



Darlene "Sue" Hayes

October 28, 1939 - February 22, 2019

Darlene Sue (Gray) Hayes was born on October 28, 1939 in Bunker, Missouri to Charles and Ida Belle (Inman) Gray and passed away on February 22, 2019 in the Salem Memorial District Hospital of Salem, Missouri at the age of seventy-nine years.

Sue, as she was fondly known, grew up and attended school in Bunker, Missouri. On April 15, 1960, Sue was united in marriage to James Joseph Hayes in Bunker and to this union two children were born. Sue was a teacher and taught school in Bunker for 30 years. She enjoyed crafts, playing piano, going to church. She was a great cook and enjoyed making meals for her family and made the best brownies! Sue loved her family and especially her grandchildren. She was a member of Second Baptist Church of Salem.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Ida Belle Gray; son, Dennis Hayes; step grandson, Christopher Polk; two brothers, Lindell Gray and Edgar Gene Gray; and one sister, Pauline Gray.

Survivors include her husband Joe Hayes of the home in Salem, MO; daughter, Denise Polk and husband, Gary of Salem, MO; grandchildren, Derrick Hayes of West Plains, MO, Vanessa Williams and husband, Thomas of West Plains, MO, DeeAndra Thompson and husband, Jordan of Salem, MO, Zach Hayes of West Plains, MO, Whitney Polk of Springfield, MO, and

Hayden Polk of Salem, MO; five great grandchildren; extended family and friends.

Sue will be sadly and deeply missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

Funeral Service for Darlene "Sue" Hayes was held February 24, 2019 at the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Clay Harper officiating. Special Music played was: "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden". Serving as Pallbearers were Derrick Hayes, Zachery Hayes, Jordan Thompson, Hayden Polk, Thomas Williams and Greg Conway. Burial was in the Crossville Cemetery in Bunker, Missouri.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
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Salem, MO 65560
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Service

FEB **24.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ I wish to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of your wife and mother. I know you will miss her very much, and I'm sorry for your loss. Dena

Dena - February 25, 2019 at 04:29 PM

VH

“ Veronica Hambacker lit a candle in memory of Darlene "Sue" Hayes



Veronica Hambacker - February 23, 2019 at 10:39 PM

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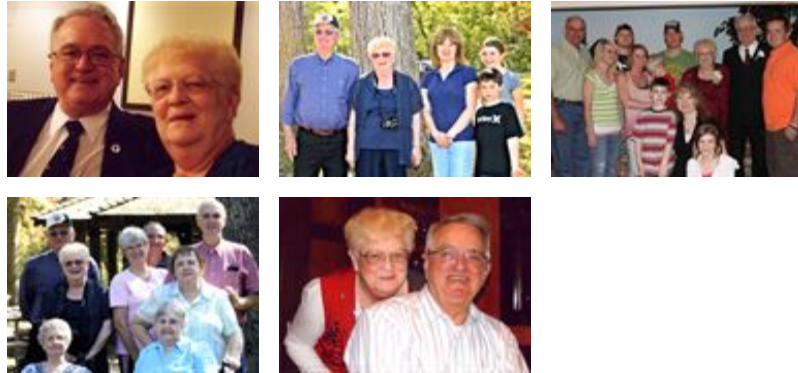
“ So sorry Joe and Denise. She was a wonderful teacher, wife, mother and person. I had some great teachers at Bunker Schools and she was one of my best. As a young teacher and coach, she quietly provided guidance and mentoring and helped me to develop an educational philosophy that served me well during my twenty year tenure as a superintendent of schools. I could always count on her and Joe's support during my coaching years at Bunker. I will always be indebted to her. I know that giving her up is a difficult thing but I'm sure she is in a better place and she and Dennis are having a wonderful reunion. I'm sorry that we can't attend the funeral but you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Roger Nash

Roger Nash - February 23, 2019 at 05:16 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - February 23, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Darlene "Sue" Hayes.



February 23, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ Joe,

Deepest sympathy to you and your family. I have 60 years of warm memories of Sue and You.

Pat & Norbert Shacklette

Norbert Shacklette - February 22, 2019 at 11:24 PM

JA

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sue was a sweet lady. Prayers for all of the family.

Jan - February 22, 2019 at 10:56 PM

JS

Jan Shaw

Jan Shaw - February 22, 2019 at 10:58 PM

VH

Dear Joe and sweet Denise, You have lost a true lasting treasure. Always gracious, never a cross word or angry thought are two of the ways I always think of Sue. She certainly was ever and always a lady. She was a very kind mentor to all the new teachers who joined her on the Bunker faculty. Ever a supportive parent when I was fortunate enough to have Denise in my classroom. I so enjoyed those days. Please know that you will all be in my heart and on my mind as you make your way through the long, painful days ahead and my thoughts will remain with you then for it is but one year ago that I too looked toward those dark, achingly empty days ahead without Vickie. Please know that Sue indeed touched countless lives and lifted so many young people up as she introduced them to new thoughts and ideas. Be assured that all who knew her loved her. May you remember all those good times and all the happy memories you made together; use those now for comfort.

Sincerest of thoughts and fondest of memories, Always a friend and neighbor.

Veronica Hambacker

(once know by Joe and his family as "Ronnie Jane Nash")

Veronica Hambacker - February 23, 2019 at 10:34 PM

SH

“ Denise, I'm so sorry for you and your family. I remember how very hard it is to lose your mother. I remember Darlene when we were in college, and she changed very little over the years. She was a wonderful person. You are in my prayers.

Shirley Hobson - February 22, 2019 at 09:36 PM



Thanks for the condolences.

karlen - February 24, 2019 at 02:23 AM