



Joseph Woody Hayes

July 20, 2020

Joseph “Woody” Hayes, born on December 18, 1957 in Louisville, KY, passed away in Sarasota, FL on July 20, 2020. After growing up with his 12 brothers and sisters in Louisville, Woody joined the US Navy to serve his country and see the world aboard the USS Constellation. He eventually moved to Tampa, FL, where he met Patrice - the woman he was destined to marry - and dozens of lifelong friends with the Tampa Bay Parrotheads. Woody and Patrice “fit” and married in Sarasota on July 24, 1999. Woody became a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. and a father to Patrice’s four children, Joel, GinaLynn, Jeffrey, and Gregory - who blessed him with six Granbabies, Emma Jean, Jonathan, John Henry (Hankstar), Nicholas (Nickstar), Charlotte, and Bennett - who he loved and adored with all his heart. Woody worked for the USPS as “The Best Mailman in Sarasota County” for over 20 years, was a founding member of the Sarasota Parrotheads, and joined the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas More.

Woody always shined with happiness, positivity, love, and support for everyone around him. His energy filled every room and lifted every spirit. Woody filled his days with laughs, love, friends, and family and lived every day to its fullest - enjoying every song and every story. An avid sports fan, Woody rooted for the UL Cardinals, TB Bucs, TB Lightning, and TB Rays and always set his calendar by the First Saturday in May to celebrate the Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs. Woody was predeceased by his mother and father,

Winnie and Cy, his brothers, Tony and David, and his sister, Connie. Woody is survived by his wife, Patrice, his brothers, Donnie, Pat, and Ricky, his sisters, Joan, Bonnie, Mary, Theresa, Betty, and Norma, and lots and lots of friends and family. Woody leaves behind nothing but fond memories of deep friendship, love, and admiration. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 24 from 4:00-7:00pm, as well as Saturday, July 25 from 8:30-9:00am, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home: 6903 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL 34231 A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 9:30am at St. Thomas More Catholic Church: 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota FL 34231 A private burial will take place on Tuesday, July 28 at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ I have searched for my friend since I got out of the Navy VAW-120 Im so sorry this Is the end of my search I will miss him greatly. He and I were joined at the hip in those days I always hoped I would have been able to see him again.Any pictures or stories he has passed on to you I would appreciate sending them to me. Once again I'm so sorry. Earl Ray Mercer 712 Hofmann st. Williamsburg,Ohio 45176 937-876-8357

Earl Mercer - September 07, 2020 at 06:13 PM

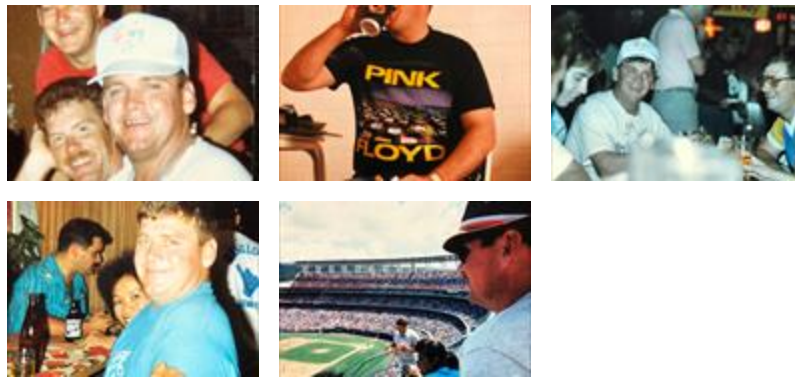
DB

Served with him in vaw120 in the mid 80s always had a smile on his face and joke to tell very fond memories prayers to his family

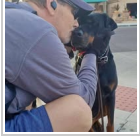
Douglas Boone - September 07, 2020 at 06:27 PM

DD

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David “Doc” Dunn - July 26, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *To Patrice and Family*

I also had the pleasure of serving with Woody in VAW113. I can honestly tell you, it was my pleasure to serve with him. You always knew if you were having a hard day? Go see Woody! He'll make you laugh, and he did.

There are people you meet in life who you remember now and then. That's not Woody! He actually made an IMPACT on people's lives. I know he did mine! There is nothing in the world I wouldn't do for him. I thank you for sharing him with us. We're better men for it!

