



## Barry Eugene Hayes

March 31, 1955 - June 20, 2021

Hayes, Barry Eugene, 66, of Lakeland, FL, went home to be with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Barry was born in East Point, Atlanta, GA to Ed and Hazel (Bramblett) Hayes. He was raised in the East Point area and active in Little League in his younger years. When in high school, he was a proud Buccaneer at Briarwood high school. He excelled in most every sport, earning many letters, however soccer became his favorite. Barry could have gone with a soccer scholarship to college, but he followed his heart and calling, going on to attend Atlanta Christian College. While attending college, the only sport available was basketball, so he joined the team, with all his 5'3 stature. Barry loved politics and was chosen to attend Boys state his senior year of high school. After graduation from College Barry began his life in ministry, which he did till the day he passed. He has touched many lives through the ministry, including being a Chaplain for the Winter Park Police department. Barry loved his Jesus, family, Sports, politics, movies, laughter, the family dogs, cats, chickens and his favorite pastime: eating. He was a hands-on father and grandfather and an amazing husband to his wife Sandy. Barry and Sandy have been very blessed to have planted and pastored Freedom Community Church in Leesburg Fl., for the past 13 years. He was a phenomenal preacher and teacher and led many to a relationship with Jesus.

He was preceded in death by his father Ed Hayes and brother Dale Hayes. He is survived by his wife Sandy Hayes, his children Heather (Jimmer) Roy, Chelsea (Sean) Ryan and Chase Simonds, 6 grandchildren: Savannah Moore, Izze Roy, Brynleigh Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Elijah Chance and William Davis, one great grandchild: Kinley Chance, his mother Hazel Hayes, and sister Julie (Parks) Hand.

There will be a viewing/visitation Friday, June 25, from 6-8 at Gentry Morrison Funeral home at 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL. There will be a Celebration of Life service Saturday, June 26 at 10:30am, at Trinity Assembly of God, 200 Urlick St. Fruitland Park, FL 34731. There will be food and fellowship to follow the service. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Freedom Community Church, Leesburg, Pastors Barry and Sandy Hayes, Mailing Address: 8745 Viking Lane, Lakeland FL 33809

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel  
3350 Mall Hill Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33810  
(863) 858-4474  
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com  
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

## Celebration of Life

JUN **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Assembly of God  
200 Urick St.  
Fruitland, FL 34731

# Tribute Wall

MT

“Barry was a dear friend of ours. Dale went to high school and college with Barry and college is where I met him. He was in our wedding and later on, a small group planted a church together calling Barry as our pastor. His laugh was infectious. He could bring so much joy to people. He used his gift and is now living that joyous life at home with Jesus. Our hearts are sad for you, Sandy, and all the family and church family. Go light the world for Jesus, just as Barry did! Love, Dale and Margie Thompson

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**Margie Thompson** - July 13, 2021 at 09:54 PM

SH

Thank you so much. I'm trying to keep that Jesus light burning bright. My heart aches so much right now.

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**Sandy Hayes** - July 23, 2021 at 11:10 PM

BS

Barry had the Briarwood Spirit! He was so much fun to be around. I know that he will be greatly missed.

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**Beth White Sowards** - September 16, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DB

“Barry was a very sweet man. Barry was my nephew by marriage. I was married to his Uncle Bob Bramblett. He had so many ways like his Uncle Bob, witty and always joking. He will definitely be missed by his family, church family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with Sandy, all of his family and the church.

*Aunt Dee Bramblett*

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**Dee Bramblett** - June 29, 2021 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ I first met Barry and his wife about 7 years ago. I had been invited to the church by a Sweet Lady Rita Rice and I fell in love with this Church and the people that were going there. I not only did I fall in love with this church but the Pastors. I even met my now husband in that church. Pastor Barry was a very good friend of Ours. We Pray That His wife will continue to be a pastor.  
Pastor Sandy is one of the best friends of ours.



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**Joy Barker** - June 25, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Eugene Hayes.



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June 25, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Eugene Hayes.



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June 25, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Eugene Hayes.*



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June 25, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Eugene Hayes.*



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June 25, 2021 at 03:38 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barry Eugene Hayes.*



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June 24, 2021 at 09:27 PM