



Mrs. Nancy J. Hays

November 16, 1928 - September 28, 2016

Nancy Jean Hays died @ 01:05 am September 28, 2016 peacefully in her sleep. She was born and raised in the sleepy small town of Ligonier Pennsylvania. Her life took an abrupt turn when she met, fell in love, and married Robert D Hays in 1948, who swept her away from her sleepy little town. She was thrust into the space-age by moving to Merritt Island as the wife of a Nasa Engineer.

How exciting her life was. Never a dull moment raising seven boys, the oldest being born in 1950 and the youngest in 1971. She was truly an exceptional, nurturing, loving, woman. All those wonderful meals she cooked, thankless clothes she washed, trips to the ball park, not to mention the patience it took to deal with the daily barrage of questions and petty arguments generated by seven boys. All this and she did not kill a one of us. My mother was a saint!

She had a natural talent for Painting. Although she took a few painting classes as a youth, she was mostly self-taught. She was a phenomenal painter. Upon return from a vacation I would give her a post card of our visit, she would then generate a painting from it. So not only do I have a painting to remind me of my vacations, they also remind me of my mother...how cool is that?

We have all heard the expression, the apple does not fall far from the tree. The nurturing love and security that our parents provided has helped mold the character of all of us. Although we may not admit it, we all exhibit a sensitivity that is a reflection of our mothers love. I have personally seen my brother tear up watching the lion king.

As they say about life, the love that you get is equal to the love that you give, my mother could not have been more loved than she was by her seven children and Husband and I am certain she knew it. She is greatly missed however her spirit is well seeded in the character and passion of her children. There is no doubt that God has embraced her with open arms.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Robert D Hays, her Sons Robert, Richard, David, Todd, Larry, Hal and Paris, her grandchildren Jesse, Chris, Shauna, Mariah, Holden, and Seaira. A private service to be held at home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Nancy J. Hays*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM

“ *My Mom - What an incredible woman*

Can you imagine raising seven boys! I find it hard to imagine and I am one of the crew!

All those wonderful meals she cooked.

All those thankless clothes she washed.

Christmas at our house was a joy to behold. Mom and Dad spoiled us beyond belief. Our parents were not rich in pocket, they were rich in heart, which was evident in the sacrifices they made to provide the luxuries we enjoyed. They spent what little money they had on us rather than themselves. We were the envy of the neighborhood. We had the swimming pool, the Basketball court, the pinball machine, the pool table, the ping pong table, the tetherball, not to mention the cool toys my dad invented (the Jet Ski before its time, the many electronic games), we had everything including the kitchen sink.

Sense of Humor

My mother had a wonderful sense of humor. That sense of humor was with her even in during her last days.

When she first was admitted into the hospital she wanted out. She concocted a scheme where we would sing “somewhere over the rainbow together” the thought was we would clear floor so we could escape the hospital.

One of the last things she said to me while she was in the hospital was “what a heck of a way to spend the weekend”.

Mom worried more about everyone else than she did herself.

That was MY MOM – what an incredible Woman

All those rides to ball practice, to band practice, to the mall to a movie

All those times she threatened to but did not “tell Dad”

All those gentle “joel todd” wakeup calls I would get every school day.

It’s the little things that end up meaning the most in life. That shape your soul, mold your character. That made me who I am I am a reflection of you Mom.

Mom, I loved you with all my heart and I am absolutely sure that you knew it.

In closing, I say

Do not mourn my Moms death

Because she is not dead, she is alive, in the heart and in souls of me, my Dad, and in all of my Brothers.

MOM, I LOVE SO VERY MUCH, SAVE ME A SEAT, I WILL BE UP SOON ENOUGH!

Joel Todd



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy J. Hays.*



October 13, 2016 at 11:20 AM

JH

“ *15 files added to the album Family Photos*



Joel Hays - October 05, 2016 at 09:34 PM

KF

“ *Bob, so sad to read of Nancy's passing in the paper today. What a sad day for you and the boys. Please give our condolences to all of them and to you especially. Kelly & Kay*

Kelly & Kay Fiorentino - October 02, 2016 at 10:34 AM

HC

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hays family.
Harold Wayne Cochran, Merritt Island.*

Harold Wayne Cochran - October 02, 2016 at 10:10 AM

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“ 18 files added to the album *Family Photos*



Todd Hays - October 02, 2016 at 09:10 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences, Todd and to your entire family.*
-Bonnie

Bonnie - October 01, 2016 at 04:29 PM