



James Estel Hayes

June 15, 1941 - December 8, 2018

James (Jim) Estel Hayes, of Charlotte, passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the age of 77 in Concord, NC. Jim was born on June 15, 1941 in Asheville, NC and is preceded in death by his father and mother, Horace and Rose Lee Hayes. He is survived by his brother Richard, sons: James, Rick, and Shawn; daughters: Jennifer, Jessica, and Leelyn, fourteen grand/great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, his New Mexico family, a sprinkle of wives, several daughter in laws, many girlfriends, and hundreds of pumpkin heads and yard birds.

Jim joined the US Air Force at age 17 and was stationed at Walker AFB in Roswell, New Mexico. He was a Fire Protection Specialist and later served on a Special Brigade for the Los Alamos Fire Department. Jim also served as a Police Officer and retired after 28 years of service with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and Mecklenburg County Sherriff's Office. Outside of his career, Jim was an athlete, coach, umpire, but his favorite free time activity involved being with his family and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Groce Funeral Home located at 1401 Patton Avenue in Asheville, NC on December 15, 2018 at 3:30 pm. The Reverend Enoch Ball will officiate the service and visitation will follow immediately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home in Charlotte and Groce

Funeral Home in Asheville are assisting the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 15. 3:30 PM (ET)

Groce Funeral Home
1401 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NC 28806

Tribute Wall



“ *James Estel Hayes*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *James Estel Hayes*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Saddened to hear this news, Jim was a "one of a kind" guy. Loved life, loved being a Charlotte Police Officer, wearing that 1 glove. I policed Charlotte with Jim and had a good time working with him. In addition I have many great memories of playing F.O.P. Lodge 9 softball with and for (Coach) Jim Hayes. Seeing these pictures sparks those memories. Thanks for all the good times Jim. As life does sometimes when situations change, friends can become distant, I will and do miss him. Thanks buddy.*

"Go rest high on that mountain" my friend.

Brian L. Stickley Indian Trail, N.C.

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