



## William Kenneth Hays Sr.

November 16, 1935 - May 22, 2023

William Kenneth Hays, Sr., also known as “Ken”, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023, at the age of 87 in his hometown of Flintstone, Georgia. He was born on November 16, 1935 to the late Olin Lee Hays, Sr. and Gladys Gilbert Hays and was a lifelong resident of the North Georgia area. Ken was a graduate of Chattanooga Valley High School, Class of 1953 and after graduation, Ken attended business school in Atlanta where he met his wife, Dot. Ken was a member of McFarland United Methodist Church and had a successful career of 28 years with Kayo Oil Company/Conoco Oil. After early retirement, he and his wife Dot, started their own business, Hays Framing, Inc., which they ran together for more than 28 years. In his free time, he loved watching his grandchildren play ball, spending time with his family and friends, UTC Athletics, gardening and fishing. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend that will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Mary Francis Hays Walker and his brothers, Morgan C. Hays and Olin Lee Hays, Jr.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of more than 66 years, Dorothy Reagin Hays; children, William Kenneth Hays, Jr. & (Kitty), Gary Reagin Hays, Jeffrey Lee Hays & (Nancy); grandchildren, Tyson Patrick Hays & (Faerlie), William Edward Hays, Ashley Tannahill & (Daniel), Eric Matthew Hays & (Kelsie) and Braden Patrick Hays & (Catherine) and numerous extended family & friends.

Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 26, 2023 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Pastor Wayne Cook officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 ~ 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 27, 2023 in the Lookout Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to McFarland United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 156, Rossville, Georgia 30741, or to the UTC Mocs Club, 615 McCallie Avenue, Dept. 3503, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403. Arrangements entrusted to W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes Fort Oglethorpe Chapel, 555 W. Cloud Springs Road Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742. (706) 866-5555. Online condolences at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lookout Cemetery

Across from Lookout Baptist Church  
Chickamauga, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

**MAY 26.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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MAY 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Across from Lookout Baptist Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Kenneth Hays Sr..*



May 24, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Mike & Cathy Bazemore & John Sinuefield purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Kenneth Hays Sr..*



**Mike & Cathy Bazemore & John Sinuefield** - May 24, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *Your friends at Cherokee Mechanical, Inc purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Kenneth Hays Sr..*



**Your friends at Cherokee Mechanical, Inc** - May 24, 2023 at 09:43 AM



“ *Prayers for peace and comfort in all the loving memories you have with this wonderful man. Laura Coakley*

**Laura Coakley** - May 24, 2023 at 06:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Kenneth Hays Sr..



May 23, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Sweetest man ever, Loved my visits with Lamar and Kenneth was such a sweet man and even my little dog Leelee loved being with him! He will be greatly missed! Prayers and love to all his family! Susan Vowell

Susan Vowell - May 23, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Kenneth Hays Sr..

May 23, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of William Kenneth Hays Sr..



May 23, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you.

Sharon Youngblood - May 23, 2023 at 04:22 PM