



Darrell C. Hayes

April 20, 1947 - October 13, 2022

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Darrell Clifton Hayes, 75, passed away on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Loving husband of Rozella; cherished father of Tamara Donohue (Brian); grandfather of Will, Eric and the late Jackson Donohue; brother of Yvonne Valverde (Dan) and Dale Hayes. He will be missed by many.

Darrell was the oldest of three children, born in Grand Junction, Colorado to Clifton and Lois Hayes. As a child he moved all over the world, finally settling in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There he met Rozella P. McCabe and they were married in December 1970. After graduating from the University of New Mexico with B.S. and M.A. degrees, he served for 22 years in the United States Air Force in a variety of personnel and public affairs positions, additionally receiving a second M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma. Following his career with the USAF, he opened his own public relations firm, served as the managing director of the Aerospace Education Foundation and was a full-time adjunct faculty member in the School of Communication at American University. He was accredited with the National Public Relations Society of America.

Darrell was an active member of First Baptist Church of Alexandria. He taught various Sunday School classes, sang in the church choir, served as a deacon, chair of the executive church council and church historian.

A gathering will be held at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. Alexandria, VA 22302 on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, from 10-11AM where

the funeral service will begin at 11AM. Inurnment following at Quantico National Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the FBCA Building Fund.

Previous Events

Burial

OCT **26**. 1:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Gathering

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

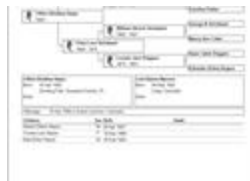


“ *Darrell C. Hayes*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Darrel's Family and Ancestors*



William Lovely - October 22, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *Darrell learned we had a mutual friend in common when I first starting teaching at AU. He warmly greeted me, told me the connection meant that I was his friend too, and periodically left materials in my mailbox to help me teach. He was kind in the most sincere sense. When I ran into him, it was like we had been friends for years. He had an incredible smile, always wanted to know how I was doing, and left me with a funny remark (that I sometimes didn't get until I was walking away). It was clear he was someone who knew what this thing called life is all about and focused on what was most important. Rest in peace, Darrell. My heart goes out to the family. Paula Weissman*

Paula - October 22, 2022 at 08:54 PM

PD

“ Similar to Scott's story, Darrell was instrumental in getting me started in teaching. He prevented me from feeling overwhelmed by the prospect by providing with loads of materials and resources that would get me started and most of all, by showing his faith in me! Darrell was one the warmest, kindest people I've known professionally. Rest in peace dear friend!



Priya Doshi - October 20, 2022 at 01:21 PM

ST

“ Darrell was so nice to me as an incoming new professor at AU. He shared advice and ads but just gently walking over to me and in a soft sincere voice say 'these may be of help to you'. They were of great help. So was Darrell to so many people including of course his students. God Bless and Speed Darrell. Scott Talan

Scott Talan - October 18, 2022 at 04:22 PM

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God Bless and God Speed. I miss you friend. -Scott

Scott Talan - October 18, 2022 at 04:23 PM

JF

“Darrell was such a delight to be around with his great sense of humor and sharp intellect. We weren't together as much as we would have liked with us on one side of the country and Darrell & Rozella on the other. But at all family gatherings, it was a lucky day to get to sit with Darrell and hear his stories and experiences. He will always be greatly admired and we are so sad for the loss suffered by our cousin, Rozella, and Tamara, Brian, and their family. Darrell truly left a loving and lasting impression on all of us.



Judy Froning-Cooper - October 18, 2022 at 09:59 AM

LT

“Lt Col Hayes worked in Air Force Public Affairs, SAF/PA, when I was there as well. He was the kindest and dearest fellow, not to mention smart! I am so very sorry for this tragedy. My heart goes out to his family.

Lou Timmons - October 17, 2022 at 11:43 PM

KD

“Darrell was my son, Brian's Father in Law. He was the finest father, father in Law; Grand father a man could be. He served his country in the finest tradition, he loved his wife Rozella and his beautiful daughter, Tamara and her husband, Brian. Most importantly he was the very best and caring grand Dad to Will and Eric. They are growing up to be wonderful Christian children in many ways because of him. I am a better person because of Darrell. I do not believe that anyone could have the Lord more than him. He is in a great place with his grandson, Jack. God Bless you Darrell and thank you.

Kenneth Donohue - October 16, 2022 at 08:23 PM