



## Orval D. Hayes

October 30, 1944 - May 9, 2026

Orval David Hayes of Cambria, MI, passed away peacefully on May 9th, 2026, at age 81. Orval was born October 30, 1944, in Warrensburg, Missouri, to Morgan Hayes and Mary (Lafferty) Hayes and was the youngest of six children. He graduated from Lee M. Thurston High School in Redford, Michigan, and attended Wayne State University.

Orval is survived by his wife of sixty years, Sandra Hayes; his children, Dwayne Hayes (Jessica Bomarito), Steve Hayes (Karen), and Deborah Hayes; his grandchildren, Rebekah (Zach), Steven, Micah (Irene), Logan, and Savannah, and six great-grandchildren, and his sister, Evelyn Stukenholtz. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morgan Hayes and Mary Lafferty, and brothers Earl Hayes, Roscoe Hayes, Milburn Hayes, and sister Dora Leary.

Orval was known to be a hard worker and started Hayes Roofing Company and also worked as a firefighter for the Ann Arbor Fire Department. He earned a builder's license and spent many years building and repairing various properties he owned and rented out. Orval loved music and gospel quartets, and for several years enjoyed a music ministry with his wife, Sandra, performing at area churches and conferences.

Orval also enjoyed cars and throughout his life owned many antique vehicles, including a 1932 Chevy. He loved watching old Western movies and TV

series, and enjoyed traveling to the western states, living at times in California and Arizona.

Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.  
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“ My memory is more recent since we lived far apart when I was young. In 2022 my mom, Evelyn, was visiting me in Arizona and stayed at Orval’s place. I introduced my boyfriend, (at the time) Jonathan, to my Uncle Orval and we had a good chat about various things- like how he spent a lot of time growing up with my older cousins, the Leary boys, and how it was kinda weird that he was the uncle but so much closer in age with them. I learned that he rode motorcycles with them! Uncle Orval reminisced about when he was a fireman and how he wasn’t afraid of heights; he’d climb the ladders with ease! They called him Spider-Man! He showed us what he was doing to remodel the trailer he owned. I appreciated how warm he was with both Jonathan and me. I know my Uncle had a glorious reunion of family and friends in heaven when he passed! I’ll see him again! 💕💕

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**Janice Tarvin** - May 23 at 06:22 PM



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