



Charles Edgar "Charlie" Hays Jr.

August 30, 1950 - October 24, 2025

Mr. Charles Edgar "Charlie" Hays Jr., age 75, of the Pea Ridge Community of Smith County passed away on Friday October 24, 2025.

Charlie was born on August 30, 1950 in Williamsport, PA a son of the late Charles Edgar "Pete" Hays Sr. and Mildred Evelyn Lowe Hays. He was also preceded by a sister Mary Lowe Kiger. He was a graduate of Loyalsock Township High School in Loyalsock, PA. He played collegiate football at Lock Haven University graduating with a bachelor's degree in physical education. His first wife was Linda Ann Rhodes who passed away in 1975, his second wife was Judith Carol Cammack who passed away in 2005, his third wife was Donna Flatt who passed away in 2016.

Charlie was a member of the Volunteer Rescue Squad in Austinville, VA. He worked in mining in Virginia and New Jersey where he was the mine safety instructor, moving to Smith County in 1984 to go to work for Jersey Miniere Zinc as the mine safety instructor. He worked for Metromont Pre Stress and then back at Dyna Tec Mine. He started and owned TN Mine Safety Services in 2008. He was on the Smith County High School Chain Gang for 25 years, assistant Scout Master for Carthage Troop 73 for a number of years. He was the treasurer for Volunteer Pistol Club and attended Life Church in Cookeville, TN.

Charlie is survived by four children: Mark (Christy) Schoolfield, of DeFeated, TN, Charles E. "Chuck" (Jinna) Hays, III of Smithville, TN, Daniel (Desiree) Hays of Bell Buckle, TN and Ryan (Brandi) Hays of South Carthage, TN; grandchildren. Epiphany (Dusty) Perry, Heather Hays, Megan Tayse, Taylor Tayse, Patric Hays. Alexis Hays, Avery (Grant) Coen, JB (Bri) Hays and Charlotte "Charlie" Hays and nine greatgrandchildren.

Charlie is at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes where funeral services will be conducted on Sunday October 26, 2025 at 6 PM.

The Hays family will receive friends on Sunday October 26, 2025 from 12 Noon until 6 PM.

Donations in memory of Mr. Hays may be made to Smith County High School Quarterback Club or to Smith County Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr.Charlie taught my first safety training when I started at the mine...he was such a sweet man, and was always so kind... sending my condolences & prayers to his family* 💖
Tonya Mix

Tonya Mix - October 27, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Edgar "Charlie" Hays Jr..*



October 27, 2025 at 07:34 AM

SG

“ *I got to know Charlie through his miner training classes. Always a smile on his face and a story to tell. Charlie was one of a kind. I'm a better man just by knowing him. R.I.P my friend. Steve Griner*

Steve Griner - October 27, 2025 at 12:01 AM

SR

“ *Steve and Nancy Russell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Edgar "Charlie" Hays Jr..*



Steve and Nancy Russell - October 25, 2025 at 03:53 PM

LP

“ *Mr. Charlie was more like family than a friend. I am so grateful that he loved us like family. He enjoyed watching these boys play from the side lines on the chain gang on Friday nights so it was on fitting that they had a little fun on his farm before their senior prom. One of our favorite things to do with Mr. Charlie was our shoot days. We are going to miss him so much. Praying for the Hays family.*



LeeAnn Phillips - October 25, 2025 at 01:12 AM