



## Mr. Willie Hayes

May 23, 1967 - March 22, 2020

We regret to announce the transitioning of Mr. Willie Hayes, age 52 of Liberty, MS, on March 22, 2020 in Memphis, TN. Mr. Hayes was born May 23, 1967 in New Orleans, LA to Ms. Laura Nunnery.

The visitation walk through hours will be from 4pm until 6pm Tuesday evening at Craft Funeral Home in McComb. His graveside service will be held Wednesday morning 10am at Winding Carter Church Cemetery in Liberty, MS. Eld. Micah Carter and Eld. Omega Wilson will officiate the service.

Please share condolences and words of comfort at [www.craftfuneralhome.org](http://www.craftfuneralhome.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Winding-Carter Church Cemetery

6108 Hamp Lea Rd.  
Liberty, MS 39645

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Craft Funeral Home  
210 Martin Luther King Dr  
McComb, MS 39648  
(601) 684-5971  
info@craftfuneralhome.org  
<https://www.craftfuneralhome.org/>

## Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Winding-Carter Church Cemetery  
6108 Hamp Lea Rd.  
Liberty, MS 39645

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Hayes*

October 09, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Willie Champ Hayes*

*Was my brother, I'm sadden by hearing of your passing. We never got a chance to ever meet eye to eye, but I loved you from the first time we spoke. My heart is broken, we always talked about getting together, but that chance never came. Take your rest now Brother, until we will see each in the heaven one day, oh what a joy it will be. I love you Champ, I love you so much  
Praying for your family and loved one's side  
Asking God to give them comfort, and strength as they go through this difficult time.*

Paulette S. Perrilloux - April 05, 2020 at 12:47 AM



“ *Willie "Champ" Hayes*

*You were the best big brother in the world. You treated my sister like a queen and you were always my protector and a constant source of joy. I will miss you and I love you so much.*

*Your baby sister,  
Courtney "Peep"*

Courtney Alexander - April 01, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ ~ Willie,

*The true epitome of a man, who led with courage, conviction, love, laughter, dignity and respect. As Val and I ponder on the scenes of our lives, we're extremely grateful for every single memory that we have shared with you throughout the years. It's hard to fathom how you managed to love and share so much of yourself with so many others. yet, you made every encounter look so effortless and easy.*



*We connected as Seniors in High School (C/O 87) and as Sailors when we served our Country. We rarely missed out on opportunities to check on each other and I'll miss hearing your comforting voice or greeting you in a brotherly embrace.*

*We love you Brother and this Sailors' watch has been relieved. Deepest condolences to the Hayes and Nunnery Family from John, Veleka, and Jonathan Jones*

*~ A Sailor's Rest*

*When my sailing days are over,  
and I sail the seas no more,  
I shall build myself a refuge  
By the Ocean's murmuring shore.*

*As I watch the foaming breakers,  
When the tide comes rushing in,  
I will contemplate my lifetime  
with its virtues and its sins.*

*Where the azure of the heaven's  
Meets the undulating blue,  
Where the sweeping, soaring seagull  
Flies its endless quest for food.*

*It is there that I would rest,  
When my work on earth is done,  
At the endless blue horizon  
'Neath the crimson, setting sun.  
~ D. R. BLOCK*

*Fair winds and following seas Shipmate!  
Very Respectfully/Sincerely,  
Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. John H. Jones II  
Unites States Navy, Retired*

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**John Jones** - March 30, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ Willie~

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**John Jones** - March 30, 2020 at 08:55 PM

RD

“ *Tomeka and Family,  
We are sorry for your loss, our thoughts are with you and family during these difficult times. As you all know Champ and I go a long way back. I hurt everyday, he meant a great deal to me and my family. I could always count on him, he was a true brother and friend. I hope we all can hold on to the good memories for he will truly be missed by us all.*

*Rodney & Beverly Dominique*

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**Rodney Dominique** - March 30, 2020 at 05:28 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Louis Nunnery** - March 30, 2020 at 02:31 PM

VM

“ Tomeka, I am so sorry for you loss and I'm continuing to pray your strength in the Lord. I love you! - Honeybunch

Vickt Mays - March 29, 2020 at 10:49 PM

ST

“ Tomeka, my thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and the family and friends during this time. Bro. Willie certainly fought the good fight. Heaven alone will reveal the deep unto deep things the Lord spoke to him during these past months. We certainly won't pretend or even attempt to understand God's ways, but we will continue to trust Him in all things. I love you so and will keep you close to my heart.

Sarah Tyler - March 28, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Hayes.



March 28, 2020 at 02:56 AM

“ Willie Hayes/Big Brother,

*There are no words to express how much I love you and what you will always mean to me. Thank you for your light, it will continue to shine through your family. ~ Jacqueline*

*Your Spirit*

*I know that no matter what  
You will always be with me.  
When life separates us  
I'll know it is only your soul  
Saying goodbye to your body  
But your spirit will be with me always.  
When I see a bird chirping on a nearby branch  
I will know it is you singing to me.  
When a butterfly brushes gently by me so care freely  
I will know it is you assuring me you are free from pain.  
When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches my attention  
I will know it is you reminding me  
To appreciate the simple things in life.  
When the sun shining through my window awakens me  
I will feel the warmth of your love.  
When I hear the rain pitter patter against my window sill  
I will hear your words of wisdom  
And will remember what you taught me so well'  
That without rain trees cannot grow  
Without rain flowers cannot bloom  
Without life's challenges I cannot grow strong.  
When I look out to the sea  
I will think of your endless love for your family.  
When I think of mountains, their majesty and magnificence  
I will think of your courage for your country.  
No matter where I am  
Your spirit will be beside me  
For I know that no matter what*



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*Poem by Tram-Tiara T. Von Reichenbach*

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**Jacqueline Hayes** - March 27, 2020 at 02:03 PM