



Mrs. Murlene Hayes

May 31, 1940 - December 27, 2023

Murlene Ellis was born May 31, 1940, in Magnolia, AR, to Albert Ellis and Helen King Moore Ellis. She was one of eight children.

Murlene accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and united with Kings Hill A.M.E. Church where she said that they had to walk about two miles to Sunday School and church services. She had a strong prayer life.

Murlene started to work as she got older and would have to miss several months of school starting in September to help pick cotton. At the age of 17, she dropped out of school and married Benjamin Frazier in 1957, to this union six children were born—three girls and three boys. Benjamin and Murlene were married for 12 years. Murlene was a housewife until their divorce. She took on odd jobs to support herself and her children. Those jobs were babysitting, cooking, and cleaning houses.

Because of her faithfulness to God and determination to live better, she got a job working in a daycare center. After a few years, she started working at Magnolia Hospital in the housekeeping department. Murlene worked her way up to become the Housekeeping Supervisor and remained there until 1985. A lesson she learned was to, “never despise small beginnings.”

Murlene married Joe Hayes on August 01, 1985, and moved to Dallas, TX. Her strong work ethic continued in Texas as she secured a position as the Housekeeping Supervisor at Baylor Hospital. She remained there until her retirement.

Joe and Murlene were married for 33 years until he transitioned from this life on September 26, 2018. They were longtime members of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, TX.

Murlene moved back to Magnolia in January 2020, as her health began to fail. She moved in with her daughter, Brenda, where she remained until God called her home on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Hayes; parents, Albert Ellis and Helen King Moore Ellis Cooper; grandparents: Floyd and Mary Chappel King; four brothers: A.Z. Moore, Isaiah Moore, Jessie Gene Ellis, and Lester Floyd Ellis; three sisters: Dorothy Lee More Clemons, Lillie Pearl Moore Denson, and Mary Lee Moore Kelly; one grandson, Xavier Frazier; two sons, Jeffery Lynn Frazier and Jerry Don Frazier.

She leaves to cherish her memories three daughters: Brenda Traylor and Cynthia Walker both of Magnolia, AR; and Kathleen Frazier of Dallas, TX; one son, (Retired) Sr. Master Sergeant Benny (Veronica) Frazier of Ft. Worth, TX; five step children; two step sisters, Susie Randle of Magnolia, AR, and Peggy Woodward of Richardson, TX; one step brother, Travis Cooper of Magnolia, AR; long-time friend, Patricia Waller of Dallas, TX; 11 grandchildren: Nakeena Walker, Darron (Bridget) Lambert, Courtney Frazier, Kesha (Jekebran) Johnson, all of Magnolia, AR; Rodney Lambert of Milwaukee, WI, Dedra Frazier, Donna Frazier, and Deontae Frazier, all of Ft. Worth, TX; Shaterica (Rashad) Harris of Texarkana, AR, Marquise Frazier of Little Rock, AR, and DeAndrea (Demetrius) Newton; 23 great grandchildren; four great great

grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who loved her dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Friday, January 5th, 2023, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow at Kings Hill Cemetery in Magnolia, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Minister Stevie Vance, Officiant. Minister Antonio Sharp, Eulogist.

Visitation will be Thursday, {Jan. 4th}, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours.” However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.

Cemetery Details

kings Hill Cemetery

County Road 265
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes* ”



Mary E Strickland - January 06, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ *Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes* ”



Dianne Williamson - January 06, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ *Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes* ”



Maurice Strong - January 05, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ *LaMorris Tarkington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes* ”



LaMorris Tarkington - January 05, 2024 at 12:59 PM

FW

“ *Felicia West lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Felicia West - January 05, 2024 at 12:38 PM

JR

“ *Jane E. Rashidi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Jane E. Rashidi - January 05, 2024 at 08:22 AM

BC

“ *Betty Chappel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Betty Chappel - January 05, 2024 at 03:05 AM

