



John Luther Hays Jr.

January 18, 1931 - January 4, 2018

Services for John L. Hays Jr., 86, of Whitehouse, will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gary McDonald officiating.

Mr. Hays passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Tyler. He was born on January 18, 1931 in Bullard to John L. Hays Sr. and Jewell Dark Hays.

John attended Bullard schools, Tyler Junior College and electronics school at Tyler Commercial College. In 1953, he married Frances Hall of Whitehouse and they were selected as East Texas Bride and Groom of the Month and married at the Blackstone Hotel in Tyler. John retired after 39 years of service with Tyler Pipe and returned to work for Lilly Machinery for another 20 years. He was also a charter member (1957) with the Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department and served as Captain. He was a deacon and member of First Baptist Church in Whitehouse and a member of Henry Marsh Bell Masonic Lodge, also in Whitehouse. John and Frances were Mr. and Mrs. Yesteryear in Whitehouse in 1996. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, gardening and woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Walter Hays; and sisters, Jean Bristol and Laura Brown.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Frances; son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Kristina; and three grandsons, Nicholas, Jeremy and Vincent.

Honorary pallbearers will be the former members of the Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department.

Visitation is scheduled from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, in Tyler.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Luther Hays Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 06, 2018 at 09:09 AM

MB

Wonderful tribute! He was such a sweet, caring, thoughtful, and funny person. Our whole family thought the world of him. Of both of you. He will be greatly missed. Are thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mary Ann & Terry Bunker

Mary Ann Bunker - January 07, 2018 at 03:45 PM

LM

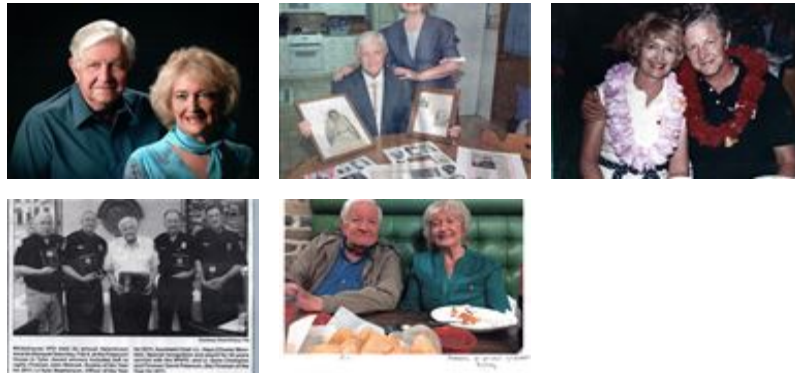
“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of John Luther Hays Jr.



Loretta martinez - April 21, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 06, 2018 at 08:02 AM

JB

“ *JL was a good man, always friendly, smiling and steady. Need more like him. R.I.P. JL*

Love John Bell

John Bell - January 05, 2018 at 04:23 PM

JM

“ *It hurts to find out our friends have completed their earthly journey, but we weren't ready for this. JL was the ringleader of fun in the church choir! Always pulling hilarious pranks. But our fondest memory is of him singing "I'm Redeemed" with Marshall, Herb, and Carl. Such a beautiful blend of voices! Now he'll be singing with Gene, Bryant, and Bob. Frances and family, we love you and pray for you.*

Jack and Karen Moore - January 05, 2018 at 04:12 PM



The only people I've known longer than J.L. are family. I grew up with Tony, practiced in my first band at his home and remember him fondly. If you were looking for a good, decent, honest man, J.L. Hays was him. The world is a lesser place and I send all my love and sympathy to Tippy and Tony in this trying time. His example made better people of the folks around him; I know because I am one of them.

Jud Morrison - January 05, 2018 at 04:31 PM