



# William A. Hayes Jr.

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**R**etired Colonel William A. Hayes, Jr., 85, of Millbury, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 26, 2025.

Born on July 27, 1940, in Millbury, MA, Bill grew up on Millbury Street and attended Millbury Memorial High School, where he excelled as a star football and track athlete. He went on to earn a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Boston University. It was during his time at BU that he met the love of his life, Sandra J. Stuckey.

Their first meeting nearly didn't happen-until a friend challenged Bill to ask Sandra to dance. The two were married on September 12, 1964, in Gardner, MA, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2024.

Following graduation, Bill began a distinguished 23-year career in the United States Air Force. A passionate and highly skilled pilot, he flew nearly every aircraft imaginable and later led various flight test programs. After retiring from the military, he continued serving the nation's defense through a 15-year career at Northrop Grumman.

While Bill took great pride in his professional accomplishments, his greatest joy was his family. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he raised four children and remained actively involved in his grandchildren's lives. Bill had great enthusiasm for life-he enjoyed traveling with his family, snow and water skiing, working in the yard, and tinkering in his garage while listening to 1940s big band music.

A devout Catholic, he enjoyed attending church regularly with his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Irene Hayes, his son, John, and his sister, Shirley. He is survived by his brother, Ken, children, Chris and his wife Jovi, Kellie and her partner Rich, Jennifer and her wife Heather, and Rebecca, and his grandchildren, Zac, Belle, William, and Sam.



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Family visitation will be held on Sunday, August 31, 2025, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Floral Haven Funeral Home in Broken Arrow, OK. A graveside service will follow on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Calvary Cemetery in Tulsa, OK.

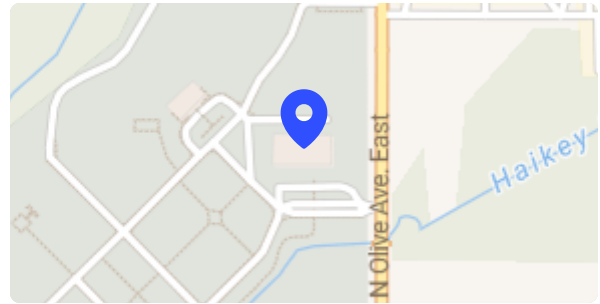


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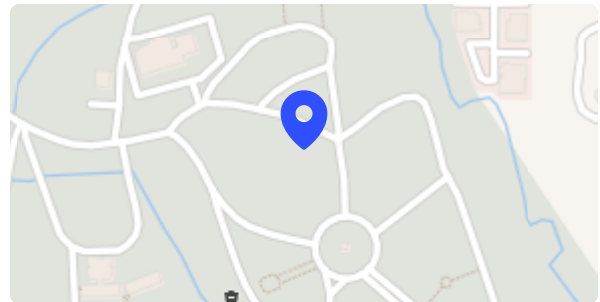
## Visitation

-  **Sunday**, August 31, 2025
-  1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT
-  **Floral Haven Funeral Home**  
6500 South 129th East Avenue A, Broken Arrow  
OK 74012



## Graveside Ceremony

-  **Tuesday**, September 2, 2025
-  1:00 PM CT
-  **Calvary Cemetery**  
9101 S Harvard Ave, Tulsa OK 74137





## Tribute Wall

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BC

**Burt Clark** posted:

I would like to send my condolences to the family and I am sure that his memories will keep you comforted in the future. I grew up with Bill even though I live d in the next town but he lived next to my grandparents in Millbury Ma. and we shared many good times together in those days, Bill was a standout athlete in track and football and was always industrious working and studying. He also took up playing the accordion with success. So many memories of Bill that I'm sure this shared memory would not have room to fill. I often thought of Bill and was always going to try to reach out but know it is now passed that time. I hope it is alright to call him by the name that I knew him as. I pray that your family be comforted in all your memories of him. I wish you all well. Burt Clark

September 21 at 8:18 AM

BF

**Brownell, Mitchell And Sears Family** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Hayes Jr family.

September 2 at 9:46 AM



BF

**Brownell, Mitchell And Sears Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

September 2 at 9:46 AM



LF

**Love, The Turnbull-Raines Family** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hayes Jr family.

August 31 at 11:22 AM



TF

**The Cormier Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hayes Jr family.

August 31 at 9:31 AM





# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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