



Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes

June 29, 1932 - September 14, 2022

It is with great sadness, but with joy for life well-lived, that the family of Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, September 14, 2022. He was born on June 29, 1932 in Detroit, MI, to the late Everett and Florence Hayes.

Ed married Madonna (Heinze) on April 23, 1954 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley, she survives. Also surviving are his loving family: his only daughter, Marla (Gary) Burns of Katy, TX; and four sons, Kurt (Kellee) Hayes of Bourbonnais, Jeff (Amy) Hayes of Bloomington, IL, Brian Hayes of Effingham, IL, and Scott (Michelle) Hayes of Aledo, TX. He dearly loved his eleven grandchildren: Collin (Audrey) Burns, Erin Burns, Justin (Jessi) Hayes, Kyle Hayes, Kory Hayes, Emily (EJ) Schiller, Sarah Hayes, Austin Hayes, Carter Hayes, Keegan Hayes Aidan Hayes; and his five great grandchildren, Benton and Ebby Burns, Christa Martinez, Molly Hayes, and Price Schiller. Also surviving are his dear friends and siblings, Howard Hayes of Bourbonnais and Mary Johnson of Bradley, both who visited with him regularly until the day he passed.

Ed grew up in Bradley and was a stand-out athlete and student at every level and earned varsity letters in four sports and academics at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School: four years in basketball, track and academics, three years in baseball, two years in football and a member of the 1950 Sweet-Sixteen basketball team. Ed graduated salutatorian from BBCHS in 1950. He continued his athletic career at Illinois State University as a

member of the Redbird basketball team. Ed met his college roommate and teammate, Robert (Joyce) Bryant of Bloomington. They remained close friends throughout their lives having traveled together with their spouses, despite Ed's love of the Chicago Cubs and Bob's love of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Ed was a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, director of guidance, and retired as principal from Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. Under his leadership, Ed's basketball team enjoyed much success during his tenure. Ed was inducted into the BBCHS Athletic Hall of Fame, as a coach, individual athlete, and a member of the 1950 Sweet 16 Basketball team. He is also a member of the Hall of Fame at Illinois State University. Ed was counselor of the year for the Illinois Counseling Association in 1979. He was always active in the Village of Bourbonnais, where he served as Planning Commission Chairman for 50 years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Bank of Bourbonnais and always used his leadership sense of community pride for the best interest of the Village.

Ed was an avid golfer, Chicago Cubs fan, world traveler, and handyman who built both family homes in Bourbonnais. He was a faithful servant to Catholic Charities, where he served as President from 1974-1977 and was on the Board of Directors.

This dear man, with too many more superlatives to say, was a wonderful husband to his wife Madonna, father to his children, loving grandpa, and a Godly servant-leader who gave so much to his family and the Bradley-Bourbonnais Community.

Please help us honor and celebrate his life through tears and prayers, and may God comfort and provide His peace that surpasses our understanding to Madonna, and all her children/grandchildren, extended family, and each of you who knew and loved Ed.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, September 18, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church.

Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Coach Hayes laid the foundation for the successes I have enjoyed in my life. Truly. He encouraged me to try Cross Country - when I didn't make the basketball team. He encouraged me to try out for Track - the mile run, and it took a lot of hard work at his insistence - and I did well. When he awarded me “Top Runner” award and made me the team Captain - it taught me the most basic of life lessons; if you work hard and focus, you will succeed and you will be given the deserved recognition.

Fast forward - I am now 75 years old and yes - I think of Coach Hayes at every starting line of a marathon or ultramarathon.

It defies belief - the impact he had on me, his belief in me and his support of me in those four years at BBCHS.

He will be missed.

Good work, Coach Hayes. You changed my life and many lives, for the better

Joseph B. Diehl - August 17, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“ Catherine Nelson lit a candle in memory of Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes



Catherine Nelson - August 01, 2023 at 08:26 PM

DB

“ Ed Was Mr. BRADLEY BOURBONNAIS HE WAS THERE WHEN I WAS HIRED AS A TEACHER AND COACH! He was there through all of the rest of my year except some of my last few! We were friends through the rest of his years and today I say with love ADIOS DEAR DEAR FRIEND !!!!

