



Johnny Wayne Hayes

October 3, 1945 - March 30, 2025

Born on October 3, 1945, in Kermit, TX, to Ruel Brooks (RB) and Mattie Belle Hayes. Johnny passed away on March 30, 2025, at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, TX, after a brief illness. He was a resident of Dawson, TX. Johnny graduated from Corsicana High School in 1965 and served in the Naval Reserves, beginning active duty after graduation. Over the course of his 23-year naval career, he was stationed in California, Key West, FL, Groton, CT, Norfolk, VA, Dubuque, Iowa, and Charleston, SC. He served as a radioman for most of his career on submarines, including the USS Tirante (SS 420), USS Ray, and USS Picante. Johnny retired on July 31, 1988, as a Senior Chief.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ruel Brooks Hayes; his mother, Mattie Belle Hayes; and his sister, Betty Arnett. He is also preceded by his half-sisters Theresa Meyers, Billie June Jones, Peggy Whitney, and his half-brother Ruel Brooks (RB) Hayes.

Johnny is survived by his wife of 59 years, Anda Hayes; his daughter, Valerie Ann Henson of Tehuacana, TX; and two sons: Raymond Brian Hayes and his wife, Teresa, of Ft. Lupton, CO, and Chris Thomas Hayes and his wife, Mireya, of Dawson, TX.

His grandchildren include Jenna Harris and husband Giles Harris of Kentucky,

R.J. Hayes of Colorado, Dalton Andrew Hayes and his wife, Delaney, of Grand Prairie, TX, Leighann Burleson of Tehuacana, TX, Chris Thomas Hayes Jr. of Corsicana, TX, and Lauren Nichole Hayes of Austin, TX, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Johnny was a Baptist and a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pursley, TX. He was a Master Mason of The Grand Lodge of Texas in Dawson Texas. He enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, fishing, gardening, reading, advocating for birds, and spending time with his dogs – Sunny, Zoey, and Dixie.

He requested to be cremated with no formal service.

The family will hold a private celebration of life at a later date.