



Joyce A. Hayes

January 16, 1937 - April 24, 2025

Joyce Ann (Stalls) Hayes January 16, 1937 - April 24, 2025 Lakeland - Mrs. Joyce Ann (Stalls) Hayes, 88, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

She was born in St. Augustine, Florida, and moved to Lakeland 65 years ago to start a life with her husband, Cecil. She was a loving mother of three children, "Nannie" to six grandsons, and great-grandmother to seven great-grandchildren. She was loved and cherished by her sister, Pat Johnson of Mississippi.

Joyce was also deeply loved by her sister-in-law, Betty Baxter, and brother-in-law, Floyd Hayes. She was adored by her two favorite sons-in-law, her loving daughter-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Joyce loved word search puzzles and spent countless hours enjoying them on her iPad when she wasn't traveling or spending time with her family.

She was a member of Kathleen Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Cecil Hayes, along with her parents, Raymond Stalls Sr. and Lucille, and her brothers, Raymond Jr. and John.

She is survived by her sister, Pat Johnson; son, Gary Hayes (Amy); daughters, Tami Mills (Alan) and Belinda Conner (Ronald); and grandchildren,

Kevin Conner (Sarah), Kristopher Conner (Amber), Cory Mills (Breanna), Chad Mills, Taylor Holt, and Grayson Holt. Great-grandchildren include Ella, Isaac, Blakely, Bryson, Braelinn, Brody, and Caden.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Kathleen Baptist Church in Lakeland, FL. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with the service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kathleen Baptist Church Youth Department (3939 2nd Street NW, Lakeland, FL 33810) or Holly Grove Baptist Church, Attention: Kevin Conner, Youth Department (P.O. Box 1206, Spring Hope, North Carolina 27882).

Please join the family for a luncheon in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. A family service will be held at a later date at Florida National Cemetery, in Bushnell, FL where she will be laid to rest with her husband, Cecil.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Kathleen Baptist Church
3939 2nd St NW
Lakeland, FL 33810

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Lakeland, FL 33810

Tribute Wall

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“ *All my love and prayers to the family!
So many wonderful memories*

Sonya Sawyer - May 21, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of
Joyce A. Hayes.*

April 29, 2025 at 09:36 AM

RH

“ *Rod, Maddie, and Claire Hayes purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joyce A. Hayes.*



Rod, Maddie, and Claire Hayes - April 29, 2025 at 09:35 AM

JT

“ *John and Barbara Telford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joyce A. Hayes.*



John and Barbara Telford - April 28, 2025 at 09:42 AM

CH

“ *Tami & Alan, Cory & Chad, so sorry for your loss. Will keep your family in prayer. Much love,*
- Cindy Hungerford

Cindy Hungerford - April 27, 2025 at 09:56 PM

DB

Dear Hayes Family, We are so sorry for your loss. I wish we could be there for her celebration, but we are out of town. Our prayers, hugs and love for all is being sent. May God give you all comfort that your mom is with her love, and God. Much love, David and Debbie Brice

Debbie Brice - April 28, 2025 at 11:51 AM

NG

Dear family- it's very hard to release our loved ones. What a reunion she is having with your dad, Jesus, and others who were waiting for her. She entered heaven April 24— Mama January 24. We on earth can only imagine. Our prayer for peace and comfort go with you during the days and months ahead. Love- Nancy and Doug Goble

nancy and Doug Goble - April 28, 2025 at 12:09 PM