone far too soon. Take care, Lisa, jim and ed

Lisa arnold - March 21, 2014 at 09:36 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Diane and the boys (Troy, Tony, Todd & Timmy). We were very sad to hear of Rogers' passing. He was such a big character and brought joy to wherever he went. I remember visiting him when I was younger with my family, and he had a way of telling you a tale that made it larger than life. These "fish tales" often was some embarrassing situation he got himself into. I know its hard to smile and laugh during this difficult time but we all know that would be what he would want. Sending our love and prayers from the Vandyke cousins in Virginia.

Delza (Vandyke) Cantrell and daughter Mi - March 20, 2014 at 08:28 PM

TW

“ So sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God bless and comfort you at this time. Theresa and Frank Witt and family

Theresa Witt - March 20, 2014 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ Janice M. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Roger Lee Hayes.



Janice M. - March 20, 2014 at 09:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Lee Hayes.



March 20, 2014 at 08:14 AM

KD

“ My husband was a classmate of Mr. Hayes when he attended Garden High School, Oakwood, VA. He thought highly of him. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Ken & Deena Dorton - March 20, 2014 at 07:16 AM

DL

“ When Roger was around you were always laughing. What a great legacy. Now it's time to remember and grieve. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you Diana and the boys.

David Lively - March 19, 2014 at 06:26 PM

AC

“ My condolences to you Dianna, and to all your family. What a joyful person he always was whenever I saw him, and what a wonderful dancer, good husband, father and all-around good guy.

Ann Cook - March 19, 2014 at 02:49 PM

DB

“ I had the honor of teaching with both Roger and Dianna at Brentsville District. I also have several furnishings in my home from Roger's Antiques when it was in Nokesville. I never saw him down; he always had a smile on his face and a kind word on his lips. He will be missed. My condolences to Dianna and the boys

Dave Button - March 19, 2014 at 02:06 PM

“ It's hard to believe I've known Roger for 45 years. As a 4 year old, Roger was bigger than life in personality and dance moves. My mother met him during their antiquing days and they became life-long friends ever since. I can still remember riding my bike up and down Fitzwater drive from Whetzel's shop to Nokesville Grocery and down to Southern States. Invariably, I'd hit the brakes on the sidewalk by their house to the sound of Mommy Hayes' singing and the mouth-watering aroma of some of the BEST chicken and dumplings in the world. During those idyllic childhood days, it was a perfect existence there with my mom in her shop, Roger in his and Daddy Hayes refinishing furniture outside the "Rough and Ready" next door. The smell of turpentine will always hold dear memories for me....and at the end of every day was plenty of jokes and laughs between them all; knowing the next day held the promise of more of the same.

Having Roger at a teacher in middle school was always a treat. Never a dull moment.....espeicially in character as the "indian" at the BDHS follies with his teaching cohorts performing The Villiage People's hit "YMCA". It was the hit of the show every year. The kids loved him!

Roger's life became complete meeting Diane and having their boys. He would get the biggest kick out of all their tricks and silliness they would pull on Diane. His legacy he left to the boys and their commitment to their own little families is a testament to his own love, commitment and dedication to those he fiercly loved.

I've said it before, but folks with big hearts and personalities that touch so many leave a huge hole in our lives, but what a celebration and blessing to have had the joy of having folks like Roger in our life's path. You'll be missed beyond measure, Roger. Godspeed friend.. and please tell my mama I love her and give her a big hug....Roger style. <3

LM

“ I didn't know Mr. Hayes but was lucky enough to work with one of his sons. He had to be a fabulous man, role model, and father to have raised a son who cares so much about his family and his students. Todd, my deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family.

Linda Mazza - March 18, 2014 at 06:32 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Roger Lee Hayes.



March 18, 2014 at 04:53 PM

NH

“ When I had Mr. Hayes in the 6th grade at Nokesville Elementary School, I believe he was single, and seriously dating his wife to be, a sweet, attractive young teacher at Brentsville, named Dianna. I had no clue then, I would become his co-worker at SJHS in the 80's.

With his common sense approach, I always understood the lessons Mr. Hayes taught, no problem. From 6th grade on, I hoped all my teachers were going to be like Mr. Hayes.

In our 6th grade class, he would sometimes try and make us laugh when things became quiet, as we were busy doing our work. I remember he used to sit behind his desk and make various animal sounds. He would get so tickled in between them, probably from the look on our faces. He would ask the most silent students if they could make the animal sounds with him, and it would get them to break into laughter with the rest of the class. The "Moo" sound was tops on his list. I believe because he had it down, and it received the most laughs.

