



Joseph Hayes

May 14, 1945 - July 5, 2016

Joseph Sanderson Hayes, age 71, a resident of Rockwall, TX, since 1984, passed away July 5, 2016. He was born May 14, 1945, in Manhattan, NY, to Willie Lee Sanderson and Louise Hayes. Joseph was a member of Lakeshore Church and a boxing and martial arts coach and mentor for both high school and professional athletes. He was a father to the fatherless, a mentor to those who needed encouragement and guidance in their lives, and a man who pursued and intimate, passionate relationship with the Lord. Joseph was known for always saying, "God is exalted and Jesus is Lord!"

Joseph is survived by children: Maika Hayes and wife Nadia, Ualani Schmitt and husband Clifton and Gabriella Hayes; and grandchildren: Jocelyn Schmitt, Haleiyah Hayes, Kendall Griffin, Josiah Hayes, Tavian Hayes, Ashelyn Schmitt and Tennyson Grey. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 46 years: Marilyn Nona Hayes.

Memorial services will be held 2:30pm Saturday, July 9, 2016, at Lakeshore Church, 5575 TX-205, Rockwall, with Pastor Brad Howard officiating.

Events

JUL Memorial Service 02:30PM

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Lakeshore Church
5575 Highway 205 South, Rockwall, TX, US, 75032

Comments



“ I have been searching to find the Hayes family, only to discover that Joe and Nona have gone to heaven. I look forward to seeing them there. Joe was my closest friend the last couple of years at Calvary Temple, Allentown, PA. He taught me to make "cheese eggs," and gave me tips on healthy eating, saying that pizza was an almost perfect food. His zeal for Jesus was an inspiration. I love and miss them both. God bless your family!

Ron Boyer - August 04, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ My name is Stanley Sergio Lentz. I first met Joe at Alfred E. Smith Center in China Town, NY. We work together then were sent to St. Mary's rec center in the Bronx. Every day he met me with a smile. He was my sensei and friend. We ran almost everyday miles and trained almost everyday. He would push you to be the best you can be in life and on the mat. He was like a brother to me and many of the guys and girls at St. Mary's. I will always be grateful for his teaching. He was one of a kind. It was my honor to have him as my teacher. He gave me my black belt which I honor. Always rest in peace my brother .

Stanley sergio lentz - January 19, 2017 at 06:41 AM



“ I knew Joe Hayes, his beautiful wife & their awesome girl. He was a close friend / family member. He rescued me from the wrong path and taught me how to channel my anger through boxing. I was a wrestler in High School so we used to move his couches in the living room put the mats down and practice wrestling before he helped at the Rockwall High School. I am glad he is with his beautiful wife in Heaven and they have no suffering. I was wondering why I haven't seen him at church for a while and thought maybe he changed the service time, but found out this morning what happened and it hit me like a ton of bricks. I pray for peace and understand for all who knew Joe.

Michael Williams - August 28, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ One of the finest, if not THE finest people I have ever known.

Mark - November 16, 2016 at 12:37 AM



“ I met Joe, Nona, Mika and Ualani when we were neighbors in New York. Joe was always a sweet smiling man. Easy to laugh. Nona was a beautiful loving woman. Mika and I were good friends always getting into trouble. When the family moved away we lost touch. I am deeply saddened to hear of both of them passing. God bless them both. My condolences to the family. I feel honored to have known them.

Carmen Bonilla - August 25, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ Loved Joe and Nona so much. Rex and I spent lots of time with them during the Church on the Rock days. Loved their candor and genuineness. We so enjoyed telling about how Joe sparred with Bruce Lee and Chuck Norris. Joe loved Jesus with all his heart, his family with all that he had and loved people without prejudice. We will miss you Joe.

Karen Eagan-Tynan - July 10, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ We got to know him at Church on the Rock too, and loved how he was so friendly and so enthusiastic about Jesus. He was able to overcome the racism he had experienced to love all kinds of people.

Margaret Barnard - July 27, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ Coach walked into the gym shortly after I opened it. It was not by coincidence. He was there every day that the doors were open, working with the kids and pouring his heart out to them. We had so much fun and Joe loved the kids and boxing. He wanted to reach every one of the athletes. I now know why Joe was sent through the doors of the gym. I always thought it was for the kids, but I now know it was for me as well. Thank you Lord and thank you Joe Hayes and Family.

Keith - July 10, 2016 at 01:21 AM



“ RIP, Joe. A great Christian man and his Nona are together in Heaven. Joe will be greatly missed.

DWAIN HUBBARD - July 09, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ Once in a lifetime, we get the privilege and honor of knowing a person like Joe Hayes. For the last 16 years, I had that privilege of knowing Joseph and his precious SweetHeart, Nona. As a believer in Yeshua (Jesus Christ), I know how they both look forward in seeing their Lord and Savior. Joseph would often tell me when asked, who

do you want to see first in Paradise and what do you want to do first. When I got the call from Gabby on July 4th regarding her Dad, I was immediately taken back to our often conversation. To the family, your Dad wanted to Hug the neck of Yeshua and to thank Him for suffering on the tree and dying for all sinners. Next, Joseph wanted to see his precious Nona. We all look forward in seeing them both again, and all of us who knew them are 100 percent better because of Joseph and Nona. I will always miss Joseph, but I will see him again. I never left Joseph or Nona's presence without feeling blessed. We express our dearest condolence for your lost. Thank you all for sharing both your Dad and Mom with so many! Ruben Jaquez

Ruben Jaquez - July 08, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ Rest in peace, Coach Hayes. You were an inspiration and fountain of support for so many.