Dennis Bossinger - September 21, 2022 at 05:23 PM

DO

“ The Gereaux family sends our deepest condolences to all of you... Your husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather was a great man and we know will be missed by all

Deborah Overacker - September 19, 2022 at 07:09 PM

GM

“ We have known the Hayes family for some years now we know Ed will truly be missed. Our sympathies to the whole family. Sincerely Gary and Debbie Metschuleit.

Gary Metschuleit - September 19, 2022 at 02:35 PM

DU

“ Coach Hayes was a wonderful man and coach. My deepest sympathies are sent to his family.

Dennis Usewich - September 19, 2022 at 09:09 AM

DH

“ Coach Hayes was a tremendous coach and mentor. He was kind and a great coach. It was always a pleasure to be around him.
Dave Hartline

David Hartline - September 19, 2022 at 09:07 AM

SN

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Hayes family in the loss of Ed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Larry and Sandy Nims

Sandra F Nims - September 18, 2022 at 11:45 PM

WW

“ Walter & Debbie Wall lit a candle in memory of Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes



Walter & Debbie Wall - September 18, 2022 at 07:50 PM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Hayes family from the Falkenhan family!!

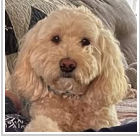
Scott Falkenhan - September 18, 2022 at 05:40 PM

SW

“ It was my pleasure to care for you, I will surely miss you.



Sheila Washington - September 18, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss, your family is in our prayers 🙏
The Jay LaMore Family



Michelle N John Azzarelli - September 18, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ Tracey Houde lit a candle in memory of Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes



Tracey Houde - September 18, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ Julia Leatherman lit a candle in memory of Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes



Julia Leatherman - September 18, 2022 at 12:57 AM



I had the blessing of having this man in our family❤️. He was kind, respectful, intelligent ,loving. He was my Dad's first cousin, but we knew him as Uncle. This man will forever be remembered.....he leaves a special place in my ❤️. Madonna sending,love and prayers to you and family. God bless you. Love, Julia Stoltz Leatherman

Julia Leatherman - September 18, 2022 at 01:11 AM

GP

“ Coach Ed Hayes was always very special to me starting with that wonderful 8th grade year when we had that great basketball team. That was my first year at Manteno. Coach had a way about him that caused us to do our very best. He was a very good man, and I will always be thankful that he influenced my life.

Gene Plumlee - September 18, 2022 at 12:02 AM

BB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy

Beth & Dennis Bisailon - September 17, 2022 at 09:51 PM

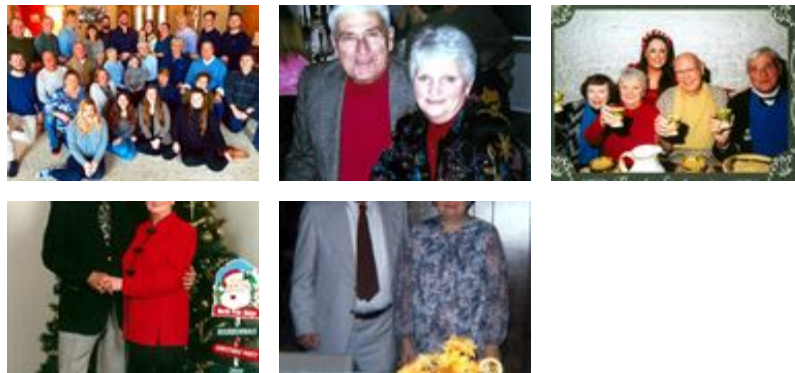
SS

“ Deepest condolences to the family. Coach Hayes was my Mechanical Drawing Instructor and was my PE teacher for two years. I always felt Coach Hayes was such a class guy. I appreciate his attendance at our 50th Class Reunion (Class of 1966). He will be missed by so many!

