



Johnny Wayne Hayes

February 21, 1949 - January 13, 2024

Johnny Wayne Hayes, 74, of Fredonia, Kansas passed away January 13, 2024 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, MO with his daughters by his side. Johnny was born on February 21, 1949 to his parents John Henry Hayes and Ruby Griffith (Hayes) in Dermott, AR. He spent the majority of his life in southeast Arkansas; mainly Lake Village where he built a home on Lake Chicot. Johnny was a country man, a family man, and had many things he loved and enjoyed doing. He worked hard imbuing all he did with love. He was talented at anything he set his mind to. He was an excellent athlete and football player. Hunting deer and turkey, fishing, and carpentry projects were among more of his talents, skills and loves. He loved long drives on back country roads with his dog Yoshi, listening to music and watching for wildlife. He was always in awe of nature's beauty and it's where he felt closest to God. He loved being with his siblings, family and friends to share moments around a cup of coffee, a good plate of food, while laughing and sharing stories and tall tales about Johnny Wayne Running Cloud. And no one ever turned down his fish fries at the farm! He enlisted in the Air Force from 1968-1978 where he worked transporting military parts and aircraft parts. Johnny served in the Vietnam War. During his training, Johnny was able to showcase his shooting abilities. Johnny was an excellent marksman qualifying on his rifle and a top shot in his company. After being discharged from the Air Force, Johnny went to work with Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, KS. Johnny was very patriotic and wanted to help his fellow vets.

After retiring from Boeing in 2004, Johnny opened a residential care facility called Candlerock just East of Fredonia, Kansas with his partner Lilly Green of 25 years. Candlerock is a place where Johnny was able to help so many of his fellow veterans, or whoever needed a hand. After all these wondrous things about Johnny, the most important thing in his life was always family, especially his children Michael, Heather, and Sara. He was known to share all these wonderful times with them, laughing and always telling the best stories, the funniest stories. Johnny was an amazing man, amazing father; not only to his own children but many others as well, and a pillar of our community that will always be missed but forever in our hearts.

Johnny is survived by:

Children:

Michael Brian

Heather Leigh Jessie Hayes

Sara Frances Hayes

Siblings:

Ricky Allen Hayes

Rodney Wayne

Tony Hayes

Hunter Hayes

Tammy Lynn Hayes

Aunts:

Irene Shattuck

Freda Prosser

7 Grandchildren

Johnny is Preceded in death by his Parents Johnny Henry Hayes, and Ruby Griffith (Hayes),

his brother Glenn Thomas Hayes. Cremation has been requested.

The Family will be holding a gathering Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10341 Jewell Rd. Fredonia, KS 66736 from 3:00PM-7:00PM. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

NO SERVICE --- Family will accept at their home

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

House
10341 Jewell Rd
Fredonia, KS 66736

Tribute Wall

JB

“ It broke my heart to hear of Johnny Wayne's passing. He was my 1st crush, even though he was my cousin. All of us girl cousins thought he was so handsome. I was lucky enough to visit him at his place of business Candelrock in Kansas 2020. My brother Tom and I. It was a wonderful visit, he took us to a cute little cafe called Hilltop. We tried to make up for 40 years of not seeing each other. Wanted to get back to see him one more time. Condolences to his family and friends, he will be missed greatly.

Janice C. Buffalohead - January 18, 2024 at 12:36 PM

MH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Johnny Wayne's passing. He was a sweet cousin, always ready to share a sweet smile. His mother and my mother were sisters. The last time I saw him was at a family reunion in Louisiana a few years ago, which was such a treat that he came all that way to see his mom's family. My mother, Edith, was especially thrilled because she hadn't seen him in many years. I have a lot of fond childhood memories of Johnny Wayne coming around and being so nice to us younger cousins when we would gather in Arkansas. He was always smiling. I also always enjoyed seeing him when I would visit his mom, my precious Aunt Rudy, in Lake Village, where he lived next door to her. I'll be lifting you up in prayer today as you gather to celebrate his life and mourn your loss. With lots of love, Cousin Mary from Sterlington, Louisiana. {{hugs}}

Mary Hendrix - January 18, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Johnny Wayne Hayes.



January 18, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Mary H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Wayne Hayes.

Mary H. - January 18, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Johnny and I are cousins, his mother (Ruby) and my mother (Patsy) are sisters. Johnny and I didn't spend a lot of time together but I love ❤️ him like a brother. God Bless all of his kids and his brother Ricky.

Debra Enlow Ogden - January 17, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ Eternal rest to him and let the perpetual light shine on Johnny Hayes

theresa - January 17, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Wayne Hayes.* ”



January 17, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Johnny Wayne Hayes.* ”



January 17, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Tanner Hartzell lit a candle in memory of Johnny Hayes* ”



Tanner Hartzell - January 16, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Johnny. He was a great guy.* ”



Alan and Becca Nettles - January 16, 2024 at 07:30 PM

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“ It was such a honor to know johny during my stay at candle rock I learned so many things during the bulding of the cabins he was easy to talk to and always had a smile that would light up the room thank you for all the memories you'll definitely be missed

Tanner Hartzell - January 16, 2024 at 07:20 PM

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“ Prayers of peace and comfort to family and friends. So glad Johnny was able to make it to NC to spend Christmas with us. He will be missed.💕💕



Cathy Russell - January 16, 2024 at 08:10 AM

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He was a good father and nice to be around. I enjoyed being with him and you girls. Much 💕

Frances - January 19, 2024 at 08:14 AM

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“ Sending prayers for comfort and peace to the family. Johnny will be missed by many. I'm so glad he was able to be in NC to spend Christmas with our family.💕💕



Cathy Russell - January 16, 2024 at 07:25 AM