



Don Hayes

June 24, 1968 - April 11, 2018

Edgar Don Hayes passed away unexpectedly on April 11th, 2018 at 7:25am in his childhood home surrounded by his loved ones.

Don was born on June 24th 1968, in Provo, UT to Dan and LaDean Hayes.

Don lived in Provo, UT his whole childhood and considered Provo to be his home. He loved growing up in Provo.

Don attended Timpview High School where he made numerous friends. He loved playing sports and really excelled at them. His favorite sport to play in his childhood was basketball. Which made him a HUGE Jazz fan. As he got older he loved to play golf and would go play often with his dad. He said it made him very close with him.

Don was “brainwashed” at birth to be a BYU fan and loved to cheer them on. Don had family that lived in Colorado so at a young age he fell in love with the Denver Broncos. He never missed a chance to watch a BYU or Broncos game.

Don learned how to drive at the age of 12 and knew how to drive anything from a car to a truck or a bus. He spent most of his summers as a child in CO with his Grandpa and cousins on the farm raising pigs. Don loved to camp, hunt, and go fishing. He never missed a chance to go especially if it was with family.

Don was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and got his Eagle Scout at the age of 14.

Don met his soulmate Wendy in Provo at a gas station that she worked at, he liked to visit her often. Don told his friends “I’m going marry that girl” And he did just that! Don married the love of his life on June 24th 1989. He always said He married her on his birthday so he would never forget an anniversary. He also always made a joke that because he got married on his 21st birthday he would be 21 forever. Don and Wendy were later sealed in

the Manti Temple on June 21st, 1997. They sealed their love for eternity.

Don and Wendy had a beautiful daughter, Mailee Ann Hayes, on December 13th, 1990. Mailee was a miracle and such a blessing to her dad. Don was wrapped around Mailee's tiny finger since the day she was born. Don taught Mailee how to play basketball and enjoyed playing with her.

Don and Wendy felt the spirit to start the process to foster children. That's when Don met his next child Aleesha. Don and Aleesha became instantly close. Don then met his next child Skyler. Skyler is a special needs child and Don connected with Skyler instantly. Don and Wendy adopted Aleesha and Skyler in 2005.

Don then began to foster Sarah. Sarah had a special place in Don's heart and he wanted to make her a part of the Hayes family. She was adopted in 2014.

Don and Wendy continued to foster children and became very close with the kids that came into his home including Tessa Wyman, Terrance "TJ" Pereyda, James "Jimmy" Knight, Harold Rollins, and Kailaya Fraizer.

Don touched so many people's lives whether it was foster kids, friends, coworkers, or someone that he had just met. He always gave the best advice, always had a joke to tell and always knew how to make anyone smile. He was a kind man and will be greatly missed.

Don is survived by his wife, Wendy Ann Hayes; children, Mailee Ann Hayes, Aleesha Lynn Hayes, Skyler Don Hayes, and Sarah (Jason) Olsen; Foster children, Tessa Wyman, Terrance "TJ" Pereyda, James "Jimmy" Knight, Harold Rollins, and Kailaya Fraizer; Grandchildren, Tayson, Aiden, Blakelynn, Lane, Shelby, Zaiden, and Haizlyn; Parents, Dan and LaDean Hayes; siblings, Delbert Joe Hayes, David Hayes, Danna Hayes, Diane (Charlie) Hall, Debra (Kelly) Fonohema, Dennis Hayes, and Debby (Jon) Honeycutt-Shepherd; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by Edgar Bruce Hayes, Genevieve Johnson, Clifton B. Larsen, and Pearl Twitchell.

As Don always said "Remember who you are!" Families are forever, until we meet again with open arms! We love you!

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, April 18th, at 11:00 am, at the LDS Chapel located at, 1745 South State Street, Provo, Utah, where Viewings will be held Tuesday, April 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to services on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30

am.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary

Cemetery

Provo City Cemetery
610 South State Street
Provo, UT, 84606

Events

APR 17 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Provo LDS Chapel
1745 South State Street, Provo, UT, US, 84606

APR 18 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM
Provo LDS Chapel
1745 South State Street, Provo, UT, US, 84606

APR 18 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Provo LDS Chapel
1745 South State Street, Provo, UT, US, 84606

Comments



“ Dan and family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Don was very fun young man that will missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. -Bill & Candace Sorrells

Bill and Candace Sorrells - April 21, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ I always loved Don's smile and willingness to share a laugh! He could always make me or my kids feel loved and welcomed in his home. My prayers are with his family. He will be greatly missed!

Jeanie Gates Jarvis - April 17, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ Debi Rodeback lit a candle in memory of Don Hayes



Debi rodeback - April 17, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ i just recently got to know don as his home teacher. he was a great, loving man who always had a smile on his face. we always felt like he put us to shame with how caring he was. i'll miss seeing him at the gas station too.

Zeke Zenger - April 15, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ Worked with Don - Always happy and had a good word to say. Made the work quite a bit easier. Miss you Don- Prayers for your family. I know you will be missed.



Lisa Hone - April 14, 2018 at 10:51 PM



“ We loved are Broncos together he was always so happy to work with I can't believe he is gone

Shannon younger - April 15, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Don Hayes



Vicky-Chris Jenkins - April 14, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Don Hayes



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“ Don was a very funny guy had a great sense of humor and wasn't that bad of a dancer ;)

Vicky-Chris - April 14, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ Hi Don will miss our likes on fb. You are loved by many and will be missed. Love you cuz
Sanna Jo and David Colorado with all those summers with the piggies

Sanna Jo Weaver - April 13, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ Don wasn't only a father in law he was an amazing friend as well always made sure that his kids was happy and didn't mind be in a dodge or Ford was with me I gave him crap he gave me crap but at the end of the day he loved unconditionally every one he talked to I'm going to miss u dad that smile and those happy tears this ain't goodbye it's a see ya later love you dad

Tom Clark - April 13, 2018 at 04:37 PM



“ Vicki Frampton lit a candle in memory of Don Hayes



Vicki Frampton - April 13, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ I'm still in shock! I guess it's true that the good die young. Don was everyone's friend and was always so happy! I got to talk to him a couple of years ago and he seemed to be the same guy I've known forever. To the entire Hayes family, my heart hurts for you. I am here if any of you need anything. Love you all! Vicki Jackson

Vicki Frampton - April 13, 2018 at 03:01 PM