



Carolyn "McElyea" Hayes

April 18, 1952 - March 31, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Carolyn "McElyea" Hayes announces her passing on Monday March, 31, 2025, in Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Carolyn was born April 18, 1952 in Beedeville, Arkansas to Euwell and Ersel McElyea. She had 4 older brothers, 2 older sisters, and her baby brother Donnie, with Betty and Mary Jo always treating her like she was their own baby. Carolyn was also blessed to have Sue and Roger raised like her own brother and sister. Her love for her siblings spread far and wide.

Carolyn started her family early in life with her daughters, Sherry and Teresa, who were always "thick as thieves and full of love" as they would all say.

Her grandchildren who she was so proud of and maybe spoiled a lot were Eli, Rudy, Morgan, Maria, and Madison. And her great grandchildren being Konlee, Karis, Lyla, Nellie, and Waylon who each held a very special place in her heart and brought her great happiness.

Despite ongoing health issues throughout life, Carolyn never strayed away from hard work and lived a very full and active life with her family, while falling into her passion of "wheeling and dealing" and never turning down a good thrift. She shared this passion with longtime companion, Calvin Scott whom she traveled, worked, danced and took many many trips to Branson with the

grandkids.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Houston, EW, Donnie; sister Mary Jo; her Uncle Leonard and grandmother Dolie Jackson who always held a special place in her heart.

On behalf of Carolyn and the family, we would like to thank her favorite caregiver, Carissa Beard, who went above and beyond and who Carolyn loved very much. Also thank you to Heather Cloyes, Keely, Jake, Erin, Stephanie, Trish, Katie, Chaplin Nick and many more with Arkansas Hospice, who showed great care and compassion in their care for Carolyn.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Powell Funeral Home of Bradford from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Funeral Service will immediately follow at 3:00pm. Private Interment will be held at Eight Mile Cemetery in Beedeville, Arkansas at a later date due to expected weather.

Arrangements were entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Bradford.

Cemetery Details

Eight Mile Cemetery

Highway 37 North
Beedeville (Jackson County), AR

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn "McElyea" Hayes



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 06, 2025 at 02:28 PM

MT

“ She was a good woman she will be missed prayers to all of the family and friends of hers



Monica Timbs - April 03, 2025 at 08:40 PM

MF

“ Myka Townsend and Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Carolyn "McElyea" Hayes.



Myka Townsend and Family - April 03, 2025 at 08:38 AM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss, Carol and I went to school together in Beedeville, she always said I was her cousin, we shared birthday's together while in school, mine is the 3rd, so I was the oldest, may you rest in peace, and no more pain in Heaven, in your forever home
Prayers and love to the family
Linda ' Dixson' Brown

Linda Brown - April 02, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DM

My condolences to the family. Dear Carol, always so full of mischief when we were kids. She kept us on our toes. We grew up together, went to school at Beedeville. I got to visit with her about 2002 I think when I went to see Linda Dixon Brown. She was in pain then. No more pain for you dear. Rest well and rejoice in Heaven.

Darlene Massey - April 03, 2025 at 09:41 PM

RJ

“ Carol Jean was a wonderful cousin in her younger years oh my gosh she was a knockout so beautiful but she will always be beautiful in my eyes my sister Barbara and I loved to visit with her when we could down in Arkansas My sister Barbara and her was the same age I was here younger but I love Carol she could make you laugh until you cried. I we'll miss her greatly. My condolences go out to the family you had a great mom we love you all God bless in Christ love your cousin Rita

Rita Jenkins(Jackson) - April 02, 2025 at 09:10 PM

RM

I loved my cousin dearly, I was 19 days older, so we were very close

Roslyn McEuin - April 03, 2025 at 04:34 PM