Now that I am a teacher and think back to some of my childhood classroom family situations that year, I am very sure he had a real purpose for what he was doing. For a moment, those silent children forgot their sadness. He was a wonderful teacher. Having wonderful teachers like Mr. Hayes is why I became a teacher.

Thank you, Mr. Hayes!!! XO

Nancy Wright House - March 18, 2014 at 12:48 PM

RT

“ *Roxanne T. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Roger Lee Hayes.*



Roxanne T. - March 18, 2014 at 12:44 PM

KC

“ *Roger and Dianna, are the sweetest people I know. We have known them for about 40 years. Our children went to school together in Nokesville. When we heard they had moved to Front Royal we were so excited. We have been here for 9 years and we were so happy to have a friend move here. Roger will be truly missed. Dianna, we are praying for you and your family.*
Kathy and Tom Conkey

Kathy Conkey - March 18, 2014 at 12:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Lee Hayes.*



March 18, 2014 at 10:45 AM

TF

“ *Such fond memories of Roger and the Hayes family!! What an amazing husband, father, and grandfather, reflective in the legacy he has left behind. While he was taken far too soon, heaven gained a true angel. May the Lord continue to provide strength and comfort to the entire Hayes Family! Much Love, Steven, Nicole, and Emerson Shaffer*

The Shaffer Family - March 18, 2014 at 10:02 AM

GL

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go out to Roger's family and to all of us who were lucky enough to be able to call him our friend. Always gracious, always kind, Roger meant so much to those of us in our little Main Street community. His presence will be missed- Ginny and Jeff Leser, Main Street Travel*

Ginny Leser - March 18, 2014 at 09:54 AM

LC

“ *We knew Roger and his parents for many, many years. Our families lived in the same area for years before moving to Nokesville, Va. He was always like a big kid and always had a great sense of humor. We have many great memories. You all are in our prayers. God bless all of you. Buddy Croushorn and Lori Clayborne Croushorn*

Lori Croushorn - March 18, 2014 at 08:03 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Roger Lee Hayes.*



March 18, 2014 at 07:40 AM

LP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will always remember my FIRST day in 6th grade and Mr. Hayes was handing out "nicknames". I was SO shy, he came to my name and said "LP, do you know what that stands for?" Of course, I was hiding in my seat! He said "Long Play". I guess it was a football term? I look back and all I can see is his big smile! He was always smiling :) Great man and raised a fine family to carry on his legacy! RIP Mr. Hayes...till we meet again!

Lesley Poland - March 17, 2014 at 10:31 PM

IP

“ Fond memories of the Nokesville days and watching the boys grow up.....my thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with all of you.....Irene King Pence

Irene King Pence - March 17, 2014 at 09:04 PM

 Joyce Fletcher

“ Gone too soon.

Joyce Fletcher - March 17, 2014 at 08:11 PM

DK

“ Roger was a wonderful friend and co-worker. I will never forget the rising sun he painted on his belly as the "Indian" in our "Village Idiots" teacher skit we presented many years ago at the annual Brentsville High School talent show. Roger always had a great sense of humor and was a true joy to be around.

Dennis Knight - March 17, 2014 at 07:21 PM

LP

I remember that! :) Brings many happy memories back.

Lesley Poland - March 17, 2014 at 10:27 PM

NH

He was a riot in that skit!!! I thought we were going to fall out of our seats laughing, and he made his stomach go in and out, soooo funny!!! We were laughing tears. On our camping trip, for the little talent show they had, he jumped up on the tables and danced. He was a scream with those hip huggers and flared pants. We loved Mr. Hayes to pieces.

Nancy Wright House - March 18, 2014 at 10:48 AM

KC

*Dennis, don't know if you remember us, our sons Bill and Dave ran track with you. I think Bill called them the Studleys! Roger and Dianna moved here to Front Royal several years ago, and we were so glad to see someone from home. We just loved Roger.
Tom and Kathy Conkey*

Kathy Conkey - March 18, 2014 at 12:19 PM

NF

“*There are more memories of Roger than space available here. To know him was to share his infectious joy for life. You could not be around Roger without laughing and experiencing his sheer delight at the antics of his boys, the love of his grandchildren, the devotion of his daughters-in-law, and the patience of his wife, Dianna. The "Club Noke" days were some of the best...Roger dancing on the diving board, being the biggest kid in the pool, and always the life of any gathering. As long as Roger stories are told, and they will be for many years to come, he will remain in our hearts. Thank you, Roger, for being our dear friend! We love you...always have, always will! <3*

Nita & Joe Faught - March 17, 2014 at 04:48 PM

AR

So beautifully expressed. He was always a big kid at heart. But he was also a dear & supportive friend to my family during stressful times. He will live in our hearts too.

arleennarron - March 17, 2014 at 04:57 PM