Steve Salmund - September 17, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 17, 2022 at 12:59 PM

KS

“ *My condolences to his family. I met Ed when he volunteered at Stmarys. Great guy! Prayers*
Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan - September 17, 2022 at 11:42 AM

RP

“ *Kevin and I send our deepest sympathy to the Hayes family.*

Roberta and Kevin Prince - September 17, 2022 at 11:33 AM

GT

“ *Condolences to the Hayes family.*

gene Tomaszewski - September 17, 2022 at 08:04 AM

MA

“ *First guy I met at BBCHS was Ed, he was my counselor, later basketball coach, then I became friends with two of his sons Kurt and Jeff.*
His life sounds like a story book, yet true. Ed's family must be so proud of him even in their grief, but they should be. I send my heart felt condolences, what a great life to celebrate.

Mike Adragna - September 16, 2022 at 11:21 PM

MC

“ *Marla And Rick Coy lit a candle in memory of Edward Earl "Coach" Hayes*



Marla and Rick Coy - September 16, 2022 at 09:37 PM

SM

“ *I was a young mother when Ed and Madonna befriended me and always drew me into loving them with their genuine love for others!*

Ed was the one who also called me early in the mornings to substitute teach during that same 10 years. I loved him because he was a steadying, cheerful, kind, giving man, meant to share heaven and all its glories. Sally Martell

Sally Martell - September 16, 2022 at 07:11 PM

CM

“ *Rest in peace Ed. Grew up in the same neighborhood remember fondly. Sympathy to his family.*

Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema



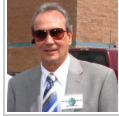
cathie miedema - September 16, 2022 at 02:29 PM

BP

Madonna, Howard, Mary. I send each of you my deepest sympathy. We were young together, shared many memories. Ed was a super nice person and he will be missed. God keep you safe and guide you through this difficult time.

Barb Phillips

Barbara Phillips - September 16, 2022 at 05:20 PM



I would like to share a few words about our cousin Ed Hayes. Eddy was someone I always looked up to for inspiration, from the time as a person too young to go and see Eddy play sports at Bradley High without my older brother Larry letting me tag along, knowing we would hear Eddy's name on the loud speaker as he made yardage or scored points. The same Ed Hayes that we knew as our cousin at Grandma Hayes' home for family gatherings. The same Eddy during the summer months when we were at nearby construction jobs, we all took the time to say hi to our plastering cousins Eddy, Howard, Clarence, Larry, and I. The same Eddy I stood before at the Bourbonnais Planning commission, trying to make sure we were following the rules for property development. There is so much more to say here, however, we know we have one more family member in Heaven to greet us when we get there. God bless Madonna and the family; our prayers are with you.

We will send a contribution to Saint Jude in Ed Hayes name, with love
Deborah and Tom Landry

Tom Landry - September 17, 2022 at 03:13 PM

JO

A true gentleman and a Cubs fan 🙌

Jackie O,Connor - September 19, 2022 at 04:26 PM

SM

Our deepest sympathy Madonna to you and your family. You are in our prayers. Ed was a great guy and will be missed.

Sharon Monty - September 20, 2022 at 12:06 AM

SP

Sending our sincere words of condolences to Madonna, Howard and Mary for your great loss. May you find much joy and peace as you reflect on the life you shared with such an inspirational gentleman, your spouse and brother. He will always be remembered not only for his remarkable accomplishments but most importantly for the kindness, love and humanity he exemplified.

*Hugs and a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research in Ed's name from Ed's extended Stoltz family cousins:
(children of Dorothy Stoltz Foster): Susan Foster Porter, John Foster, Nancy Foster Potter, Gail Foster, Amy Foster Cade, Doug Foster*

Susan Porter - September 20, 2022 at 03:37 PM