



## Frank Hayes

November 3, 1950 - March 10, 2022

Frank Arthur Hayes, 71, passed away March 10, 2022.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late Arthur and Hazel Hice Hayes, he was a member of City View Baptist Church, where he also served as maintenance technician. Frank was well known as a local entertainer in the area bringing smiles to the faces of many and brought excitement to the hearts of many children at Christmas time.

Surviving is a son, David A. Hayes (Courtney) of Wellford; a sister, Barbara Holcombe of Greer; and two grandchildren, Beau Hayes and Daisey Hayes. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2022, at The Wood Mortuary conducted by Dr. Mike Runion and Rev. Paul White with webcasting available at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

Visitation will be held after the service at the mortuary.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Frank Hayes*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - March 13, 2022 at 12:51 PM

DB

*What an awesome service. Thanks for doing a webcast so I could be here.*

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**Donna Carlton Burnett** - March 13, 2022 at 03:56 PM

MP

*What a beautiful service*

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**melinda painter** - March 13, 2022 at 04:48 PM

RA

*Santana family great service*

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**Ray** - March 13, 2022 at 05:25 PM

DH

*I have wonderful memories of being in the Fairview Baptist Church youth group with Frank and Rev. Paul. The service was a beautiful tribute to Frank. Sending my deepest sympathy to his family.*

*Debbie Dillard Hertz and Family*

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**Debbie Hertz** - March 13, 2022 at 05:38 PM

SC

*A beautiful service. I've known Frank and Barbara since we were young children growing up in Fairview community and church. I'm so thankful to get to view this beautiful service of a wonderful man. Prayers for all ,  
Susan Heatherly Cantrell.*

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**susan Heatherly Cantrell** - March 13, 2022 at 08:43 PM

AM

*“ I just learned of his passing, I am so sorry for your loss! My son had stranger danger and Frank was the only Santa he would talk to. We saw him every year and went 2 years ago just to see him at the horse farm. He delighted in seeing all the pictures of him and Gavin through the years. He said his cancer was back and I hoped he would beat it again.  
He brought so much joy and happiness to so many children and their parents.*

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**Andrea Martinez** - December 17, 2022 at 07:52 PM

AA

*“ I was so sad to hear of Franks passing. My condolences to the family. I worked with Frank a number of years back doing TV Commercials. He was a truly unique person who brought a smile to everyone. He certainly found grace.*

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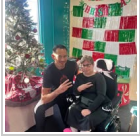
**Alan Arnold** - March 24, 2022 at 08:13 PM



*“ What a great person to know. He brought joy to my life when I would see him.*

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**Elizabeth Rasor** - March 14, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Brandi Medford lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



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**Brandi Medford** - March 14, 2022 at 11:49 AM

EL

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Frank's passing. He was still young. We will forever have memories of him as our Santa at Roper Mountain Holiday Lights. His smile was contagious. We miss you Frank! Elizabeth and John Lyons*

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**Elizabeth V Lyons** - March 14, 2022 at 09:35 AM

SM

“ *Sherry Moore from Walhalla, SC*



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**Sherry Moore** - March 14, 2022 at 09:10 AM

SE

“ *I went to high school with Frank. He was always such a gentleman. I will miss your laughter and happiness you spread around. Love you, Sherry Cagle Earle*

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**Sherry Earle** - March 14, 2022 at 12:49 AM

AS

“ I met Frank many years ago at balloon express and through my dad Jerry Boykin. Never will there ever be a better “Santa”! Frank could light up a room and you never had to see him, just listen for him. I am truly sorry for everyone’s loss and wanted to wish my sincere condolences. Rest easy Frank, I know you have everyone laughing and smiling in heaven!  
God Bless, Addie Boykin Smart

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**Addie B Smart** - March 13, 2022 at 09:58 PM

GM

“ Glenn & Diane Masters lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**Glenn & Diane Masters** - March 13, 2022 at 03:20 PM

CW

“ Frank was one of my inspirations to become a family entertainer. Growing up in the Upstate of SC I encountered him numerous times. He was always friendly and ready with a joke or two .... or twenty. I will miss him on this side of eternity, but will keep his spirit alive with jokes that elicit as many groans as they do giggles.

