



John Francis Hayes

November 3, 1973 - September 22, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home

John Francis Hayes, 49, of Oxford passed away on Friday, September 22, 2023, at his home with his mother by his side.

The family will celebrate his life with an Inurnment Mass at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church beginning at 6:45 AM on Friday, November 03, 2023.

The quote that best described John's life would be words that are chanted at Special Olympics Events, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." And this astounding man was every sense of the word brave. John was diagnosed with terminal cancer and was given a mere six months to live, this tenacious man surpassed the six month mark and passed away after more than a yearlong battle. Although John has departed from our lives, his treasured memory will hold a special place in the hearts of his loved ones.

He leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in his absence; his mother, Janice Smith Hayes of Oxford; one sister, Mary (James Lawrence) of Oxford; one nephew, Francis Hayes-Lawrence of Oxford; special cousins: Seán and Jennifer Heery of Jacksonville Beach , Florida.

John was preceded in death by his father, John Joseph Hayes.

The staff at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to serve the Hayes as they begin to walk through this new season of life.

Previous Events

Inurnment

NOV 3. 6:45 AM (CT)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
403 University Ave
Oxford, MS 38655

Tribute Wall

PB

“ John Francis Hayes was well known by his mother Jan as “My Johnny”. He was loved and cherished by his mom. She always said ,”Johnny is my right hand man always helping me at home with all of the chores”.

The fondness memory Jan shared with me was Johnny’s love of church. When he attended mass all of the priests at Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church in Cedar Knolls , New Jersey were Johnny’s special friends. He loved going to mass there.

Johnny will be truly missed by his family especially by his devoted mother Jan. May he be at peace in Heaven with God’s loving kindness.

God Bless him,
Jan’s best friend
Peggy

Peggy Bohan - September 25, 2023 at 06:50 PM

MH

Peggy thanks so much for your kind words! I hope you are well.

Mary Hayes - October 06, 2023 at 03:16 PM

CC

So sorry for your loss Jan. I know when I tell my daughter Lisa, she will be devastated. Christine, that lived next door to you, told me today. I was shocked.

Jan, John is with his Dad now in heaven looking down at you as their angels. We still have to cross that path also one day and be reunited with our loved ones. May God Bless him and think of all the happy memories you had together. We will never forget when John had to lift our shed after the wind blew it over. He was so kind and helpful. We will have to call you soon. God Bless and Jesus has a special place for our special children. Please take care.

Love, Carolyn and Ted Carter and daughter Lisa

Carolyn and Ted Carter - October 07, 2023 at 08:04 PM