



Holiday Henry Hayley Jr.

August 4, 1936 - September 16, 2021

Holiday Henry Hayley, Jr., 85, of Tyler, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2021 in Tyler, Texas and is now at home with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Services will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 2:30 PM at the Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with Rev. Scott Gorbett and Rev. Larry Wickham officiating. There will be a graveside service immediately following at Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Holiday was born August 4, 1936 in Tyler, Texas, to Holiday Henry Hayley Sr. and Mamie Ray Preston Hayley who preceded him in death. Holiday was a family man and loved to convince unsuspecting strangers his actual legal name was "Holiday Henry Hyde Hudson Hayley," a mouthful of family favorites.

A son of Tyler through and through, Holiday attended Gary Elementary and Hogg Junior High, before graduating Tyler High School in 1955. With a physical frame that was strong and low to the ground, Holiday was a valued member of the football team from grade school through graduation. Holiday briefly attended Tyler Junior College, before leaving to join the U.S. Army in 1959. His regular service to the country ended in 1961 with his Honorable Discharge. After his discharge from the Army, Holiday went to work for the Cotton Belt Railroad in 1961 where he worked for forty years until he retired in 2001.

Through the years, Holiday made an impact as an active member at three churches: First Baptist Church, Tyler; Midway Baptist Church and his final church home, Noonday Baptist Church. Holiday was also a regular donor to Gideons International.

Holiday was a devoted husband to his wife of 39 years, Sandra (Sandy) Smith Hayley. Holiday left behind his daughter and her husband Tammy and Jim Blair III of Tyler, son and wife Charley and Donna Blackmon of Tyler, and adopted son and wife Kelly and Shannah Hayley of Plano. He was a beloved Papa Holiday to his eight grandchildren Donna, Joseph, Clara, Sarah, Josh, James (Beau), Savannah, and Sarah, and eight great-grandchildren. Uncle Day was a favorite of his nephew Leslie Berryman and niece Marinda (Mindy) Watson, and was the much-loved baby brother of his sister, Mary Love Berryman.

Memorial gifts can be made to the benevolence fund at Noonday Baptist Church, 16701 CR 196, Tyler, TX 75073. We encourage those who knew Holiday to honor his love for others by setting aside time for a piece of apple pie and conversation with a good friend.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Tyler, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

SEP **24.** 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 24, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 23, 2021 at 02:51 PM

BP

“ Holiday and I have been friends since the first grade. I remember him hollering when Mr. Mathis paddled him at Gary for getting into scuffles with the other boys. He wasn't a mean kid but had a knack for stirring things up when he was a kid. I have nothing but special memories about our early years. We have kept in contact all these years ,and in spite of a several year span of no communication, when we did meet , it was as if we had not missed a day of fellowship. He was a great friend and look forward to seeing him again someday.

Bobby Phillips

BOBBY PHILLIPS - September 23, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr..



September 23, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr..



September 23, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ 128 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 23, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Holiday Henry Hayley Jr.*



September 23, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Holiday Henry Hayley Jr.*



September 23, 2021 at 08:14 AM

AH

“ Alan & Melonie Honeycutt purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr..



Alan & Melonie Honeycutt - September 22, 2021 at 05:34 PM

CB

“ Always so cheerful! Like his Dad who used to dress up like a clown & my children remembered that. Know he will be missed & praying for Sandy. COVID has been rough on lots of folks. We will continue remembering him & Mary Love. Carolyn & David Bain

Carolyn Bain - September 22, 2021 at 04:56 PM

TW

“ Holiday was a fine Christian man. We made several mission trips to Mexico with First Baptist Church. He was fun to be with, loved people and was hard working. I was amazed at his physical strength. In Mexico we camped in remote areas but I never became lost, simply listen for Holidays' voice and laughter, then follow it back to camp. I hold many fond memories of him. I pray God's comfort and strength for the Hayley family at this time of sorrow and loss. God grant eternal rest and peace to Holiday Hayley.

Tony Wilson - September 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM

TF

“ *Tim, Julie and the Mayo Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr..*



Tim, Julie and the Mayo Family - September 21, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr..*



September 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ *The Rybicki family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Holiday Henry Hayley Jr..*



The Rybicki family - September 20, 2021 at 09:01 PM

LC

“ *Holiday was a wonderful friend and will be greatly missed.*
Lanell Connell

Lanell Connell - September 20, 2021 at 07:23 PM

JS

“ *What a wonderful man! The world will miss his love! Thank you Lord for blessing our lives with Holiday Hayley! Love Jim & Cheryl Shamburger*

Jim Shamburger - September 18, 2021 at 07:36 AM