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**Carl Woody** - March 13, 2022 at 03:02 PM

AW

“ Adele S Whitmore lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**Adele S Whitmore** - March 13, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ Our sincere sympathies to David and his family. Anytime we met Frank, he always had a hilarious comment and laughing out loud would soon follow. We will miss our friend. We shared so many great times at Restoration Church. Heaven has gained one jolly fellow! Love and prayers for Frank's family.  
Rick and Denise Pennington ❤️

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**Denise Holcombe Pennington** - March 13, 2022 at 02:45 PM

KS

“ Karen Stroble lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**Karen Stroble** - March 13, 2022 at 02:41 PM

SR

“ Sandra Reid lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**Sandra Reid** - March 13, 2022 at 02:39 PM

SH

“ We will miss this funny man. No matter how you felt if you came across Frank anywhere he would make you smile and laugh. He is a good man who loved the Lord and loved people. We pray peace to David and all the family. They know where this Jolly, Happy Man is today. May God Bless you all.

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**Sara Horton** - March 13, 2022 at 01:55 PM

RA

“ *David, my condolences to you and yours. I will always remember the years I've worked with Frank at restoration church and beon. I will miss you my brother, your brother Ray*



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**Ray** - March 13, 2022 at 01:24 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Strange Cross lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



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**Brenda Strange Cross** - March 13, 2022 at 01:12 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Santana lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



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**sandra santana** - March 13, 2022 at 01:10 PM

JH

“ *Family,  
We remember Frank from Fairview Baptist Church, where he would visit the children in kindergarten.  
John & Bea Heberger*

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**John and Bea Heberger** - March 13, 2022 at 12:50 PM

JH

“ Jean And Jerry Hatley lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**Jean and Jerry Hatley** - March 13, 2022 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ I love you and will miss you forever my Frankie Poo!  
My condolences to your sweet family 🙏💙



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**Julie Parker Mitchem** - March 13, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JM

“ I have pictures of Santa Frank with my 3 children and 3 of my Grandchildren. We met Frank in the late 70"s when my husband worked at Belk Simpson in Greer. He was such a kind man. He had a way of putting children at ease. We will miss him but he will live in our memories.

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**Jill Merritt** - March 13, 2022 at 07:48 AM

DB

“ Debbie And Tim Boyd lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**Debbie and Tim Boyd** - March 13, 2022 at 04:40 AM

ML

“ *Very sorry to hear of Frank’s passing. He will be missed. -Mary*

Mary Lee - March 13, 2022 at 12:39 AM

SM

“ *Brother in Red, although we never met in person I felt like I knew you in my heart. I loved reading your jokes on Facebook and your laugh was infectious! You will be missed by your family and your community. Rest well Brother.*

Santa George Martin - March 12, 2022 at 11:51 PM

TR

“ *Terry Rankin lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



Terry Rankin - March 12, 2022 at 11:13 PM

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“ *Mr. Frank was such an amazing man. I have so many memories of growing up at Restoration Church with him there as well as taking my kids to see him as Santa at Christmas time.  
I am so sorry for your loss.*



Samantha Rios (Thomas) - March 12, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Hayes.*



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March 12, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *Kalobe & Crystal Hedden lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



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**Kalobe & Crystal Hedden** - March 12, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *An amazing man with a big heart. Enjoy heaven.*

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**Lee Hembree** - March 12, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy and God bless your family with His grace and mercy during this difficult time. We pray your memories give you comfort and some joy keeping Frank close to your heart. With our love and prayers, Clyde and Linda C. Roberts*



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**Clyde and Linda C. Roberts** - March 12, 2022 at 08:43 PM

CC

“ Barbara and family; I'm saddened to learn of Frank's passing as I know you loved him very much. Frank is at peace, out of pain and entertaining the children in heaven. He was a wonderful man and I know you will miss him terribly. I will be praying for you and ask that God comfort you through this difficult time.

Clinta Carmichael - March 12, 2022 at 06:57 PM

TB

“ Frank always greeted you with a smile and good word, we looked forward to seeing him every Sunday morning in Sunday School , we miss this joyful servant of God .  
Love and prayers ,  
Trevis and Carol Broome.

