



Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes

October 20, 1931 - April 15, 2026

On April 15, 2026, Herbert Edward Hayes of Sardis passed away at the age of 94. Herbert was born on October 20, 1931 in Rock Hill, TN to Ollie and Betty Hayes. On December 26, 1950, he married Margaret O’Nell Grissom, and together they raised five children.

A consummate farmer, Herbert began farming as soon as he could walk and did so as his only livelihood for as long as he could walk (save the four years he spent serving his country in the United States Navy), raising hogs, cows, cotton, corn, and soybeans. If you wanted Herbert, you needn’t look far – he was either on the farm, at a ball game, or at church. In addition to his long days as a farmer, he contributed many, many hours of dedicated service as both a song leader at church and a ball coach in the community.

He played high school football at age twelve; he enlisted in the Navy at age sixteen and fought in the Korean War; he was a Golden Gloves champion boxer; he tattooed himself; he rode in a Mexican rodeo with no prior experience; he was doing 100 pushups to a set into his late 80s; he “made it” as a farmer through seven decades; he was working 16-hour days on the farm when most of his peers were eating pie at the café and rocking on the front porch; he was married to the same woman for seventy years; he faithfully served Christ and His Church from the time he accepted Jesus as Lord at age 28. All who knew him would agree that “they don’t make ‘em like that anymore”.

He was the toughest of the tough guys; he was jolly; he was sharp. He was a

rock of joy and a pillar of reliability for his wife and his children – day after day, year after year, decade after decade, doing the things that great men do. The radiance of his smile and the power of his laughter can't be overstated. His life was marked by a steadfast and purposeful ordering of his resources based on his deeply held convictions.

Herbert Hayes was the kind of man that good men pray their sons will become.

Herb will be missed by the few friends whom he has not outlived; Herbert will be missed by his sister; Daddy will be missed by his children. His grandchildren and his great grandchildren will miss him, but Granny is glad to see "that Pawpaw". Our lives will be different without him, but more importantly, our lives will be different because of him. He leaves for us a blueprint for how to live life at the crossroads of hard work, visible gladness, and faith in Christ.

Herbert died of old age in the loving care of his daughter-in-law (Tammy) and son (Randy) in the very same room where he provided end-of-life care to both of his parents.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, his older brother, Herman, and his wife, Nell. He is survived by his younger sister, Oleta Phillips; his five children, Mike Hayes (Carolyn), Steve Hayes (Alexia), Caron Snider (Jackie), Bruce Hayes (Anesia), and Randy Hayes (Tammy); eleven grandchildren, Scott Hayes (Erin), Heather Foster (David), Adam Snider (Kendall), Hunter Hayes, Miranda Guy (Alex), Garrett Hayes (Lexi), Caleb Snider (Heather), Kaitlyn Hayes, Kallie Watkins (Brennon), Kamden Hayes, and Cooper Hayes; and fifteen great grandchildren, Alex Foster, Connor Foster, Alayna Hayes, Weston Hayes, Meredith Hayes, Harper Foster, Gideon Snider, Myrah Hayes, Margaret Guy, Elizabeth Snider, Collin Guy, Moses Snider, Adelynn Watkins, Aurelia Hayes, and Judah Snider.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 AM, Saturday, April 18, 2026 in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home in Scotts Hill. Interment will follow in Hayes Family Gravesite in the Sardis Community. The family will receive friends on

Friday, 4 - 9 PM and on Saturday 9 – 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, family request memorial be sent to Gideons International, Wounded Warriors, or Teen Challenge (Savannah or Jackson).

Cemetery Details

Hayes Family Gravesite

1320 Jack Little Rd
Sardis, TN 38371

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Scotts Hill Funeral Home
10145 Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN 38374
(731) 549-3151
info@paffordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.paffordfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Scotts Hill, TN
Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN

Chapel Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Scotts Hill, TN
Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes



Pafford Funeral Home - April 16 at 01:31 PM

KE

Mr. Hayes was an example of a great servant for his 🇺🇸 country, community and his beloved family!

