



Sheldon Michael Hayes

September 9, 1954 - October 22, 2025

Sheldon Michael “Mike” Hayes, age 71, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025.

Born on September 9, 1954, in Detroit, Michigan, Mike was the beloved son of the late Sheldon William Hayes and Phyllis Bexon Hayes. He spent his early years in Redford, Michigan, before moving with his family to Plantation, Florida. A proud graduate of Riverside Military Academy in Georgia, Mike was a dedicated student and talented athlete who graduated with honors.

Throughout his life, Mike demonstrated a strong work ethic and a deep respect for his family’s legacy. He worked as a machine operator for several companies, including Cadillac Asphalt—a business proudly founded by his grandfather and father.

Mike found immense strength and purpose through his recovery journey, maintaining sobriety since 1993. He was a committed member of the AA community, generously sponsoring and supporting many others along their own paths to healing and hope.

A true sports enthusiast, Mike cheered passionately for his hometown teams, especially the Detroit Lions and the Detroit Red Wings. He also enjoyed playing golf for many years until his health made it difficult to continue. His love of music was lifelong—he played the organ, harmonica, accordion, and guitar with a joyful spirit that brought music into the lives of those around him. Mike was a devoted father and grandfather who will be remembered for his strength, humor, and enduring love for his family. He is survived by his

children: Stacia (Jeff) VanWyck, Sheldon Matthew (Lindsey Bargren) Hayes, Madonna (James) Judge, and Jonathon (Katelyn Olewnik) Hayes. He was a cherished grandfather to Anthony, Tyler, Abigail, Brooklynn, and Leo, and was joyfully anticipating the arrival of his granddaughter, Rita Judge.

He is also survived by his siblings Patricia Krings, Brady Phillips, and Christopher Hayes, and was preceded in death by his brother Clifford Phillips. Visitation Wednesday October 29, 2025 2 PM to 9 PM with a time for sharing at 7 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth.

In state Thursday October 30, 2025 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church 34530 W. Michigan Ave. Wayne, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to National MS Society 29777 Telegraph Rd. Suite 1651 Southfield, MI 48034.

To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

Michigan Memorial Park

32163 W. Huron Drive
Flat Rock, MI 48134

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Instate

OCT **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
34530 W. Michigan Avenue
Wayne, MI 48184

Funeral Mass

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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34530 W. Michigan Avenue
Wayne, MI 48184

Tribute Wall



“ *Vermeulen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sheldon Michael Hayes*



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - October 29, 2025 at 09:31 AM

PH

“ *Patricia H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheldon Michael Hayes.*

Patricia H. - October 29, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Hayes family for your loss. Although we didn't have the pleasure of meeting your dad, we know that he left an amazing legacy in his children and grandchildren. Sending love, comfort and peace to each of you.
Linda and Frank Bargren*

Linda Bargren - October 27, 2025 at 09:29 PM

JW

Oh Gosh...your Dad...what a great guy. Not just to some but to all. Your Dad was so kind to me. He was instrumental to my recovery and I am so grateful to him. I can still hear his voice in my mind. He did everything with conviction, sincerity and intention. He helped countless people and each of us owe him a great debt of gratitude. We all loved Mike. He was the best of the best. Praise God that today Mike sits in heaven and he's waiting patiently for all of us. We will see him again. Rest in peace, Mike.

Janet Wilson - October 29, 2025 at 09:33 AM

BD

I am so sad for ur loss! I'm keeping his siblings, kids & grandkids & his MANY friends in my prayers. Mike used to call me everyday! We were Al-Anon buddies & fellow sports fans. In Al-Anon we LOVE r Double Winners (people in both AA & Al-Anon) because they help us understand r alcoholic(s)! Those born afflicted w an addiction struggle to stay clean & sober...my addiction was alcoholics. I can hear Mike in my head saying "U have to play the record through!" I'm so glad he kept coming back cuz he was always teaching me very valuable lessons! I will never forget Mike & he will be missed terribly! Thank u for sharing him w all of us in recovery! We appreciate it more than u know! 🙏🙏❤️👍

Barb Dombrowski - October 29, 2025 at 06:38 PM

KT

“*Kathleen Therrien purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Sheldon Michael Hayes.*



Kathleen Therrien - October 26, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sheldon Michael Hayes.



October 26, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ I am beyond sad, to hear of Dads passing. :(I struggle to find the words, to convey.. JUST HOW MUCH, he meant to me. I met him, in 1998, and knew then... what a very special man he was. ❤️ we both shared ,personal stories, and I love him more than anything. He was the most selfless person, I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. There's SOO much more, but I want to leave u with this. <3 ❤️ How very blessed you are, to call him dad. He ALWAYS talked a out all 4 of you. I hope u find peace, during this terrible loss, and remember, that HE is in peace. My sincere sympathy to you, and you'll be in my prayers! ❤️

Mary lesinski - October 26, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sheldon Michael Hayes.



October 26, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sheldon Michael Hayes.*



October 26, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sheldon Michael Hayes.*



October 26, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ *Ginger G Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheldon Michael Hayes.*

Ginger G Evans - October 26, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ *I met Mike a long time ago in an addiction class and we became friends right off, hung out quite a bit, one lasting memory is we went to Chicago for a Red Wings game. Mike and Leeann where a row and a few people down in front of us we couldn't get seats together, we'll Diane and I had brought our son with us, Craig was about a year and a half old, and we were passing him back and forth during the game. What a blast we had. Going to miss you Mike, love you brother Charlie*

Charlie Burkey - October 25, 2025 at 10:53 PM