



## James Rand Hayes

August 12, 1936 - August 22, 2021

James Rand Hayes, 85, passed away on August 22 at his home in Pulaski, Tennessee due to natural causes. He was a devoted Christian, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Mr. Hayes is preceded in death by his parents, James Woodrow-Hayes and Bonnie Pollock Hayes. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Phillips Hayes and two children, Christie (Lyman) Brown and James Rand (Christy) Hayes, II. Grandchildren include Taylor (Channing) Brown, Ryan Hayes, Hudson Hayes, and Grayson Hayes, and one great grandchild, Kathryne Brown.

Other survivors include nephews, Phil (Connie) Carpenter, Mike Carpenter, and niece, Phyllis (Bob) Owens and many dear cousins.

Mr. Hayes was born in Pulaski, Tennessee on August 12, 1936, and lived here his entire life. He is a graduate of Giles County High School, and then married Carolyn Phillips on August 12, 1956. He went on to serve in the Tennessee National Guard and then later was owner of Z. B. Pollock and Sons, a full auto repair business and wrecker service, for many years until selling his business in 1985. Mr. Hayes also developed Hayes Properties during this time, and leased self-storage units until 2020. He also served as an elder of First Presbyterian Church in Pulaski for many years, as well as many other positions in the church where he was a member and attended regularly for 80 years. Mr. Hayes was a devoted board member at First National Bank in Pulaski, and later served as an Emeritus Board member until the time of his death. He was an excellent wood craftsman as well, and his work is displayed

in many homes and businesses throughout the community. However, Mr. Hayes never really "retired", as he continued to serve others and his community through his unsolicited generosity and giving to others. He was always available to help others in any way that he could. He will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 174, Pulaski, TN 38478 or Giles County Library, 122 S. Second Street, Pulaski, TN 38478.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, a private family service will be held.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements of James Rand Hayes.

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentine Street  
Pulaski, TN

# Tribute Wall

KW

“*Rand was an awesome man ... he shared his love of God, love for his family, and zest for life with everyone that was blessed to cross his path. He was the true example of a Christian !  
I smile when I think of him joining his parents (Bonnie and Woody) in Heaven.  
What a celebration !*

*Kimberly White*

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**Kimberly White** - August 25, 2021 at 08:33 AM

NR

“*Nikki Rivers lit a candle in memory of James Rand Hayes*



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**Nikki Rivers** - August 25, 2021 at 04:32 AM

JK

*Just Sunday before Rand said to me do I know you Kimbrough right it's good to see the Kimbroughs here but what was good was seeing him as always smile on his face welcoming everyone you will be missed at The First Presbyterian Church but will always be in our ❤️*

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**june kimbrough** - August 25, 2021 at 11:48 AM

LC

“*My deepest condolences. I deliver his mail and he would meet me at the mailbox often to get his mail and always greeted me with a smile.*

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**Liz Campbell** - August 24, 2021 at 11:57 PM

CS

“ *My sister Charlotte graduated with Rand... Everytime he saw me he'd ask about her*

**Caroline Scoggin** - August 24, 2021 at 12:50 PM

BF

*I was sorry to hear of Rand's passing. He was a very nice man. So sorry for your loss. My condolences to Carolyn and family.  
Barbara Jo Smith Floyd.*

**Barbara Jo Smith Floyd** - August 24, 2021 at 05:59 PM

JA

*Rand was a special man, one of a kind and my very good friend for 68 yrs. Never heard him say a bad word about anyone and always the most thoughtful of friends. We spoke frequently via phone with updates on Pulaski events. Nancy & I will miss him.  
I have never known a better man.*

**Jim Arnold** - August 30, 2021 at 03:49 PM

DD

*Goodbye to my dear friend, Rand. Over the years, he was my school friend, my neighbor, and my fellow-Presbyterian, He and his family were so dear to my mother and me; there are very many happy memories from those early years.*

*Later after he married my close friend, Carolyn, and I married John, they remained our special friends, although we were usually able to see them only on our trips back to Pulaski. We always looked forward to catching up at those dinners at Legends.*

*Rand was a kind, loyal, thoughtful, highly-intelligent and funny man who loved his church, his family and friends, and his community. He touched so many lives and will be missed by all who knew him. The world needs more gentlemen like Rand Hayes!*

*Dudley Harris Davis*

**Dudley H. Davis** - August 31, 2021 at 10:27 AM