*Kevin Spence
VAW113 Black Eagles*

Kevin Spence - July 25, 2020 at 02:46 PM

TD

“ *Offering condolences to Patrice and the families.*

Woody was a one of a kind shipmate and friend, possessing a vast perspective in many areas. I'll never forget what he said when I left the Blackeagles - "ahh man, get outta here". We're all going to miss you Joey, Sarasota's new mailman will have some big shoes to fill.

*Toney Duck
VAW 113*

Toney Duck - July 24, 2020 at 09:46 PM

KG

“ We will miss you Woody! You were a loving Uncle and Brother in law! Always with a bright smile, heartfelt laugh and love overflowing! You were such a great partner for my sister Patrice! Keep your watchful eye over us!! Give a big hug and kiss to my Dad who you are with now!
Love, Kathy, Sherman, Tristan and Lindsey

Kathy Guarneri - July 24, 2020 at 12:30 PM

KG

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Kathy Guarneri - July 24, 2020 at 12:23 PM

KW

“ *Patrice and the entire Hayes family,*

I had the pleasure to serve with Woody in the Avionics shop of the world famous Blackeagles. Please know that I and many others loved Woody and I would like to thank you for sharing him with me.

I will miss him terribly, but will always remember him fondly, such a warm, loving, kind, gentle and funny man. A bit of a rascal, with a great sense of humor, he always put you at ease no matter what the situation, ready with a laugh, but his eyes and his spirit ALWAYS smiled!

I will always cherish my time and memories of my dear shipmate.

*Kevin Wallace
VAW 113*

Kevin Wallace - July 24, 2020 at 12:18 PM

BC

“ *I had the honor to serve in the Navy with this Brother. He was indeed one of a kind. He'd come to our house many times to eat and drink and my kids loved him. And we had some fun overseas. He sure loved the Kentucky Derby. Well done Shipmate. Sad times but great memories. Billy Comstock.*

Billy Comstock - July 23, 2020 at 04:33 PM

BN

“ *Bob Almquist Big Cap to you Woody! I love you man thanks for all the good times we shared at the PO thanks for being a great friend along with being to Navy veterans together I'll never forget all the good times we had at the race tracks from the Sarasota kennel club To Tampa Bay Downs in Gulf Stream race track on the East Coast of Florida may your soul rest in peace! I'll see you when I get there!*

Bob Almquist Friend coworker U.S. Navy - July 22, 2020 at 05:01 PM

JT

“ *JD "Gonz" Gonzalez from Laredo, TX purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Woody Hayes.*



JD "Gonz" Gonzalez from Laredo, TX - July 22, 2020 at 01:45 PM

MM

“ *Patrice, my condolences. Woody made sure I didn't take myself too seriously. I am truly grateful I had the opportunity to have him in my life.*

Mark McConnell - July 22, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JF

“ *Patrice and family...we are so sorry to hear about Woody. He will be missed at all the Guarneri family gatherings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Jerry and Nancy Fezza

Jerry Fezza - July 22, 2020 at 10:58 AM

VJ

“ Sending my sympathy to Patrice and Woodys entire family. I had the pleasure of working with Woody at the PO and at a few happy hours. I will never forget his smile and how he never sweated the small stuff. RIP Woody

Vanessa Johnson - July 22, 2020 at 09:00 AM

GF

“ Rest In Peace, Woody. You were a true friend, a brother Mailman, Veteran and a super patriot. The memories of our times together, inside and outside of the Post Office, will not be forgotten.

Glenn Frazier

Glenn Frazier - July 22, 2020 at 08:09 AM

BB

“ RIP Woody ❤️ SO many great times together! I bet you, Cheryl, Jerry, SA, and others are having a Heavenly “Team Drink”🍺

Barefoot Bruce - July 22, 2020 at 07:45 AM

CM

“ My deepest condolences to Patrice and the entire family. Woody was one of a kind and the memories will be cherished! May he Rest In Peace and send us vibes on the winning horse for the Derby! Love to all.

Courtney Shuckra & Messy - July 21, 2020 at 06:16 PM