



Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.

November 30, 1954 - October 18, 2021

Dr. Robert Andrew Hayes, Jr. of Wynne passed away Monday, October 18, 2021.

Rob was born in Wynne, Arkansas, to Dr. Bob and Ann Hayes on November 30, 1954. He was a graduate of the 1973 class of Wynne High School. After high school, Rob attended the University of Mississippi and graduated in 1977 before attending the University of Arkansas Medical School. It was while in medical school that he met Retha Woodall of Little Rock, whom he married in 1981. From 1981 to 1984 Rob completed his residency in Family Practice at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Rob and Retha moved to Wynne in 1984 where Rob followed in his father's footsteps and went into family medicine. Dr. Hayes was in his 38th year of practice at Wynne Medical Clinic, touched countless lives, helped generations of patients and was loved by many. Rob was Board Certified in Family Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Rob and Retha have three children, Whitney, Drew, and Emry Hayes.

Rob was Assistant Editor of the Ole Miss yearbook, a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Order of Omega, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Theta, the First United Methodist Church of Wynne, served on the Wynne School Board for 10 years, was an avid woodworker, golfer, and banjo player.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Retha, and his children, Whitney Hayes Carter and husband Matt, Drew Hayes, Emry Hayes, sister Lee McKnight and husband Rodney, niece Morgan McKnight Wyatt and husband Chase, nephew Taylor McKnight and wife Hillary and bonus grandchildren Will and Aubrey Carter. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Bob Hayes and Ann Hayes Cooper, and his stepfather Jere Cooper.

The service will be performed by Reverend Matt Carter. Pallbearers are Rodney McKnight, Dan Fiscus, Danny Glenn, Dr. Willard Burks, Dr. Trent Beaton, Dr. Jake Cathey, Dr. Stan Bradshaw, Dr. Beth Bradshaw and Dr. Jeremiah Nugent.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Wynne.

A service celebrating the life of Dr. Robert Hayes will be held at 11 AM on Friday, October 22, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church in Wynne. Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at www.kernodlefh.com

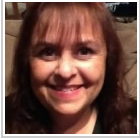
Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Wynne
800 Falls Blvd
Wynne, AR 72396

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy Ford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.*



Kathy Ford - December 27, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Lisa Campbell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.*



Lisa Campbell - November 11, 2021 at 06:54 AM



“ *Dr Hayes delivered my first child. He became my family doctor after that. Dr Hays took the time to listen to me and at times let me cry on his shoulder. He was a beautiful soul and his memory will forever live on in my heart.*

Lisa Campbell - November 11, 2021 at 06:50 AM

TS

“ I learned today of the loss of a very dear man.
My heart hurts. He was such a caring man. He took care of many in my family over the last 30 years. And I will always treasure him.
You will be missed
Dr. Robert A Hayes Jr. Thank you for being a part of my life, you were more than just my doctor, you were a dear friend. And I thank you for all you did for me and my family.

Tammy Spencer - November 02, 2021 at 08:36 PM

CL

“ Dr Hayes saved my life on nov 2nd 1996. When I talk about this I always give credit to my Lord and savior Jesus Christ for giving Rob the knowledge and using him to save me. He was my doctor 27 years until I moved away. He was a great doctor and he was my friend. I will forever be grateful for what he did for me and having him as my doctor and my friend. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and pray for comfort and peace for his family and all who love and miss him.
Charles Lynn

charles lynn - October 31, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..



October 25, 2021 at 09:56 PM

MK

“ Retha. It's Mary Ann Morrison Knox. I saw your husband's obit in the paper and wanted you to know how very sorry I am for your loss. I will continue to pray for strength and peace for you and your family.

Mary Ann Morrison Knox - October 24, 2021 at 12:28 PM

WO

“ Wanda Oswald lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Wanda Oswald - October 23, 2021 at 10:29 PM

ES

“ Erika Snow lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Erika Snow - October 22, 2021 at 11:51 PM

SH

“ Sheila Harris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Sheila Harris - October 22, 2021 at 10:59 PM

TW

“ Rob was my room-mate my freshman year at Ole Miss, and a close friend in the years after that at Ole Miss. We stayed in touch, but not as much as I would have wished. We had the usual crazy antics at Ole Miss as well as the challenges of both our academic and activities involving the Ole Miss Annual (Rob) and school newspaper (me) -- so we both had publishing in our student days in common as well as engaging in campus politics.

Without going into detail, I will say that during one of the breaks in the school year when Rob was back in Wynne he did give new meaning (or at least made a bold attempt) to the phrase "physician heal thyself." Fortunately, wiser heads prevailed when the time came to suture the wound.

In the past years that I have added "gentleman farmer" to my activities I've thought of Rob every time I've climbed on one of the tractors and made sure the ROP and seat belt were in place. That was the first thing he told me when I let him know I was taking care of pastures and the "back 40." I thought of him last Saturday as I buckled the seatbelt before mowing the horse paddocks. I'll remember him always.

