



## John Robert Hayes

February 27, 1953 - October 11, 2024

John Robert Hayes, 71, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2024, in Midland, Texas. Born on February 27, 1953, in Dumas, Texas, John was the beloved son of Alvin and Ada Laverne Hayes. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force before transitioning to a career in law enforcement, retiring as a respected deputy.

John was united in marriage to the love of his life, Diana Sue Hayes, with whom he shared many cherished years. Their life together was marked by deep love, shared experiences, and the family they built. He was a devoted father to three children: Timothy Hayes (Nicole) of Midland, TX, April Atwell (John Clark), and Aleta Hayes. John was also a proud grandfather to nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His family meant the world to him, and he found immense joy in their accomplishments and happiness. John is further survived by his sister, Vicki Lanham (Johnie), along with one niece, one nephew, and two great-nephews.

John is preceded in death by his loving wife, Diana Sue Hayes, and his parents, Alvin and Ada Laverne Hayes. Though he has left this world, his memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service to honor John's life will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM at American Heritage Funeral Home. Friends and family are invited to join in remembering and celebrating a man who served his country and community with pride and dedication, and who cherished his family above all.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Hayes.*



October 23, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ *I knew Brother Hayes from church. When I was a kid, teenager, and young adult, he often took the time to speak with me and I always enjoyed seeing him. He was genuinely kind, had a good sense of humor, and my days were better when I got to speak with him. He will be missed.*

**Koby Kirkland** - October 21, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Brother Hayes* 🙏



**Bobby Harper** - October 19, 2024 at 12:09 PM

MW

“ Where do I start when it comes memories of our our sweet John Robert? So many childhood memories of time cousins spent together. The love we had for each other endured even when we were miles apart. John was a wonderful minister and his love for GOD was at the very front of his daily life. He has joined all of those gone before us and one day we will join him at the throne of GOD! Love you forever John Robert!

Melanie Hayes Wilks - October 18, 2024 at 07:49 PM

RT

John Robert and shared the Birth Date -February 27th and he was thoughtful to remember me with a phone call. His love for God, Country and family was evident in his conversations. He holds a special place in my heart and I blood forward to the Family Reunion we will have in Heaven. Love to John's family and to his sister, Vickie Lanham.

Raylene Hayes Tyner - October 18, 2024 at 10:20 PM

JM

Dear Vickie and all of John Robert's family, our sincere sympathy for your loss. May God embrace each of you with his love and grace at this time. I have so many fond memories of our time we spent together in the summers. What I remember the most was being outside all day, yet knowing there would be an afternoon shower. We grew up loving family and it has stayed with us as we went our separate ways. Love you and we will see you again.  
Jackie Allison Mercer

Jackie Mercer - October 19, 2024 at 09:18 AM