



## Howard L Hayes

December 17, 1934 - December 15, 2024

Howard Lawrence Hayes December 17, 1934 to December 15, 2024.

With deep sadness his family announces the passing of Howard Lawrence Hayes of Bradley Illinois. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born December 17, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan to Everett and Florence Hayes.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Beverly of 39 years, his parents Everett and Florence Hayes, his beloved brother Edward Hayes, his mother-in-law and father-in-law Harold and Hazel Duncan.

Howard was the beloved husband of Beverly Joan Hayes from March 21, 1954 until her passing on September 20, 1993; Father to Vickie Schillerstrom of Naperville, Illinois, Toni Hayes Kruse of Phoenix, Arizona, Gayle (Henry) Dominicis of Addison Illinois; Cherished Grandfather to Brittany Schillerstrom of Naperville, IL, Nathan Schillerstrom of Chicago, IL Mia Dominicis (Stephen) Salata of Chicago, IL, and Henry Dominicis of Oak Park, IL. He is also survived by his loving partner, Patty Clancy, his dear sister, Mary Johnson, and countless dear friends and other family members who cherished him deeply.

Howard grew up in Bradley Illinois and worked extremely hard throughout his

entire life. He worked with his hands, plastering, remodeling, building, etc. His work ethic was extraordinary. Howard leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and a strong passion for his family and life in general. He took pride in helping anyone and everyone who crossed his path who may have needed something. He was a well-respected legend in the car business for over 60 years, managing several large automobile dealerships in Kankakee County. He trained, mentored, and coached many young people in the industry to become successful professionals. He founded his own business, Quality Motorcars in the early 90's.

He graduated from Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. He served on the school board for Bradley Elementary School District and was very active in the community. He was a member of the Lions Club and supported the Hundred Club of Kankakee County. He was a man of strong faith and supported St. Joseph's Catholic Church throughout his life.

Howard thoroughly enjoyed golfing at Aspen Ridge on the Senior Men's Golf League. He also loved vacationing in Puerto Vallarta for many years, and had a grand and generous personality, larger than life.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be celebrated at noon on Friday, December 20, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, IL, the Hundred Club of Kankakee County.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ Love, friends, love you buddy Catherine m  
crunk. see you in heaven save me a seat!!!!



Catherine Crunk - July 26, 2025 at 04:09 AM



“ Catty Smith lit a candle in memory of Howard  
L Hayes



Catty Smith - April 01, 2025 at 11:11 PM



Hal to my old jeep

Catty Smith - April 01, 2025 at 11:11 PM



Bless all the family

Catty Smith - April 01, 2025 at 11:12 PM



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for  
the family of Howard L Hayes.



December 27, 2024 at 11:24 AM

KR

“ *Our sympathy to Patty and Howard's family. May he rest in peace.  
Duane and Kathy Roy*

**Kathy Roy** - December 27, 2024 at 10:55 AM

DB

“ *Enjoyed laughing with Howard every week years ago at Manheim auction, he always had a great attitude, sense of humor, and a huge smile, RIP my friend*

**Daniel Burns** - December 23, 2024 at 09:36 AM

JF

“ *Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of  
Howard L Hayes*



**Jaymie Falkenhan** - December 21, 2024 at 07:30 PM

MH

“ *Dear Mary and Family,*

*I was deeply saddened to hear about Howard's passing. He was a remarkable individual, always sharing a smile, a joke, or a captivating story. His warmth and humor left a lasting impression on everyone he met. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May the cherished memories of Howard bring you comfort and peace.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Mark Hourihan*

**Mark Hourihan** - December 19, 2024 at 02:21 PM

MG

“ My condolences to Patty and the family. I worked with Howard at Egan Buick, Nissan, Mazda which seems like a lifetime ago. Such a staple to the community 🙏🙏

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**michele Gladu** - December 19, 2024 at 01:25 PM

EB

“ Howard was my friend, a mentor, and scramble teammate several times. He was one of my biggest fans.  
He will be sorely missed by my wife and I.  
Even as he neared 90 he was bigger than life and an impressive person.  
It brings us great joy that we will see him again in heaven.  
He will be missed.

