



Mr. E. E. Hays, Jr.

October 4, 1923 - December 20, 2010

Funeral services for Mr. E. E. Hays Jr., age 87, are scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 22 at the First Baptist Church of Lexington with Dr. Mike Adams and Rev. Tommy Crocker officiating. Interment will follow at Henderson County Memory Gardens with military honors. Pafford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hays, the son of the late E.E. and Viola Price Hays, died Monday, December 20, 2010 in Lexington. He was a long time member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Lexington as well as a member of the Jack Hay Sunday School Class; a retired merchant and business man who owned the Ben Franklin store from December of 1966 until his retirement in 1985. In addition, Mr. Hays was a member of the Lexington Rotary Club and honored as a Paul Harris Fellow and Rotarian of the Year. During WW II, he served in the U.S. Navy, seeing combat in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his wife of almost sixty-three years, Mrs. Martha Smith Hays of Lexington; a sister, Mrs. Helen Rial of Greenfield and a brother, J.W. Hays of Milan; along with several nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Stanford Avenue
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ We were sorry to hear of your loss. We will be praying for you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Woody and Julie Watson##imported-end##

December 28, 2010 at 09:39 PM



“ Martha, We send our deepest sympathy to you. We have thought of you both often in these last 5 years. We still talk of the good times you all had with Bob & Wilma playing cards. May God bless & keep you. Thinking of you during this time.
Bob & Nancy##imported-begin##Bob & Nancy MacLeod##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 10:20 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Martha and Family,
We were saddened to hear of your loss. We didn't find out until it was too late to attend the services.
Henderson County, Lexington Rotary, First Baptist Church, and our family will dearly miss Mr. Hays and his wisdom and kindness. I still cherish the memories of visiting you both at your store daily, picking out candy, toys and gifts.
The entire community and visitors owe him thanks for spearheading the beautiful Rotary Park fountain area in downtown Lexington, as well as many other activities over the years. He always added class to everything.
Mrs. Martha, you will be in our thoughts and prayers.
With love,
Stewart, Tina, and Gracie Beth Stanfill##imported-begin##Stewart Stanfill##imported-end##

December 23, 2010 at 01:00 PM



“ Mrs. Hays we are thinking of and praying for you during this time. We loved Mr. Hays and will miss him dearly.##imported-begin##David, Karen, and Elijah Miller##imported-end##

December 22, 2010 at 08:56 PM



“ Martha, what a loss to Henderson co. Mr. Hays was one of the most gentle caring people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He set an example that was a class act. John & I heard lots about him from Uncle Charlie Shaw. We knew what a wonderful example of human kindness had entered Henderson co. Always gave us just enough information to let us know he cared about our future. Heaven is much richer today having open its door for such an angel. With our love.##imported-begin##The Paulks##imported-end##

December 22, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ Mrs. Martha,

Glen and I are so sorry for your loss. We had just spoken of both of you over this past weekend and wondered how you were doing. Mr. Hayes will certainly be missed.

Glen and Darlene Tucker##imported-begin##Darlene Tucker##imported-end##

December 21, 2010 at 11:05 PM



“ *It is a time of sadness in this season of joy. Mr. Hayes will be missed. My prayer for you is that you can find joy in your sorrow knowing you will see him again.*

1 Cor 15:52-56

God bless,

Paul##imported-begin##Paul K Brown##imported-end##

December 21, 2010 at 10:21 PM



“ *Martha, Our families go back many years with fond memories. Our community and Church will especially feel the loss of Mr. Hayes. I pray that you will find Faith and Strength in the days to follow with courage that only the Lord can supply.##imported-begin##Ruth Ward##imported-end##*

December 21, 2010 at 01:20 PM



“ *Our prayers and sympathy to you, Martha, and to all of your family. Mr. Hays was especially kind and encouraging to us while we lived in Lexington. He was a gentle spirited man whose life impacted many.##imported-begin##Patti Teague Wilson/Lee Wilson##imported-end##*

December 21, 2010 at 11:11 AM



“ *Blessed!! What a privilege to know you and Mr. Hays. No doubt God used Mr. Hays to touch everyone who's path he crossed. Mine one of those. I will always cherish our visits and look forward to the day we will visit again! I thank God for the gift of letting our paths cross. Praying for you Martha and standing by any way we can.
Bob & Laura Whitsitt###imported-begin##Bob & Laura Whitsitt###imported-end##*

December 21, 2010 at 11:07 AM



“ *Martha: We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time. Fred and I have lost a wonderful friend and neighbor. God be with you.##imported-begin##Imogene & Fred Frye##imported-end##*

December 21, 2010 at 07:01 AM



“ *Friends are worth more than any treasure on Earth and you all have been our friends for many years. We all have fond memories of you all and the Ben Franklin Store in Lexington. It was one of our favorite places to shop, as well as visit. May God surround you with His love and peace today and every day.*

*With love,
Laveda Reeves,
Tommy and Marsha Reeves,
Blake and Stephanie O'Briant,
and Steve, Karen, and Ivy Lane Wyatt###imported-begin##The Reeves and Wyatt Families##imported-end##*

December 21, 2010 at 12:45 AM



“ Dear Martha, so sorry about E.E, you know we loved him and so sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you and please know we will keep you in our prayers. God bless you. Love, Glenn and Anna###imported-begin##Anna Wulfert Kirk###imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 09:35 PM