

Pallbearers

Earl Hayes Viktor Hayes, II
Robert Hayes, Jr. Garland Wilson
David Brooks Carlton Johnson
Alan Jones Claude Hunter

Flower Attendants

Juanita Allen Beverly Wilson
Friends of the Family

~I'm Free~

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that place at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh yes, these things, I will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life has been full; I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. God wanted me now, he set me Free.

Acknowledgements

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The family of The late Ernest Hayes

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The Home Going

FOR

Sergeant Major Ernest Hayes



September 25, 1937 — April 19, 2015

Service

1:00 PM, Saturday, April 25, 2015

Samuel C. Rogers Jr Memorial Chapel

4315 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Minister Shawn Williams, Officiating

Interment

11:00 AM, Monday, April 27, 2015

Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Road

Obituary



Sergeant Major Ernest Hayes was born on September 25, 1937 to the late Joseph E. Hayes and Mary E. (Green) Hayes Robinson. He attended the local schools in Jacksonville, Florida. After completing his schooling he joined the United States Army in 1955, where he served his country at numerous duty stations as a member of Green Berets, Airborne Operations Specialist. He served between 1956-1964 in Ft. Benning, GA. as a Squad Leader; 1964-1967 in Ft. Campbell, KY, Airborne and then in Vietnam; 1967-1977 in Ft. Bragg, NC, as an EEO Instructor; 1977-1978 in Korea, as an Operations Sergeant Major; 1978-1980 in Ft. Hood, TX, as a Security NCOIC; 1980-1982 in Hofstra University, NY, as a ROTC Instructor at WestPoint, US Military Academy; 1983-1988 in Atlanta, GA, as a Civil Service Federal Security Officer at Dobbins AFB.

Sergeant Major Ernest Hayes retired honorably from the United States Army in 1982 and later from Civil Services. He was awarded numerous medals, certificates and badges for courage, honor, and distinction of service.

Sergeant Major Ernest Hayes departed this life on Sunday, April 19, 2015 and he was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph E. Hayes and Mary E. (Green) Hayes Robinson; two brothers, Nathaniel and Robert “Bullet Bob” Hayes; his son, John Shannon Hayes; and nephew, Joseph Johnson.

Sergeant Major Ernest Hayes is survived by three children, Victor E. Hayes (Myrna), Tabatha U. Hayes, Tiena V. Hayes-James; sister, Lena Mae Johnson; brother, Earl Hayes; aunt, Betty Reed; grandchildren, Jennifer Hayes, Tavera Hayes, Shannon-Eve Hayes Ricks, Felicia Hayes, Kendrick Fanniel, David Brooks, Tiera Brooks, Victoria Hayes Reddish, Tiffany Hayes, Viktor Hayes II, Jazmine James, Valencia Hayes, Jessica James, Mijah Wilson; great-grandchildren, Bianca, Jashon, MaKayla, Dyarius, Troy; grand-puppies, Buddy and Calla Lily; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional	Marlowe Smith Organist
Scripture	Sinadia Gailyard John 14
Invocation	Tabatha Hayes Daughter
Video	“Beautiful”
Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences	Kristal Stallings Devore Goddaughter
Obituary	(Read Silently)
Remarks	(3 Minutes Please)
Poem	Tiera Brooks Granddaughter
Solo	Marlowe Smith
Eulogy	Minister Shawn Williams
Flag & Taps	
Recessional	

Repast
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