



## Richard Hayes

June 14, 1955 - August 14, 2024

Richard Hayes, 69, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at Shepherd's Cove in Albertville, AL. A proud alumnus of Emma Samson High School, Richard was a prominent local businessman in Gadsden. Beginning his career at the age of 15 under the mentorship of Kenneth Ellis, Richard later seized the opportunity to acquire the business, which he transformed into what is now known as RH Motors—a place filled with countless cherished memories. In addition to his success with RH Motors, he was instrumental in the development of Sunset Golf and partnered with numerous individuals in local car dealerships and various other ventures. Richard was known for his relentless work ethic; he thrived on staying busy and finding new ways to engage in his work. His generosity extended beyond business, as he took great pleasure in making charitable contributions and sponsoring many Little League baseball teams. Throughout his life, Richard found profound satisfaction in helping others.

He was dearly loved and respected by many. Richard was preceded in death by his beloved aunt Mable Bradford, whom he regarded as a mother, as well as his parents, Gloria and Warren Hayes, and many other family members and friends.

Left to cherish his memory is his family: Alice Hayes, sons, Neal (Rosie) Collins, Tyler (Raylene) Bowen, and Brady Collins; his most favorite person, Kendall Bowen (granddaughter); Alicia (Alan) Kimbrough, Wayne (Jenna) King, Travis King, and many more cousins and extended family; close

personal friends, Alicia “Dynamite” Swindell, Jeff Badgett, Ricky “Jelly” Autwell, Carl Lewis, Jeff Wright, Truman Works, Luther Abel, Larry Howard, Scott Skipper, Mike Bullock, Joe Horton, Mateo “Chino” Alonzo, Bobby Fugatt, and many more that has passed on; also left behind is his favorite baby girl, his dog Launa.

Pallbearers will be Neal Collins, Tyler Bowen, Brady Collins, Eduardo Ramos, Mateo Alonzo, and Tony Graves.

A special thanks to Shepherd’s Cove in Albertville and to all the family and friends who came to show support and love to Richard and his family during this difficult time.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2024 and funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2024, at Village Chapel. Burial will follow at Union First Congregational Cemetery, Boaz. Pastor Greg Bledsoe will officiate. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Union FCM Cemetery

262 Double Bridges Rd  
Boaz, AL 35957

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home  
101 Vandell Blvd  
Gadsden, AL 35904  
(256) 547-5557  
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**AUG 22.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Allan & Alicia Kimbrough purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Hayes.*



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**Allan & Alicia Kimbrough** - August 20, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ *CHINO -EDUARDO - LILY purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Hayes.*



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**CHINO -EDUARDO - LILY** - August 19, 2024 at 10:37 AM

PH

“ *Richard will be missed by many I had the pleasure of sharing a few really good conversations with him I'm truly sorry for your loss Alice Hayes ( my sister) and to your boys Neal, Brady, Tyler love aunt Pam*

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**Pamela Hurlock** - August 17, 2024 at 04:37 PM

TS

“ *Richard Hayes was a great friend of the Sharp family. Knox Sr and Richard was great friends both are gone heaven is getting better every day, Tyler, Knox Jr, Jessica and I always done Richards hair up til I retired. He will be greatly missed. RIP my friend.*

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**Traci Sharp** - August 17, 2024 at 03:22 PM

GD

“ Richard and I had a lot of dealing through the years. I owned C&J Auto Parts and we did business together..He was a hard worker and always treated me fairly...RIP my brother and bless your family in their loss!

Gene Dean - August 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TB

“ Richard was a good friend he will be greatly missed so sorry for your loss

Tommy & Louise Barber - August 17, 2024 at 11:43 AM

JW

“ Jean Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard Hayes



Jean Wright - August 16, 2024 at 09:23 PM



Richard you were the Best❤️ Always there for Jeff and I and the kids  
❤️ RIP dear friend❤️always❤️ Jean Marie Wright

Jeff Wright - August 16, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ Jeff Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard Hayes



Jeff Wright - August 16, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ *Jeff Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard Hayes*



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**Jeff Wright** - August 16, 2024 at 08:46 PM

JE

“ *Richard will always be a brother in my eyes. Daddy ( KC) loved him like a son and I'm thankful that Richard gave him his final days at the junk yard. He really truly be missed and I'm thankful to be able to have had him apart of our lives.*

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**Jaye Ellis** - August 16, 2024 at 07:02 PM

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*Lots of love from Stanley Tooley you'll be missed Richard Love Stan the man*

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**stanley. Tooley** - April 01, 2025 at 11:04 AM