



C. Frank Hays, Sr.

April 6, 1906 - November 3, 2006

Graveside services for Columbus Franklin Hays, Jr., 100, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at Magnolia Cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is in charge. The family will receive friends Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Mr. Hays, widower of Virginia Langston Hays, died Friday, November 3, 2006. Born in Leesburg, FL, he was a son of the late Columbus Franklin and Helena Elizabeth Moore Hays. He was a devout Christian and one of Hartsville's earliest joggers. He also enjoyed gardening. He retired as manager of the Hartsville office of Western Union Telegraph Company with 41 years of service. He also wrote the popular article "25 Years Ago" in the Hartsville Messenger for 40 years.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, C. Franklin and Elaine J. Hays, III of Hartsville, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and William M. Hagood, III of Easley, SC, Faye and Dr. Thomas E. Hearon, III of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Columbus Franklin Hays, IV, Craig Porter Hays, Virginia Hagood MacDonald, Dr. Elizabeth Hearon Lindsey, Mary Kent Hearon, Thomas Edward Hearon, IV; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Coco MacDonald, William Cougar MacDonald, Thomas Hays Lindsey, Wilson Buchanan Lindsey. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Alvin Guy Hays and Henry Hays; sisters, Cecil Rabb, Evola Yonge, Mercia Boehning, Enza Nichols; grandson, William M. Hagood, IV.

Tribute Wall



“ *Poppa Hays will definitely be missed. He had an incredibly keen eye for checkers and always won without fail! I'll always remember those checkers games and trips to Eli's for candy. It's amazing the amount of time and change he experienced over his 100 years. Love always, Poppa Hays! -Thomas* `###imported-begin##Thomas Hearon###imported-end##`

November 25, 2006 at 07:14 PM



“ *Papa Hays was a smart, clever, talented artist! I will never forget the incredible letters he used to send me at camp when I was young. Whether they were written backwards or in code with drawn images, he always was up to something that made me think...wow this man is totally unique! I am happy to have had him in my life and am proud to be his grand daughter. He was a man beyond his time and he will definitely be missed. - Mary Kent* `###imported-begin##Mary Kent Hearon###imported-end##`

November 25, 2006 at 02:57 PM



“ *I was truly saddened when I heard of Poppa Hays passing. He was a wonderful man and when I think of my childhood on Kenwood your family is right there at the top of the list. I have many wonderful memories of him and I cherish each one. I was pleased to hear that mine and Ally's ballons gave him such joy on his birthday. You are in my thoughts and prayers.* `###imported-begin##Mandy Tyner###imported-end##`

November 12, 2006 at 06:46 PM



“ Frank and family, It was a great joy to know "Pop Hays". Truly he was a love. My prayers are with each member of the family that God will give each of you peace as you face the difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Edna Sims##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 05:56 PM



“ The news of Uncle Frank passing was a shock but we are sure he is with our Lord above and in no pain. God bless you Uncle Frank May the Lord bless and give strength to Uncle Franks family at this stressful time..Uncle Frank was a good person and will be in our hearts and mind forever.
Nephew, Alvin H. Hays Jr. and wife,
Oviedo, Fl.
Niece, Marie Hays Ursprung
Savannah, Ga.##imported-begin##Alvin H. Hays Jr and Marie Hays Ursprung##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 09:28 AM



“ Frank, I'm so sorry for the loss of your sweet Dad. Even tho he was a 100 years old, we never want to give them up. My deepest sympathy and love to your and all your family.##imported-begin##Myrtle Stokes##imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 07:53 PM



“ Dear Hays Family, I am so sorry for your loss. How blessed you all were to have Mr. Hays live such a long, wonderful life. Frank always spoke so fondly of his sweet Grandfather. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Mollie###imported-begin###Mollie Anderson Pleicones###imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 06:21 PM



“ Popa Hays sorry we never got to play that last checkers game we talked about playing. I am sure you would have won. I will miss all the fun times we had. Like the times we would walk to the 5 & dime store to get popcorn & coke & I would spill most of it before we could get home. Love always Craig###imported-begin###Craig Hays###imported-end##

November 08, 2006 at 05:03 PM



“ Frank and your entire family: One of the blessings of having to place my mother at Morrell's was the fact that I met your parents. They were a blessing to me and I know they will be missed by you. You are to be commended for the care and love you gave them during their last years. God bless.

Doris & Allen Atkinson
(Switchboard @ Sonoco)###imported-begin###Doris & Allen Atkinson###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 08:31 PM



“ Frank,
Lu Anne joins me in expressing our sorrow in the loss of your father. I remember his articles and his kindness. Give thanks for his long life and his willingness to be of service to others.
Aubrey B. Floyd###imported-begin###Aubrey B. Floyd###imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 05:05 PM



“ *I send my prayers and my sympathy in the loss of your Father and Grandfather. Love, Becky###imported-begin###Becky Walker###imported-end##*

November 07, 2006 at 02:32 PM



“ *To the extended Hays Family: On behalf of the staff of Helping Hands Hospice, and the Darlington County Gamecock Club, please know that we are so very sorry for your loss and want to express our heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time of sorrow. Mr. Hays will be a great loss to our community. Remember, this earth is not our home and we are only passing through as we travel life's journey! Once again, we are praying for your family. Sincerely, John Griggs -Helping Hands Hospice, and Darlington County Gamecock Club Chaplain###imported-begin###John "Bootsie" Griggs###imported-end##*

November 07, 2006 at 09:38 AM



“ Frank, Beth, & Faye,

Rae and I were so sorry to read of your father's passing. What a long and wonderful life he lived. It is never easy to loose a parent especially your last parent. Mr. Hayes was truely a Hartsville institution and a friend to all who knew him. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,

Archie & Rae##imported-begin##Archie & Rae Biggs##imported-end##

November 07, 2006 at 07:36 AM



“ *Very sorry about Mr. Hays. I just learned of this.##imported-begin##Grace Thornton##imported-end##*

November 06, 2006 at 11:26 AM