



Walter "Walt" Anthony Hayes

May 10, 1932 - August 16, 2024

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Walter "Walt" Anthony Hayes, 92, passed away at 11:54 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024 at his residence. He was born May 10, 1932 in Godfrey the son of the late Walter and Helen (Stiritz) Hayes. Walt was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey and served in the U.S. Army. He retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1996 where he worked as a technical writer. On May 16, 1953 in Alton he married Lorraine Hesse and she preceded him in death on March 16, 2019. Surviving are one daughter, Michelle Hayes of Hazelwood, MO, one son, Michael Hayes (Selena) of East Alton, three grandchildren, Heather Copeland, Brianna Copeland and Autumn Kaiser and eight great grandchildren, Andrea Pena, Audrey Pena, Michael Pena II, Landen Copeland, Marley Echols, Melvin Neither, Serenity Echols and King Echols. Besides his wife and parents he was preceded in death by one grandson, Nicholas Copeland, one sister, Anita Hubener and three brothers, Paul Hayes, John "Jack" Hayes and Jim Hayes. Visitation will be Monday, August 26, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors. Deacon Jay Wackerly. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church or Marquette Catholic High School. Friends and family may visit www.gentfuneralhome.com to view service times and leave condolences for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral Service

AUG **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

WB

“ West Star Aviation - Team Bombardier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter "Walt" Anthony Hayes.

West Star Aviation - Team Bombardier - August 26, 2024 at 04:27 PM

WB

“ West Star Aviation - Team Bombardier purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter "Walt" Anthony Hayes.



West Star Aviation - Team Bombardier - August 26, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ I was friends with Walt and he showed me a lot about aircraft. I flew ultralights and light sport and Walt showed me about maintenance. He was a great friend and will be missed. Also a very intelligent man.

Steve Cruthis - August 26, 2024 at 03:04 PM

TF

“ The Hesse, Corbett, & Mantooth families purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Walter "Walt" Anthony Hayes.



The Hesse, Corbett, & Mantooth families - August 24, 2024 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ The Hesse, Corbett, & Mantooth families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter "Walt" Anthony Hayes.

The Hesse, Corbett, & Mantooth families - August 24, 2024 at 01:33 PM

FW

“ I am sorry to here of Walt's passing. He was a good friend and co-worker at McDonnell-Douglas (now Boeing) aircraft company. We shared many good stories on our breaks. Later in life I visited with him at his nursing home in Godfrey, Illinois, where we continued the conversation. He was a very kind and considerate man, and always of good cheer. He will be missed. Fred Weiersmueller

Fred Weiersmueller - August 21, 2024 at 09:39 AM

DH

“ To Michael and Michelle and the entire family of Uncle Walter: I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Walter because he is well loved and will surely be missed. However, I rejoice for him in his New Life with Jesus. May he have eternal peace, rest and love ❤️ I have many special memories of him growing up.....he was always working on airplanes.....building or flying them. He had an Ultralight that he somehow got my Mom to ride in. He joined us flying kites in the corn field by his house. His basement was the best place to explore and skate for hours with Mike and Michelle. He had the coolest Coo-coo clock that he kept working for years. Uncle Walter had a good life and we will keep him around always through our memories.
May God Bless You All. Sending much love and prayers.... Your cousin, Diane Hesse ❤️

Diane Hesse - August 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM