



James "Gabby" Hayes

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James "Gabby" Hayes, 86, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rita Lee Hayes, a son, Lee Allen Hayes, parents, Anna and Allen Hayes and six siblings, Jack Hayes, Ann Craddock, Ruth "Darlene" Goddard, Elizabeth "Bootsie" Dedmond, Frances Harris and Mary Jean Duncan. Mr. Hayes is survived by his wife, Linda Beach Hayes, daughter, Lorre Hayes, daughter-in-law, Amy Hayes, four grandchildren, Blake Hayes (Mady), Nick Hayes (Olivia), Rita Ellis (Cage), and Anna Killingsworth, and a great-granddaughter, Mila Lee Hayes, numerous nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

Mr. Hayes dedicated his life to helping others and serving his community as a Nashville Firefighter. His commitment to protecting the community was unwavering and he retired with honor, leaving behind a legacy of bravery and sacrifice.

Beyond his firefighting career, Mr. Hayes was equally passionate about sports. As a coach, he inspired countless young athletes to reach their full potential. His love for sports extended beyond coaching. He was an avid fan, cheering on local teams with unmatched enthusiasm.

Mr. Hayes's kindness knew no bounds. He was a true gentleman, always quick with a smile and a helping hand. However, his family was at the center of his heart along with his beloved dogs. His family time was spent making memories and keeping everyone in stitches with his humor.

As we bid Mr. Hayes farewell, let us remember him not with tears, but with laughter. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, sportsmanship and love, a legacy that will continue to inspire everyone.

The family cordially invites relatives and friends to visit on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from eleven o'clock in the morning until two thirty in the afternoon at Spring Hill Funeral Home and



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Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road in Nashville. There will be a graveside service at two forty-five in the afternoon at the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Boys Town.






Events

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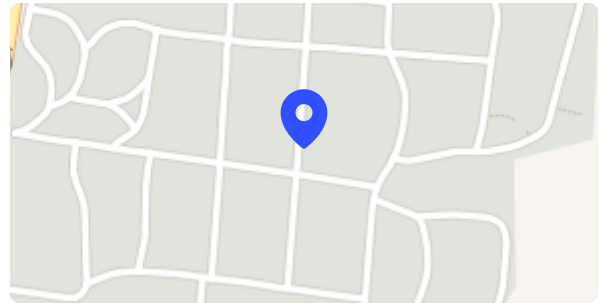
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, August 8, 2024
-  11:00 AM - 2:30 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



Graveside Service

-  **Thursday**, August 8, 2024
-  2:45 PM CT
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Teresa Brogdon posted:

So sorry for y'all loss I remember Gabby at the park and I began friends with Lorre and the girls later on I didnt put two and two together until now that he was Lorre father it's small world. Prayers are up for Lorre and Rita ,Anna ❤️👤

August 6 at 11:10 AM



Anne And Eric Ericson posted:

Remembering Gabby Hayes as a gentleman and a Coach who was a great influence on our young boys at Jess Neely. Prayers for Linda and their families. Anne and Eric Ericson

August 5 at 6:11 AM



Nancy Jenkins posted:

Gabby was our neighbor in The Vineyards. Our favorite was he always decorated for Halloween with the horse and carriage. People lined up to see. So professional and loved. Also he loved his dog. My hubby and Gabby walked their dogs and talked. He will be missed. We loved him and Linda.Glenn and Nancy Jenkins

August 4 at 2:26 PM



Susan Springer posted:

Gabby was one of the few men I know who was truly a gentleman in every aspect of the word. My heart breaks for Linda and his family. I know I will miss hearing his voice in the phone. RIP Gabby.

August 3 at 5:06 AM



Melinda Walimaa & Family sent a virtual gift in honor of James.

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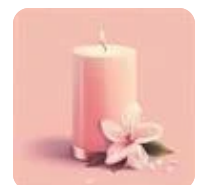
August 3 at 12:28 AM



Melinda Walimaa & Family lit a candle in honor of James.

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August 3 at 12:26 AM





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Wayne & Diane Winkler posted:

There are no words to express how much we are going to miss Gabby. We will miss his humor, his laughter and his devotion, not only to his family but to his friends that love him dearly. RIP dear friend. Wayne and Diane Winkler

August 2 at 3:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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