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**Ed Brockell** - December 19, 2024 at 09:31 AM

TL

“ How can one describe all the good memories you've enjoyed with a relative in those memories your entire life? Howard has always been a good friend and always there when you need him. I would like to express my condolences to his daughters, his family and close friends. God bless, Tom and Deborah Landry

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**Tom Landry** - December 18, 2024 at 08:19 PM

SW

“ So sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He and Bev were always so wonderful to me 🙏  
May he rest in peace now that he is back with his beloved wife. Prayers to your family



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**Stephanie Wenzelman** - December 18, 2024 at 09:22 AM

CM

“ Rest in peace Howard. Prayers for his family & friends during this difficult time.

Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema



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**Cathie miedema** - December 17, 2024 at 10:18 PM

AS

“ Sending our love and prayers to Gayle and the Family. We had the joy of becoming friends with Howard in Puerto Vallarta. We will miss his welcoming smile and engaging personality. We always looked forward to his and Patty's visit each year. We will miss you Howard, save us a spot by the pool.

Sending heartfelt condolences,  
April



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**April Simon** - December 17, 2024 at 08:25 PM

RC

“ Rick Marla Coy lit a candle in memory of Howard L Hayes



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**Rick Marla Coy** - December 17, 2024 at 08:21 PM

PS

“ Howard...tell St. Pete to hold up on that invite for now...not ready yet. Paul

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**Paul Simon** - December 17, 2024 at 07:37 PM

PS

“ *What a great guy...always had a quick joke and brought a smile to your face. His laughter was infectious and he was always in great spirits...lifting everyone around him. RIP Howard...Tell St. Pete I'd like an invite!*

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**Paul Simon** - December 17, 2024 at 07:32 PM

LC

“ *Amiga our deepest condolences, I had the opportunity to meet and shsre with your dad he was an amaizing human being ill Always remember his smile !! He was kind and loving to me !! Extend our love to your sisters and Paty .. hugs amiga from PV we love you guys !!Andres and Lilly*



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**lilly casan** - December 17, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Oh dear! My deepest condolences to his family... Mr. Howard a great man and human being... more than 13 years knowing him... happy memories... Rest in Peace... Fondly Lupita from Peninsula Tower 3 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.*

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**Pipita Mo Ar** - December 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM



*That is true*

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**Catty Smith** - April 01, 2025 at 11:13 PM

AD

“ I am so very very sorry to hear of Howard’s passing. He was such a good friend of my husband Joe.....I’m pretty sure there was quite the reunion in heaven. Sending my deepest condolences 🙏

Amy Delmore - December 17, 2024 at 02:06 PM

AS

“ Howard will always be a dear friend and mentor. My wife and I will miss him dearly. We will reunite in Heaven and that brings me peace. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

Andy Nielsen, Sr. - December 17, 2024 at 12:58 PM

BB

“ I bought three cars from Howard he was a great person.I remember him well ,he will always be remembered by me.

Bruce Blake - December 17, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MO

So sorry that learn of Howard’s passing . He was a good guy who will be missed by many

Madelyn O’Brien - December 17, 2024 at 05:35 PM

SB

I was shocked to hear of Howard's death. There has been so much of my life that has been shared by Howard and Bev, starting with being their wedding attendant, then being with all the girls and my boys UP NORTH.....We all grew up together. Oh my, all the tricks we played on one another. All my sympathy, girls..... Please call me 7154784040....I love you

Sharon Brevik - December 17, 2024 at 09:09 PM

BP

*The news about Howard passing left me in shock. Yesterday was his birthday and that is when I learned to send his card to heaven. The class of 1952 is not good. We have all reached 90 and I know I like many to follow will be with Howard again. RIP my very dear friend. Deepest sympathy to Patty, Mary and the entire family.  
Barbara (Vade Boncoeur) Phillips*

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**Barbara Phillips** - December 18, 2024 at 08:55 AM

MB

*Our deepest sympathy to all! 🙏❤️❤️*

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**MaryPat and Bill Barney** - December 19, 2024 at 08:06 PM