Elizabeth Selman - July 08, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ What an incredible man. I got to know Mr Joe as a patron of my restaurant. I called him "Coach" and he would give me some words of wisdom. Truly a blessing to my life



Roderick Lucious - July 08, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ Joe Hayes: This fine and Godly man has finished his earthly life's journey and is rejoicing in heaven with his Savior and his beloved Nona. We are proud to have had the privilege to call him "friend" for 35 years, and we will miss him more than words can say. He mentored so many young people, and sowed into all our lives. He made us better. We will miss his greeting "woman of God" or "man of God". I've been missing his tambourine for a long time! I know he is making music in heaven! We have a picture of him at our house about 35 years ago, and his arms are lifted high and his face is gazing toward heaven..... so descriptive of who he was. What a blessing! His children have been given a wonderful heritage. Praying for them and sending love to them today and days to come, and praying God's comfort and peace over them.

Barbara and Tom Grisell

Barbara Grisell - July 08, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ I will really miss this man. He is a brother and father in Christ. I know I will see him again soon. We are out of town, but we will watch his celebration service online.

Peter Elam - July 08, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ My heart breaks for the family of Joe Hayes. I have known Joe since the days of COTR. He impacted, and was close to so many – and I know many hearts are breaking during this season of Joe’s home-going. Hold tight to those memories of him for comfort during this time. It’s so hard to say goodbye, and we have to think that what moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why Joe left this earth so soon, or why he left before any of us were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we will begin to remember not just that he died, but that he lived, and that his life gave you memories too beautiful to forget. Peace, Prayers, and Blessings to the family. Take comfort in knowing an Angel is watching over you all.

Sally Bingham - July 08, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Joe and also his sweet wife Nona. They meant so much to our son, Brian, and a whole generation of kids from COTR. Rest in the loving arms of your savior, dear man of God. Jack & Donna Abraham

Jack Abraham - July 07, 2016 at 08:40 PM



“ Coach Hayes was a dear friend. He loved me, John, our children and their spouses. At 11:57 PM two days ago, he heard these words: "Well done, good and faithful servant." The first time I met him was at Church on the Rock. He sat on the front row and was very vocal in his worship. I believe he was met by his beloved Nona, then grabbed the first tamborine he saw and began dancing and worshipping the Lord he served. We will miss you, Coach Hayes! You touched more lives than you realize and your legacy lives on.

John and Frances White

Frances White - July 07, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Joe and Nona at Church on the Rock. They were truly salt and light. The joy of the Lord in Joe was contagious, and I know the presence of the Lord in his life was so strong that he impacted many people. He will be greatly missed. What a party must be going on in heaven! His children and grandchildren have an incredible legacy.

Marilyn Muscanere

Marilyn Muscanere - July 07, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ Coach you were my rock, my idol, my hero, best friend and no one believed in my athletic ability like you. I still hear you in my corner and on the mat when I close my eyes saying "whose gonna hit you harder then me? No one that's who now go show em how we train." So many memories from church on the rock when I was just a baby all the way till graduation. You were always there for me and all my brothers. I'll never forget all the afternoon practices, thousands of fingertip push-ups, sit-ups, and all those intense routines I hated at the time lol. You taught me the values of being a Christian, the value of family, and what it was to be a man. Coach I miss you and never will forget you. I'll see you ringside someday upstairs coach, until then aloha and rest easy coach. Along with that candle coach I think I can give you one last set of fingertip push-ups for old time sake like you did them with eggs under your hands haha.



Anthony Ambrose - July 07, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ Sally Bingham lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hayes



Sally Bingham - July 07, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ I remember Joe Hayes from Church on the Rock in Rockwall. He was one of the first friends my husband and I made there. He loved everyone. I remember his sense of humor, but he was also a very humble man who loved Jesus with all of his heart. You couldn't help but to love Joe. His life and testimony ministered to a lot of people. I feel blessed to have made his acquaintance. I am sad at his passing (he will be missed), but I rejoice at the fact that he is now in eternity with our Lord Jesus, where his sweet wife Nona is as well. May God bless his family and give them His peace.
- Devonna Palmer, Canton, Texas

Devonna Palmer - July 07, 2016 at 03:17 AM



“ Jonathan W A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joseph Hayes.



Jonathan W A. - July 07, 2016 at 12:06 AM



“ A great role model for dozens--if not hundreds of young men in Rockwall. Thanks Joe--see you again if I'm lucky!

Dana Johnson - July 06, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ What an awesome man and preacher of the Word of God. For so many years he poured into us while sharing his faith. From church, to driving our bus to coaching. He made it all about growth and seeing the Lord.
Sincere condolences to Micah and Lloni,

Mike Wallace and Family

Mike Wallace - July 06, 2016 at 06:39 PM



“ My condolences to you all. Joe may never have realized it, but he had a big impact on my life and I will never forget him. Rest in peace, sweet soul.



Brandon Mullins - July 06, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ Aww, dear Joe, you were one of the most influential people who helped us to know that God indeed led us to Lakeshore Church. Talk about letting your light shine before men. Most of our fellowship (some at church) was when I would run into you and Nona at the grocery store where we could talk for an hour over our grocery carts. I can never go in that store without thinking of you both. To know you is to love you. Craig and I will miss you so much, but will see you again!

Cherie LaBarbera - July 09, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ Joe, you have been such an influence on my life, as well as the life of my family. I will always remember the first time I met you. You are that special person you meet that you feel as if you knew one another forever. Thank you being in Dominic Draney Life. I know you and Nona are watching over us and I feel you with me. I am grateful for every memory I have spending time with you and your family. Until we meet again.

grace imburgia - July 10, 2016 at 08:50 AM



“ Christina Ramzel lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hayes



Christina Ramzel - July 06, 2016 at 10:11 AM