



## Johnny "Lamar" Hayes

December 22, 1941 - June 5, 2026

Johnny "Lamar" Hayes, age 84, longtime resident of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026 at his residence.

Mr. Hayes, son of the late Johnny Reed Hayes and Minnie Beatrice Coleman Hayes, was born December 22, 1941 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a veteran and served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the military, he began a career in the trucking industry where he faithfully worked for over 25 years. Mr. Hayes was an avid golfer and began his interest in golf as a teenager where he worked as a caddie at Lookout Mountain Golf Club. He enjoyed traveling with his family throughout the United States and early in his life enjoyed shooting pool. While at home, many would find him watching classic western movies or keeping up with current news by reading the newspaper.

The family remembers him as a quick-witted and soft-spoken man, while yet protective of his family, he was one who would help anyone at any time – a man who truly loved his wife and family immensely.

Mr. Hayes is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marianne "Nana" Hayes; two daughters, Patricia "Patti" (Kelly) Smith and Dana Marcus; two sons, Ronny (Darcy) Hayes and Mike (Patty) Hayes; 10 grandchildren, Tyler, Jordan, Ashly, Chad, Amber, Justin, Hillary, Josh, Kristen, and McKenzie; 17 great-grandchildren; several nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

Private graveside services will be held at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West

Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Monday, June 8, 2026 from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or Hearth Hospice, 93 Crye Leike Drive, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel

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“ *He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Marianne, his children Ronnie, Patti, Mike, and Dana and his Grandchildren and greatgrand children. He was a blessing to me.*

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