



Ransom E. Hayden

February 13, 1929 - June 8, 2021

Ransom Elbert Hayden, Jr. was born on February 13, 1929 in Newport Arkansas to Ransom E Hayden and Odie May Free Hayden. He was the 1st son of nine siblings. He passed away on June 8, 2021 in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 65 years, Lucy Jane Simmons Hayden.

He is survived by his devoted daughter, Debra Hayden McNamee (Owen), 4 grandchildren, Peter Chesla, Sarah Hayden, Catherine Sable, and John Chesla. Step-grandchildren Kim Gorgens-Georgeff (Jerry) and Jennifer Vazquez. Three great-grand children Sophia Chesla, Wesley and Violet Sabel, and 5 step great grandchildren including Vander Georgeff and Allysa Flecha. Two brothers, Dennis Hayden and Carroll Hayden. The most favorite uncle to Karen Sullards and Dana Bone Teichart and a host of nieces and nephews.

A 1947 graduate of Newport HS, Ransom served in the national guard and moved to St. Louis where he began his career in the wholesale food distribution business. He worked in Anniston, AL, Lafayette, LA, eventually moving to Orlando, FL where he was the logistics manager for Superfoods Wholesale Grocery Distributors. Retiring in 1992, he and Jane moved back to Searcy, AR where they split time between Searcy and Greers Ferry Lake (Drasco). Mr. Hayden was an active participant of the churches he attended – Tower Grove Baptist (STL), Pine Castle (ORL), and Searcy 1st United

Methodist Church. Ransom volunteered hours to fulfill the needs of his church and community, serving in every capacity available. Choir was his favorite and he always sang with a joyful voice! Ransom was a friend to all, second dad to many, and he possessed the patience of Job. A man of many talents who helped everyone, he could fix anything, and was referred to as “Handy Randy”. He was never without a shed or workbench for “buildin”, fixin” or “puttering”. To those he knew and touched he was a very special and well-loved man.

Services will be held Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the 1st United Methodist Church, Searcy AR with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport, AR at 2:00 p.m.

Donations may be made to the 1st United Methodist Church, Searcy, AR or CG Smith Community Mental Health Foundation, Plantation, FL.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
304 N Main St
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-5896

Graveside

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Walnut Grove Cemetery
North Magnolia Street
Newport, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Debra and the family during these dark and different days.

Randy was a very dear and special friend to me over the years we sang standing next to each other during Wednesday evening rehearsals or during worship services on Sunday mornings in the Chancel Choir at Searcy First United Methodist Church.

No doubt that he now sees Jesus face-to-face.

Hallelujah and Amen!

David Morris

david morris - June 13, 2021 at 03:23 PM

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“ Bruce Burton lit a candle in memory of Ransom E. Hayden



Bruce Burton - June 13, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ Karen Sullards lit a candle in memory of Ransom E. Hayden



Karen Sullards - June 12, 2021 at 02:45 PM