Karin Eason - April 16 at 02:07 PM

BA

Prayers for the family 🙏

Brenda Austin - April 16 at 05:02 PM

RB

He will be missed

Ralph Brantley - April 16 at 08:08 PM

BE

Mr. Herbert was an exceptional man - head and shoulders above and beyond. Our deepest condolences to all the family. Beth and Leah Martin

Beth - April 17 at 08:46 AM

VT

He will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Vicky Taylor - April 17 at 09:18 AM

P(

I only met Mr Hayes through his daughter Caron (Jackie) and their sons Caleb and Adam, but I felt like I knew him personally because of how they honored him when they just talked about him. He was truly a loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

My father served in the Korean War in the Navy also. Thank you, Mr Herbert Hayes for your service to our country 🇺🇸❤️ I know they are going to miss you.

Patty

Patty (Pooh) - April 17 at 11:35 PM

MK

*What a beautiful tribute! My deepest condolences to the family 🙏
Martha Kupniewski*

Martha Kupniewski - April 20 at 11:20 AM

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Martha Kupniewski - April 20 at 11:30 AM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes*



Cotton Rhodes - April 18 at 03:38 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Hayes was a blessing to everyone he knew. God be with all of you at this time and times to come.*



Joyce Redding Mitchell - April 17 at 07:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.



April 17 at 04:03 PM



“ *Bonnie Haywood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes*



Bonnie Haywood - April 17 at 09:42 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.



April 16 at 09:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.



April 16 at 09:01 PM

SS

“ He was such a sweet man.always loved to see him at Sardis cafe.jerry and Susan smith.

susan smith - April 16 at 07:49 PM

RB

“ remember herbert ,always waived or said hi if close enough seen him in the cafe more times than i can count q true southern gentleman RIP my old neighbor condolences to the whole family

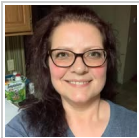
Robert F Baldyga - April 16 at 07:04 PM

JP

“ Knew Mr. Hayes and family for many years. All are nice upstanding people. Mr. Hayes always had a smile and something good to say to me. He was liked very much by everyone. May he Rest In Peace.



John Lewis Pike - April 16 at 05:57 PM



“ Praying for his family 🙏❤️🙏



Crystal Harris - April 16 at 05:29 PM

HR

“ Horace and Diane Rowe purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.



Horace and Diane Rowe - April 16 at 04:55 PM

HR

“ Horace and Diane Rowe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.

Horace and Diane Rowe - April 16 at 04:55 PM

WW

“ There are so many memories of this man,,He was uncle Herbert to me and my kids..see attended church many years together with him and Nell picking us up..
Just loved within walking distance..
My middle son spent many hrs with him on the farm and driving tractor..
As a young boy he sit in his lap with his hand covered by his uncle Herbert shifting gears.
He was truly one of a kind and loved by so many..This is just a great of many memories of him..
One thing for sure I know where he is, because I saw the life he lived
One of his sayings was don't talk the walk but walk the talk.,
Love and will miss you uncle Herbert..
Wanda..

Wanda White - April 16 at 03:35 PM

PH

“ To the Hayes family. This is Ann Montgomery) Halkiades and Paul from Knoxville, TN. I was one of Voyd Montgomery 9 children who worked on the farm with Mr. Ollie, Herbert, Herman and Oleta. We were share croppers and they treated us like family. When some of my brothers and sisters passed away Herbert was always there at the funeral home to give us a hug and support. He was truly a Christian, friend, and he will be missed by his families, Sardis and everyone that knew him. We send our sympathy. May God bless all of you, and may his memory live on forever. He lived a long life, and was involved in so many things. Love Paul and Ann Halkiades

Paul and Ann Halkiades - April 16 at 02:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.



April 16 at 02:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Herbert Edward Hayes.

April 16 at 02:04 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - April 16 at 01:28 PM