



## D.D. Hayes

November 4, 1947 - March 21, 2020

D.D. Hayes, 72, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2020. He was born on November 4, 1947 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Melvin J. Hayes and Audrey Essary Hayes. D.D. attended Pershing, West Junior High, and Central High School. He participated in many sports but excelled in football. He was named All Conference Guard 1965-66. He graduated from Northeastern State University in 1969 and from the University of Tulsa Law School in 1974. In 1980, D.D. argued before the Supreme Court of the United States and won. The decision was nine to zero. He also served in the Army Reserves 1970-1975.

D.D. became a Christian at age seven. He was a long-time faithful member of First Baptist Church. He led the men's Bible study on Tuesday night at his office. These men covered the whole Bible more than once.

Work characterized D.D.'s life. He tirelessly worked for his clients. He worked from age 13 until he couldn't work anymore. He worked at Chet's as a young man to put himself through school. He taught History and English at West Junior High, he worked as a Police legal advisor and as the City Attorney for Muskogee. He was also a partner with Bonds, Matthews, Bonds and Hayes in private practice. He established Hayes Law Office in 2001. His son Andy Hayes joined the firm in 2008. He was one of the first attorneys to use every form of technology to help him in his work. He worked while fighting cancer, and even worked on vacations (which were few).

He celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with Marcy Ann (Lange) Hayes

on March 7th, 2020. He passed on his mother's birthday.

D.D. is preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Hayes; father, Melvin Hayes; sisters, Roberta McCullum and Brenda Leggett.

He is survived by his wife, Marcy Hayes; brother Melvin Hayes and wife Diane; brother-in-law, Dr. John Lange; sister-in-law, Nancy Scoggin and husband Dr. Steve Scoggin; son, Andy Hayes, wife Katie, and their daughter Annie Hayes; daughter, Jennifer Kent and her four children, Andrew Ericson, Olivia Ericson, Eloise Ericson, and Hayes Ericson; numerous nieces, nephews, and other family.

Visitation for D.D. will be 9:00am-5:30pm Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home and 9:00am-8:00pm Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

The family has chosen to celebrate D.D.'s life with a private family service with Gary Sizemore, Weldon Stout, Dr. Jewell Daniels, David Helms, Paul Glover, Mike Leonard, Steve Scherer, Drew Wilcoxon, and Bob Locke serving as Honorary Pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist renovation fund. Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York St, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **25**. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

# Tribute Wall



“ *D.D. Hayes*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I just read about DD's passing, and I was shocked and saddened by this news.. I am so very sorry...DD was my friend and I so appreciated how kind he was to my mother, Johanna Wells..please accept my condolences...Shirley Wells CASSADA MD*

**shirley wells cassada** - May 20, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ *D. D. is remembered as a great neighbor coming from humble beginnings. Although much my senior, D. D. was an inspiration to all in the neighborhood growing up. He proved to us no matter how humble your beginnings are, hard work and caring will carry you far in this world. A great man that will be greatly missed. Nancy E Graham (Childhood Neighbor).*

**Nancy Graham** - April 03, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to DD's family. We were at Central High School. I remember how bright, congenial and kind he was. As an attorney he was highly respected by everyone in the profession and community he served. As a man of faith, he was exemplary inspiring colleagues and friends to model our lives by the Beatitudes. Bob Brown (CHS, '66)*

**Robert Brown** - March 28, 2020 at 05:19 PM

LK

“ was my 9th grade civic teacher and attorney truly will miss him and our indifference conversations

lynnestine kelley - March 28, 2020 at 07:09 AM

LK

“ Lynnestine Kelley lit a candle in memory of D.D. Hayes



lynnestine kelley - March 28, 2020 at 07:04 AM

JB

“ D. D. was my mentor, my boss for 15 years, my adversary at times, my advisor at other times, and always my friend. When he was my boss, if I complained that something was difficult, I remember him saying: "If it were easy I'd give it to a girl scout to do!" Another D. D. ism I remember is: "It's been the law since Hitler was a corporal" I will never forget him or the lessons he taught me. I was truly blessed to have him in my life, and I will miss him greatly. He was blessed to have Marcy - you were his angel and helped get him to heaven. He adored you. He was blessed to have Jenny and Andy, too. He loved you both more than anything, and was so proud of you. We were all blessed to have known a man so rare. I pray that God will give you all comfort and peace, courage and strength. ---  
Juliet Brennan

Juliet Brennan - March 26, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of D.D. Hayes.



March 25, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ D. D. was a pillar of stability, integrity and compassion. His love for his family was apparent for all to see. He set the bar high. I will miss working with him.

Flood Sherril - March 25, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ Mr. Hayes was my 9th grade Civics teacher, at Sadler. He took our class to see Richard Nixon, at the Tulsa Airport. We made a banner, even.  
He talked alot about law school, and if he didn't have your attention in class, he'd zing an eraser at you. I threw it back, once. Yeah...  
Not a good thing. RIP.

Cindy Burnett Smith - March 25, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Sonya Freeman Gibson lit a candle in memory of D.D. Hayes



Sonya Freeman Gibson - March 25, 2020 at 11:57 AM

DD

“ We are profoundly saddened to hear of the passing of DD and we are saddened that we can not attend his service. Jennifer (Hamby) Davis was a cousin and we will miss him greatly. We are praying for God's peace to be on the entire family during this difficult time.

*David and Jennifer Davis*

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**David and Jennifer Davis** - March 25, 2020 at 10:28 AM



Marsha  
Jonjock

*Marcy I want to send my condolences on DD's passing. He is certainly in a better place than we are. I will pray for comfort and peace.*

*Marsha (Smith) Jonjock*

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**Marsha Jonjock** - March 25, 2020 at 02:58 PM

LP

“ I am sorry to see where D.D. Passed away. I attended junior high and high school with him and considered him a true friend during our school years. It's sad to see where another classmate passed away. He was blessed to have such a wonderful family.

*May God Help Ease your Grief.*

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**Linda K. ( Lawson) Prater** - March 24, 2020 at 11:34 PM

LP

“ Linda K. ( Lawson) Prater lit a candle in memory of D.D. Hayes



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**Linda K. ( Lawson) Prater** - March 24, 2020 at 11:21 PM

GW

“ *Gail Harnage Ward lit a candle in memory of  
D.D. Hayes*



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**Gail Harnage Ward** - March 24, 2020 at 03:18 PM