Some friends leave a lasting impact regardless of how often we see them later in life. Rob Hayes was a huge influence in the shaping of my life while in college. I am grateful to have known him.

Tom Wicker - October 22, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ Rob & Retha were my neighbors in Fort Worth when Rob was doing his residency at John Peter Smith. It was a pleasure & privilege to know Rob & I will always adore Retha. My thoughts & prayers are with Rob, Retha, Whitney, Matt, Drew & Emry. With love, prayers & blessings, Cecile Montgomery

Cecile Montgomery - October 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ I have known Dr. Hayes and his family for over 50 years. I always enjoyed his sense of humor and talking to him about the events of the day. My heart goes out to Retha and the family.

Alvin Steinberg

Alvin Steinberg - October 22, 2021 at 05:06 PM

LM

“ Dr. Hayes was and is the best doctor I have ever had. He cares, had a wonderful bed side manner, and you didn't leave his office without a kind smile and a see ya later. The 1st time I saw him because a doctor didn't do his job well anyway I was on his table and he walked in and said your foot is broke and even went and pointed the exact place it was. From that point on he was my pcp. He will always be to me the special and best doctor to me and he will forever be missed. Condolences to the Hayes family I am so sorry for your loss

Lisa McCoy - October 22, 2021 at 02:20 PM

GH

“ Our sincere sympathies to the Hayes and McKnight families for their loss. I had not seen Rob in a number of years but have fond memories of our growing up together as kids (I'm his first cousin).



Greg Hayes - October 22, 2021 at 01:43 PM

JV

“ Jerry And Jan Voyles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Jerry and Jan Voyles - October 22, 2021 at 01:26 PM

GS

“ Dr. Rob Hayes was our family doctor during our time in Wynne. He was always professional, kind, and caring. I am sadden to hear of his passing. Praying for his precious family Retha, Whitney, Drew, and Emry.

Gwen Proctor Shankle

Gwen Proctor Shankle - October 22, 2021 at 12:24 PM

JC

“ Josh Chapman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Josh Chapman - October 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JC

“ Josh Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Josh Chapman - October 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JC

“ Dr Rob Hayes JR was a wonderful physician. I did not know very well. However in the summer of 1996 I ended up in the ER with stomach problems that were severe!!! He immediately got to work and arranged for me to go to Methodist Germantown in Memphis. Dr Hayes was an extremely thorough physician. He examined every small detail. Not only that; he actually took time to talk to you. I will forever remember him because of his kind and generous spirit. The world has lost a great soul! Much love and prayers to the Hayes family! I am extremely sorry for your loss!

Sincerely,
Josh Chapman

Josh Chapman - October 22, 2021 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ James And Mary Mathews lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



James and Mary Mathews - October 22, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DF

“ Dr. Hayes was a wonderful guy. I was glad to have him as a doctor. He made you feel better just by seeing him. He loved people and wanted to help anyone no matter who it was. he always told me I needed to leave the bull dogs and convert to ole miss. I know he is at peace with his Lord and Savior today and one day we shall meet again. He will be missed by so many. May God Bless and comfort his Family may you know God's peace today and always.

with much love
Ray Files

Donnie Ray Files - October 22, 2021 at 09:54 AM

RL

“ *Im so sorry I can't attend the memorial today for I surely loved this man. I can never repay is kindness and encouragement to my daughter when she was dying of cancer... the taking care of me if it just meant me coming in and talking.. this was a very good mam, friend, and dr.. and he's surely going to be missed.. im praying for all of you*

Rhonda Lamb - October 22, 2021 at 08:49 AM

SG

“ *Prayers to His family. This was my daddy favorite doctor & person to talk too. He will surely be missed.*

Shirley glover - October 21, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..*



October 21, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..*



October 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Proctor lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Jennifer Proctor - October 21, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LR

“ I remember working with Dr. Hays at cross county hospital. I was a new nurse so some of the other staff told me to watch out for him. He was suppose to be the kind of doctor that would chew you out, and spit you out for dinner. He was the exact opposite. I rounded with on almost a daily basis. He was so caring to his patients and focused on what was best for them. Never did I hear him complain or even get angry. He was patient and considerate to his patients and staff. In my opinion he was one of the best doctors that I ever worked with. He will be missed.

Linda Vanaman RN - October 21, 2021 at 05:48 PM

RG

Dr. Hayes has been my Dr for over 25 years. He has saved me more times than I can count.. I will miss our conversations and him saying, "you got this" when things got tough.. Rest easy Dr Hayes

Ronda Gray - October 21, 2021 at 06:58 PM

RU

“ Went to Wynne High School with Rob. He was a really great guy, sad to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences are with the family.

Risa Buckalew Utley - October 21, 2021 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ Jeff And Donna Sisk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Jeff and Donna Sisk - October 21, 2021 at 05:07 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Eric and Stephanie Lyons

Lyons Stephanie - October 21, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..



October 21, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..



