



George Preston Hayes Jr.

February 5, 1934 - May 15, 2018

George P. Hayes, Jr., departed this life on May 15, 2018 at the age of 84. He was born on February 5, 1934, the third of eight children, to the late George P. Hayes, Sr. and Flora Trent Hayes.

While his father worked long hours to support his family, George often helped his mother care for his younger siblings. He graduated from Douglas High School in 1951. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 19 where he was given the name "Gabby". He served honorably from 1953 to 1956.

After his discharge from the army, Gabby moved to New York and met the love of his life-Phyllis Adkins. The two married on July 4, 1959. Together they raised 3 children: Awamia R. Hayes, Kenneth P. Hayes, and Bonita E. Hayes.

Gabby worked numerous jobs, including the U. S. Postal Service and as a New York City cab driver. He worked for the New York City Transit Authority as a New York City bus driver in Brooklyn, N.Y. until his retirement in 1988.

The following year, Gabby and Phyllis moved to Charles City, VA where they built their home that would cater to his love of gardening, animals, hunting, and fishing. He continued in the field of transportation in Charles City serving as a school bus driver and a family car driver for a local funeral home.

In 2005, Gabby joined the New Generation Church where he served as a trustee, choir member, and was ordained as a deacon in 2006. He was also a faithful and active member of the American Legion Post 61.

Gabby was humble, mild mannered and giving and considered himself to be the greatest jokester until he said he met his match in his granddaughter, Austin. He was dedicated to his family and if he was a friend of yours, it was for life.

Gabby was preceded in death by both of his parents, 5 siblings, his daughter Awamia, and his grandson Quentin Carter. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 58 years, Phyllis Hayes, daughter Bonita Hayes, son Kenneth Hayes, granddaughters Austin Carter, De'Rika Finger, Asia Fennell, J'Marion Fox, and Anya Hewitt, one great granddaughter, L'leauna Yopp; brother David Hayes (Veronica) of Maryland, sister Patricia Hayes of Virginia, Brother-in-law John Adkins (Violet), sister-in-law Francene Johnson (Herbert); special nephew John Adkins Jr., devoted friends Sheila Johnson and Louis "Sport" Johnson; several nieces (one devoted, Coretta Adkins) and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. His faithful dog Kingston, was by his side until the end.

Cemetery Details

The New Generation of Gods Children in Faith Cemetery

6160 Pocohantas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Previous Events

viewing

MAY **25.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

MAY **25.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY **26.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *George Preston Hayes Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Miss You Uncle Gabby.*

Punkin - December 13, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ *Warren and I extend our sincerest condolences to the family in the passing of our beloved Gabby. He was a true friend and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Praying God grants you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*
JoAnne Bell



JoAnne Bell - May 26, 2018 at 12:01 AM



“ *Dr Milton A Hathaway lit a candle in memory of George Preston Hayes Jr.*



Dr Milton A Hathaway - May 25, 2018 at 09:59 AM

DH

“ Our prayers and thoughts got out to Deacon Hayes' family in this time of grief. Deacon Hayes was a wonderful Man of God who truly loved the Lord and the Lord's people. He will truly be missed.

Dr Milton A Hathaway - May 25, 2018 at 09:59 AM

SC

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the family. You are definitely in our hearts and prayers. Mr. Gabby will be missed by all who knew him. From, The Christian, Young, Buchanan and Cannon families



S. Cannon - May 23, 2018 at 08:11 AM

WR

“ To my Special friend. You mean the world to us and we mourn your home going to soon. We trust and know that the Father only calls Home his mightiest warriors for the battle ahead and he has You in the Army. Always loved and forever a place in our hearts

Wendy Robinson - May 19, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 17, 2018 at 01:39 PM