



## Donald Mayes

June 5, 1935 - September 23, 2012

Donald E. Mayes, 77 of Springdale died Sunday, September 23, 2012 at Regency Hospital in Springdale. He was born June 5, 1935 in Goshen to Kendall and Emma Bessie Kelly Mayes.

Donald was a brick mason and he also worked for Hyland Dairy for many years. He was a member of Cross Church of Springdale where he was active in the bus ministry. Donald served in the United States Navy. He was a member of the Tired Iron of the Ozarks Branch 37 and Blacksmiths of Arkansas. Donald was an icon to everyone and a great friend to all. He had great devotion and passion for hunting diamonds at Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro.

Survivors include his wife of forty nine years Mollie McKinney Mayes of the home; three daughters, DeAnne McGaugh and husband Alex of Ocean Springs, MS, Dawn Barnes and husband Michael of Springdale and Delores Breeding and husband Brant of Springdale; three brothers, Carl Mayes of Morrow, Bobby Preston Mayes of Paradise, Montana and Larry Mayes of Fayetteville; one sister, Peggy Wilson of Fayetteville; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 12pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale with Rev. Charlie Foster and Joe Dorman officiating. Burial will be at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville with Military Honors.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 9 am to service time at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Cross Church, Impact Ministry, 1709 Johnson Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762 or Crater of Diamonds State Park, 209 State Park Road, Murfreesboro, AR 71958.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Mayes*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Delores, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, so very sorry for your loss. Your father sounded like a truly special man.*

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**KEVIN, BOBBIE, KYLIE HAGGARD** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *Praying for your family during this time.*

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**Suzie Wright** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *Molly,*

*I was fortunate enough to meet you and Don several times at the CoD state park (since 2006). My family and I talk of you frequently and want you to know how sad we were to hear of Don's passing. Please know we are thinking of you during this difficult time and will always carry fond memories of you and Don.*

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**Rod Stewart** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

SK

“ *Molly and Family:*

*I was so sad to hear of Don's passing. Time spent with him will always be some of my most favorite memories of working at the Crater. I will always treasure the times we spent together, him teasing me and me just wanting to hear more of his stories.*

*Whether they were stories of diamond hunting adventures, the latest wildlife he was able to catch on film or the latest state park that you had visited. He was a great storyteller and a wonderful friend.*

*My love to you and the family, Sarah Keating*

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**Sarah Keating** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

CG

“ *I enjoyed getting to know Don and Mollie at the Diamond Mine. Don always had time to lend a novice diamond miner and share his experience and expertise with them. When I found my first diamond, Don was there, and he said "Now, did anyone have to tell you what it was?" I replied, not a soul. Don was a great friend to us on our visits to the Crater of Diamonds, and we too share his passion for mining. We will miss him greatly. We really enjoyed our visit with him and Mollie around the campfire at the Crater of Diamonds.*

*So sorry for your loss.*

*Your friend and Don's - Connie and Rusty Gray - Lesage, West Virginia 25537*

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**Connie and Rusty Gray** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

TJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you at this time*

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**Terry Jester** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

KT

“ I'm very sorry for the loss of your father, husband, and friend. I'm unable to attend the service but my thoughts and prayers will be with you tomorrow. I love hearing the stories and used to enjoy hearing about his diamond mine experiences.

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**Kim Tisdale** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MF

“ Mollie and family my prayers are with you at this time. God Bless you

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**maxine foster** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

SN

“ Mr. Mayes will be extremely missed by those of us who knew him at The Crater of Diamonds State Park. He always made me laugh, and was always extremely nice to all of the staff. My prayers are with all of the family during this time of loss.

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**Sheila Nichols** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ Donald Mayes

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September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM