



## Cletus "Squeak" Hayes Jr.

August 15, 1924 - February 27, 2021

Cletus W. "Squeak" Hayes Jr., 96, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born August 15, 1924 in Kane, IL, he was the son of Cletus W. Hayes Sr. and Edna (Witt) Hayes. Mr. Hayes was a WWII Army Airborne Veteran and was a life member of the VFW Post 1308. He was also a member of Lodge 951 of the Moose in Alton. He retired as a lab inspector for the Olin Corporation after 45 years of service. On July 31, 1948 he married the former Betty Lu Johnston in Alton. She preceded him in death on January 24, 2015. Surviving are two sons, William "Bill" Hayes of Eureka, MO, and Patrick "Pat" Hayes of Alton, two grandchildren, Erin (Matt) Grieshaber of St. Charles, MO, and Corey (Jennifer) Hayes of St. Charles, MO, great grandchildren, Luke and Beck Grieshaber, Harper Hayes, and Connor Hayes. Also surviving is a brother, David (Barb) Hayes of Alton, and two sisters, Flo Duncan of Alton and Linda (Mike) Wense of Alton. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Kate Cole, Dorothy May, Agnes Naylor, Sarah McNab, and Rose Luecht. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Bill Pyatt will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors. Memorials may be made to the VFW Post 1308. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
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## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cletus "Squeak" Hayes Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Cletus "Squeak" Hayes Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *R.I.P. Squeak  
Duck hunting memories*

**PHIL CASTELLI** - March 11, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Squeak and Betty were regulars at the Alton Moose. I used to see them there a lot. Betty died, and Squeak slowed way down. They were quite a lovely pair together! Squeak will be missed.*

**Robyn** - March 02, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *A pastor once said during his service, the tears today on Earth are tears of sorrow however, the tears in Heaven today are tears of Joy from angels for another angel is coming home today*

**Mike/Eileen Boyer** - March 02, 2021 at 11:37 AM

RM

“ *What a GREAT MAN, GRAND FATHER, FATHER, BROTHER AND UNCLE THANK YOU FOR YOU FISHING TIPS AND DUCK HUNTING STORIES YOU WILL BE ALWAYS BE IN MY FONDEST MEMORIES.*

*ROBBIE MCNAB*

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**ROB MCNAB** - March 01, 2021 at 04:19 PM

BH

*One of the finest men I ever met. I will always remember the fun times at the VFW and the fishing trips every July in Minnesota. I never heard a negative thing said about him. I was honored to be his sister in law.*

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**Barbara Hayes** - March 03, 2021 at 09:06 PM

RL

“ *Fond memories of my uncle all through his life. We even worked together for a while at Olin up to his retirement. Very honorable man and loved his country.*

*Dick Luecht*

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**Richard Luecht** - March 01, 2021 at 02:11 PM

WP

“ *"Squeak" My Comrade,  
You will be Sorely missed at the Alton VFW Post 1308!! All the hard work you put into the present location at 4445 Alby St. will NOT be forgotten!*

*RIP Comrade, AATW(Airborne all The Way)*

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**Wendel Parrish** - March 01, 2021 at 01:42 PM

PR

“ *RIP Uncle Squeak. Say hi to all the family in Heaven. Love you.  
Your Florida niece Paula.*

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**Paula Richards** - March 01, 2021 at 11:04 AM