



Mr. Sam Edward Hayes "Bink"

May 31, 1952 - June 24, 2025

Mr. Sam Hayes, 73, of Columbia, South Carolina entered into eternal rest on June 24, 2025 surrounded by family. A beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, born in Manning, South Carolina. The fifth child and third son of fourteen children born to the late James Bootee Hayes and Lucy Witherspoon Hayes. He was raised in a close-knit family where the guiding motto, "Family over everything" shaped the foundation of his life and legacy.

He received his formative education through Clarendon County School District. He was the proud graduate of the Class of 1971 from Manning High School, Manning, South Carolina, which was the first graduating class of forced integration as a result of "Brown versus the Board of Education."

After graduating high school, Sam joined the United States Army. He received his initial training at Fort Jackson. He went on to serve honorably as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 509th Airborne in Mites, Germany, the 1st Battalion, 509th Combat Team in Italy, and the 1st Division of the 325th and 3rd Division of the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg. During his military service, Sam earned the Parachutist Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge (M-16), and the National Defense Service Medal.

After his military career, Sam continued to serve others through his many skills and talents. He was the proud owner of Hayes' Painting and General

Repair Service, offering expert services in painting, electrical, plumbing, and more. If something needed to be done, Sam made sure it was done- and done right. He was employed for 20 years as the Director of the Physical Plant at Allen University, where his strong work ethic and dedication left a lasting impression.

At an early age he joined Biggers AME Church, Manning, South Carolina. He later joined Belmont Baptist Church, where he served faithfully for many years as Chairman of the Trustee Board and was honored as Chairman Emeritus of the Trustee Board. His decades of service were celebrated with the declaration of "Sam Hayes Day" on November 20, 2022.

He lived life on his own terms--fussing, cussing, and loving with a fierce honesty that endeared him to all who knew him. He loved his family deeply and would have laid down his life for them without hesitation.

Sam also had a lighter side. He had a unique taste in music and could often be found enjoying the sounds of 50 Cent, Barry White, and Rod Stewart--especially the song "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You."

He was preceded in death by his parents and four beloved siblings: James Albert Hayes, Wendell Hayes, Michael Hayes, and Hiteenthia Hayes.

Those left to cherish his memories include his devoted wife of 36 years, Naomi Fowler Hayes "Baybee"; his daughter, Samira "Princess" (Jabree) Salley of Rock Hill, SC; a son, Madison Isaac Hayes "Baby Bear" of Atlanta, GA; his treasured siblings, Jannie Allen, of Warren, AR, Julia Hayes, of Columbia, SC, Harksin (Mary) Hayes, of Manning, SC, Rosetta (Carl) Johnson, of Blythewood, SC, Maxcine (Lanier) Bowman, Lizzie Mae (Reverend Gregory) Cunningham, and Mamie Hayes Hartwell all of Columbia, SC, Christina (Anthony) Hayes-Bradham, of North Charleston, SC and

Dorothy (James) Conyers, of Manning, SC and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, church family, dear friends who will forever carry his memories in their hearts.

Sam Hayes lived a life of purpose, strength, and service- and though he has departed this earth, the legacy he leaves behind will live on in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 30, 2025 at Belmont Baptist Church, 65 Payne Pond Road, Westville, South Carolina 29175. Reverend Quentin P. Chavis, Pastor. Interment with Military Honors to follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hayes will lie-in-state in the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 29, 2025 a at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

Belmont Baptist Church Cemetery

65 Payne Pond Road
Westville, SC 29175

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Belmont Baptist Church
65 Payne Pond Road
Westville, SC 29175

Tribute Wall

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“ Too many great memories to count. The love of my life during the highs and lows. Always a man who loved life and lived it to the fullest. Most of all Sam was a great provider forever taking care of his family. You're missed every moment of every day. Go rest high in glory Sam. I love you now as much as I did on that day we met in August of 1983. My everlasting love my friend and confidant ❤️

Naomi "Baybee" - July 19, 2025 at 01:39 PM

PS

“ Sharing our sincere sympathy for the passing of Mr. Hayes. We lift his family and all who love him in our prayers. With love, Mrs. Clinez Salley, Keith & Penny 🙏

Penny Salley - June 30, 2025 at 11:40 AM

WJ

“ My condolences to Naomi, Madison and Samaria. My heart goes out to all of you. Much love

Willie Jones - June 30, 2025 at 08:32 AM

RE

“ Richard & Marian Easter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Sam Edward Hayes "Bink".



Richard & Marian Easter - June 27, 2025 at 05:10 PM

LB

“ Sending prayers to the family. He did a lot for others.
Boatwright & Family

Lillie M Boatwright - June 27, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences and
prayers to the family and relatives and
friends.



Tammy Harrison-Edwards and Family - June 27, 2025 at 04:49 AM

LF

“ Love, The little Family purchased the Peaceful W
hite Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Sam
Edward Hayes "Bink".



Love, The little Family - June 26, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DL

“ I spent the last few Christmases with Sam and his family at his
home in Columbia. Sam was such a joy. He was the life of the party
very happy and upbeat. I will always have those positive memories
of Sam. Sam you will be truly missed. All your pain and discomfort
is now gone. May your family have peace and comfort knowing you
are now with our Heavenly Father. My thoughts and prayers are
with you all. With love from Dotty.

Dotty (Darlene) Lumpkin - June 26, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Sam Edward Hayes "Bink".*



June 26, 2025 at 12:30 PM



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

June 26, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *I met Mr. Sam through his "princess," and he quickly took me in as a daughter. He had a beautiful spirit, and he always made me laugh. He will truly be missed! Sending love and light to the family during this time. 🙏*

Candace S. - June 25, 2025 at 02:24 PM