October 21, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..*



October 21, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *Hayes family we are so sorry to hear this news about Dr Hayes. Glad to have had the pleasure of knowing him. You all are in our thought and prayers.*

Danny and Debbie Fuzzell

Debbie Fuzzell - October 21, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Dr Hayes not only was he my Dr. we were great friends , we always were ragging each other . He always talked about the kids i know for a fact he was very proud of all three. and loved his wife beyond and above everything , They all seemed part of my family . I will never forget my buddy heaven will never be the same now that he is there.*

russell courtney - October 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

LS

“ Dr. Hayes was not only my doctor, he was a very good teacher in the obstetric area of medicine. He delivered our children and had pictures of their graduation in his work area. He wanted my supper one night when I was working with him at the hospital. I told him to get Retha to cook for him. He said, "She doesn't know how to cook like that." He had a sense of humor too. He took time with me to teach me many aspects of the medical field over the years that I knew him. So sorry for the loss of Dr. Hayes and praying for the family.

Lisa Stutts, RN

Lisa Stutts - October 21, 2021 at 01:32 PM

KS

Dr Rob Hayes was a wonderful man friend and Doctor we always talked about my flowers I enjoyed my office visits and when he was out walking he would stop by to see what I was up to and he would talk to John about the elcamino he will be truly missed by everyone that knew him. Fly high my friend

Kathryn stewart - October 21, 2021 at 03:19 PM

ML

Love my friend and doctor I will really miss him

Mary lee - October 22, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ To the family of Dr. Robert Hayes
Dr. Hayes and his staff took care of my entire family while I lived in Arkansas. I will always be forever in his debt for giving sound medical advice during good and bad times, and will miss the lengthy conversations we had during visits to the office. I live in Indiana now, but will always remember Dr. Hayes as a person on honesty
Willis Frazier
812.229.6765



Willis Frazier - October 21, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ To the family of Dr. Robert Hayes Jr
Dr. Hayes took care of my entire family while I lived in Arkansas and his staff was very helpful and instrumental in providing the court with accurate information when it came time for me to get custody of my children. Even though I live in Indiana now , I will always miss the conversations that we had together when I had to take family members to see him. He will be missed
Willis Frazier
812.229.6765



Willis Frazier - October 21, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ Patricia A Crews lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



patricia a crews - October 21, 2021 at 12:39 PM

LD

“ *Dr. Rob loved surprising tricker treaters for years! My favorite memory at Halloween was his Beetle Juice costume!*

Lu Dugan - October 21, 2021 at 09:28 AM

DB

“ *dan B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr..*



dan B. - October 21, 2021 at 08:43 AM

DB

“ *Dan Brawner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.*



dan brawner - October 21, 2021 at 08:35 AM

SH

“ *Lee, I am so sorry to hear about Rob- I pray that God covers you in His protective presence with His angels to send comfort and peace to you and all the family. I do know how hard this is and still find myself picking up the phone to call my brother> Love and God Bless You!!*



Sandra Hall - October 21, 2021 at 08:16 AM

JV

“ Jerry And Jan Voyles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.



Jerry and Jan Voyles - October 20, 2021 at 11:07 PM

BS

“ I will never forget when “doc” took care of my pet duck. I think he loved daffodil as much as I did



Billy and Kim Stevenson - October 20, 2021 at 09:38 PM

RH

“ I can't remember the year but Rob was working at the HWY Department, on the bridge crew, and I was working on the same crew, we both chewed tobacco. And at that time we worked, it was hot at any and every place we worked on the bridges , but there was this one occasion that Rob, myself and one other employee that I can't remember, but we were placing big end guard post of all four corners, we were to the last post and with a four foot cheater pipe on the end of the wrench , and my weight the bolt broke and I mashed my thumb, so Rob , which we called him doc. told me after looking at my thumb said it couldn't be sewed up, that I just would need something for pain, I mean I could roll everything back and see the bone and no it wasn't broken, I told doc that it wasn't hurting, he said give it time and he was correct in about an hour of continuous working, the feeling started in and I told doc that we was leaving and going to the ER, he said there's nothing they could do other than clean wrap it and give me something for pain, well to shorten things he was correct, so when finished school and started doctoring at Wynne Medical , he being a friend also became my doctor and I had all confidence in, he and I were close or I felt we were he's a friend that I'll never forget, so now all I can offer to his family is prays for comfort and peace.
He was loved, he was a friend to many, he will be remember.

Rodney Hicks - October 20, 2021 at 09:19 PM

BS

“ “Doc”was a gifted and caring doctor plus a good friend. He was always willing to listen and help in any way possible. He will be dearly missed and there has been a hole left in our hearts due to his absence.

Billy and Kim Stevenson - October 20, 2021 at 09:12 PM

AM

“ *Anita Miller lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.*



Anita Miller - October 20, 2021 at 08:24 PM

TH

“ *Tom Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert "Rob" Andrew Hayes Jr.*



Tom Holbrook - October 20, 2021 at 07:45 PM