Trevis Broome - March 12, 2022 at 06:45 PM

HP

“ Lifting your family up in prayers during this difficult time. Frank (Chuckles) did so many of my children's birthday parties and my husband's 40th. We never got tired of his shows.  
Such a kind man.  
Heidi Porter

Heidi Porter - March 12, 2022 at 06:40 PM

GR

“ Gary Rogers lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



Gary Rogers - March 12, 2022 at 06:25 PM

DB

“ *Debbie And Tim Boyd lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



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**Debbie and Tim Boyd** - March 12, 2022 at 06:00 PM

RH

“ *What a sweet sweet soul! There will be a void in so many lives. He touched so many! I'll meet you at Jesus' feet!*



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**Rachel H Harling** - March 12, 2022 at 05:38 PM

JP

“ *This is just one memory that we have of Frank. What a wonderful man he was! He could make you laugh so hard you'd hurt. Frank definitely made an impression on us...one that we will never forget!! We are praying for you, David, Barbara, and the rest of the family, that God will wrap His mighty arms of comfort around you all and give you peace and comfort! I know he's in Heaven and has made laps around the streets of gold! Rest In Peace, Frank!*

*Allen, Jason, and Steve*



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**Jason Pack** - March 12, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MH

“ MIKE HUDSON lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



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**MIKE HUDSON** - March 12, 2022 at 04:44 PM

SC

“ Mr. Jolly

*A very nice guy to know,  
And a joy for God and life he would always show.  
Your assignment on earth you did do,  
Job well done and for everything thank you.  
You got so excited at Christmas time,  
Here comes Santa Claus we would chime.  
You were joy to the world,  
For adults, boys and girls.  
Of you can you please leave a trace,  
Some of the happiness and joy you gave so we can still embrace.  
You would want us to laugh,  
And to remember fun to have.  
You will be missed so much,  
So grateful to have met you and by you touched.  
You did your part on earth so in heaven you will make so much folly,  
Frank Hayes known to me as Mr. Jolly.  
By: Shavetta Craig 03/12/2022*

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**Shavetta Craig** - March 12, 2022 at 04:27 PM

TB

“ *My fondest memory of Frank was from years ago when he was Santa at Holiday Fair. My son who is 36 now, spotted Santa and took off for him. Knowing who we were, Frank (Santa) called out to him by name! My son was amazed! He kept telling us that was the real Santa mom and dad, he knew my name! He has never forgotten that! Frank had a genuine love for children. He will be missed. Praying for you all 🙏*

Tammy Ballew - March 12, 2022 at 04:07 PM

KW

“ *Barbara, I'm so sorry for the loss of your brother. I went to high-school with Frank. I didn't know he was your brother. I've loss two brothers so I know what you're going thru. Praying 🙏 for all the fanning.*

Karen Woodward - March 12, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MG

“ *Maxine Gosnell lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



Maxine Gosnell - March 12, 2022 at 03:43 PM

PQ

“ *Patsy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes*



Patsy Quarles - March 12, 2022 at 02:51 PM

MB

“ Dear Barbara, I am so very sorry to hear about Frank. I know you will miss him terribly. I'm thankful God has taken his pain and suffering. Please know how much you are loved and prayed for. May God fill your sadness with happier memories.



Martha B - March 12, 2022 at 02:27 PM

SW

“ Sheila Williams lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



Sheila Williams - March 12, 2022 at 02:18 PM

DP

“ David and family. Dale and I have so many memories we could share of Frank. We went to Nashville on vacation many years ago and he has a great time. He would come to our house and eat. Always wanted crowder peas. He did birthday parties for our children and we went with him many times to places where he spoke or was a clown. Like so many others have said, he was Santa. We videoed him putting our son's presents out at Christmas and he would come on Christmas Eve to see our boys. He and Dale worked together at Fairview. There are so many more memories! He was a good man! Keep your memories close. They cannot be taken away from you. May God bless you and the family



Dale and Mary Susan Pearson - March 12, 2022 at 02:11 PM

KA

“ Sending prayers to everyone during this hard time and I pray the Lord surrounds everyone and brings peace to the people that need it💙



karlee - March 12, 2022 at 01:58 PM

DB

“ So many fond memories of Frank growing up at Fairview Baptist church. Frank loved children! On Wednesday nights after dinner in the Social Hall, the children would gather around Franks automobile to get DumDum suckers, he always had a special gift for the girls, He would wait a few minutes and then would let us pick out a ring. I still have a few, my favorite one had a mirror. Frank took us to the Circus and was always involved in Camp for the youth. He, Paul White, Mr. Mac and Preacher Crocker were the best team ever. They all had a big impact on my life and many others. Heaven has gained another angel and he will keep it lively up there. May God be with his family at this very difficult time. You will be missed Frank! We love you!



Donna Carlton Burnett

Donna Carlton Burnett - March 12, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JH

“ Lit a candle in memory of Frank Hayes



Joan M Harbin - March 12, 2022 at 12:26 PM