WG

“ *Wanda Lambert Goodner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Wanda Lambert Goodner - January 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM

WG

*Ms Murlene was a very classy, sophisticated, nice, and beautiful lady!!!
May God have mercy on the family!!!*

Wanda Lambert Goodner - January 04, 2024 at 04:27 PM

PG

“ *My condolences to the family. Y'all are in our prayers. I'm glad I have a chance to meet her. She was a sweet lady from Pastor Gantt and sister Gantt*

Pastor Charles sis Terrisa Gantt - January 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM

BW

“ *We are praying for the family of Sister Murlene Hayes. May God bless and keep you. Billy and Patricia Williams*



Billy and Patricia Williams - January 04, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Murlene Hayes.*



January 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM

LH

“ *Love, Greg and Dorothy Hines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Murlene Hayes.*

Love, Greg and Dorothy Hines - January 04, 2024 at 11:40 AM

GJ

“ Gladys Talley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes



Gladys Talley Jones - January 04, 2024 at 01:50 AM

GJ

Sending prayers to the Family! So sorry to hear

Gladys Talley Jones - January 04, 2024 at 01:51 AM

JR

“ James ,Margie-Chappel Russ purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Murlene Hayes.



James ,Margie-Chappel Russ - January 03, 2024 at 11:09 AM

PD

“ Patricia Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes



Patricia Dixon - January 02, 2024 at 07:24 PM

KG

“ My Condolences To Brenda, Cynthia, Kathy, Bennie and Family. I'm So Sorry For The Loss Of Your Mother! Mrs. Merlene, She Was A Beautiful Person Such a Sweet Lady! I Will Keep The Family In My Prayers. She Will Greatly Be Missed R.I.P and L♥VE God Is Able!♥



kelly Gentry - January 02, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SE

“ Sabrina E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Murlene Hayes.

Sabrina E. - January 01, 2024 at 06:49 PM

GJ

“ George Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes



George Jenkins - January 01, 2024 at 07:20 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Murlene Hayes.



December 31, 2023 at 11:45 PM

CC

“ Cleora Claiborne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes



Cleora Claiborne - December 30, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LR

“ Latoya Rose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes



Latoya Rose - December 29, 2023 at 01:13 PM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes



Gracie W Tucker - December 29, 2023 at 11:49 AM

GT

Romans 8:39 "Nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Sending words of comfort and love to the Hayes Family. May you feel the many comforting prayer that are being prayed for you during your time of mourning the lost of your loved one. Be comforted to know, she now rests in the bosom of her loving Savior. Rest in peace Murlene.

Gracie W Tucker - December 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM

MC

“ *Michael & Mary Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Michael & Mary Clayton - December 29, 2023 at 11:35 AM

ME

“ *On behalf of the class of 1983 we are Praying that God supply all your needs and give each of you strength and understanding*



Marilyn Green Ellis - December 29, 2023 at 09:32 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Mary S. Pickings - December 28, 2023 at 10:49 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jacobs-Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Brenda Jacobs-Hanson - December 28, 2023 at 08:52 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Linda Jones - December 28, 2023 at 06:35 PM

TS

“ *Tracey Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Tracey Simpson - December 28, 2023 at 03:12 PM

WL

“ *Wanda Lambert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Wanda Lambert - December 28, 2023 at 03:12 PM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Dearlean Hughes - December 28, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Vevelyn Jackson - December 28, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Bonnie Hardwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Bonnie Hardwell - December 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Dianne Williamson - December 28, 2023 at 07:06 AM



“ *Lisa Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Lisa Clark - December 27, 2023 at 10:49 PM

LT

“ *Lora Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Murlene Hayes*



Lora Thomas - December 27, 2023 at 09:45 PM

ER

“ *So sorry for your loss she is really going to be missed I enjoyed her when I sit with her those days we talked and laughed*



Edna Rowden - December 27, 2023 at 09:14 PM

BT

Thanks Edna ❤️

Brenda Traylor - December 31, 2023 at 03:46 AM