



John Robert "JR" Hayes Sr.

October 14, 1938 - April 29, 2025

John Robert "JR" Hayes, Sr., 86, of Elkins, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Katherine's Place in Fayetteville. Born on October 14, 1938, in Linden, Texas, to Franklin Glenn Hayes and Allie Lee Floyd Hayes, JR lived a vibrant life filled with family, community, and service.

JR was a farmer at heart, a storyteller with an infectious warmth, and a friend to all. Known for never meeting a stranger, he built connections wherever he went, often sharing tales that brought laughter and joy. For over 30 years, he owned and operated JR's Wrecker Service, a business that reflected his strong work ethic and commitment to helping others. He attended Round Mountain Community Church. JR's values shone through in his respect for others and the lessons he imparted to his children and grandchildren, teaching them to say "yes, sir" and "no, sir" as a mark of good manners.

JR found joy in life's simple pleasures. In his younger years, he loved riding horses, and he was a passionate supporter of softball, proudly organizing the JR's Wrecker Service Softball team. Above all, he cherished his family, never missing an opportunity to cheer at his grandchildren's ball games, where his presence was a source of love and encouragement.

JR was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Ann Hayes; his son, Rufus Lee Hayes; his parents; his son-in-law, Edmond "Eddie" Clark a.k.a.

Reindeer; eleven brothers; and two sisters.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and family, survived by his daughter, Robin Clark of Berryville; his son, John Robert “Doc” Hayes, Jr., and wife Roxanne; six grandchildren: Brittney Gulley (Anthony), LaiLani Welsh, Tiffney Gentry, Justin Hayes (Kerry), Kelley Deatherage (Ashley), and Courtney Smith (Isiah); seventeen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren, all of whom will carry his memory forward.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, with Pastor Tim Beers officiating. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery. A visitation will take place on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, offering a time for family and friends to gather and honor JR’s remarkable life.

Online condolences may be shared at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

4091 N. Old Wire Road
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Uncle Robert you was definitely onary and you will be missed n love tell dad, mom and the rest hi. I will always think of ya'll and I will see ya'll again soon.



Connie Hayes-Mitchell - May 01, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert "JR" Hayes Sr..



May 01, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Robert "J.R." Hayes Sr..

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“ Both JR and his wife were two of the kindest, caring, fun people I have ever known. The world is a better place because of them.

Arthur Raff - May 01, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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“ Chuck Noeltner purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of John Robert "JR" Hayes Sr..



Chuck Noeltner - April 30, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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“ JR I loved that man. He was always telling stories and I mean some good ones. I can remember when I introduced him to my dad Bob and you talk about two peas in a pod. He will be missed but I know he's in a better place now with Barbra by his side and looking down at family.



chuck Noeltner - April 30, 2025 at 07:12 PM

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Yes he was like my dad, Jim Hayes

Connie Mitchell - May 01, 2025 at 04:49 PM



Uncle Robert you will be missed n love ❤️. You was definitely a story teller.

Connie Hayes-Mitchell - May 01, 2025 at 10:32 PM

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AS AN INSURANCE ADJUSTER WORKING ACCIDENTS IN NWA FOR 40+ YEARS..WE HAD A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP. ALWAYS A READY AND WILLING RESCUE..I MISS TJOSE RELATIONSHIPS. HE WAS ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ME..THE BUTT OF A FEW JOKES..RIP PAL

RON HARRISON - May 02, 2025 at 02:18 PM