



Jeffery Hayes

August 27, 1949 - August 27, 2008

QUINNESEC - Jeffery Hayes, 59, of 3575 Clark St., Quinnesec, died, Wednesday Aug. 27, 2008, at Marquette General Hospital.

Jeff was born on Oct. 7, 1948, in Iron Mountain, the son of Joseph and Shirley (Carlson) Hayes. He was a 1966 graduate of Kingsford High School. Jeff served in the Vietnam War with the United States Navy from 1966-1970, receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with one campaign star. Jeff also served in the National Guard.

He married the former Linda Thinglum on Nov. 29, 1980, in Escanaba. Jeff worked as a maintenance mechanic at the Iron Mountain V.A. Medical Center for 27 years, retiring in 1997. For the past several years he had worked as the maintenance man at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norway.

Jeff was a member of Carpenter-Clash American Legion Post 363 in Kingsford and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed playing slow pitch softball and was an avid Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers fan. Jeff also enjoyed fishing with his son and flower and vegetable gardening. He loved to cook and was famous for his special spaghetti sauce. His family was most important to him and he was always making sure they were taken care of.

Jeff was loved by many and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and his pet cat Meeko.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Linda; his son, Adam (Heather) Hayes of Iron Mountain; daughter, Kelly Hayes of Quinnesec; his mother, Shirley Hayes of Iron Mountain; a brother, Jon Hayes of Iron Mountain; sister, Julie (Mike) Windell of Aurora, Wis.; brothers-in-law, Harold (Barbara) Thinglum of New Lenox, Ill. and Gary (Karen) Thinglum of Escanaba; nieces and nephews, Ryan (DeAnn) Windell, Dustin and Eric Windell, Jacalyn Windell, Brenda (Justin) Wabindato, Pamela Thinglum, Scott Thinglum, Annie (Ernesto) Calderon and Kate Thinglum as well as great-niece and nephews, Kyle and Abby Windell and Ethan Wabindato.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Hayes, and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Beda Thinglum of Wells.

Visitation will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Central time) on Saturday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. (Central time) on Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Norway. Father James Roetzer will offer the Mass of the Christian burial.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Jeffrey Hayes can be expressed at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

FM

“ Dear Linda,
I was saddened to learn of the death of Jeff after his funeral. Had I been in the state I would have made every effort to be present. I will be offering a Mass for Jeff here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bark River. May God bless you and your family.
Sincerely,
Father Mark

Father Mark McQuesten - September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I am so sorry to hear about jeff! He was such a sweet sweet man. I worked up at Hyland nursing home and he was sure to bring flowers to her ever chance he could. I remember giving him a hard time about the Lions! We could laugh and joke around about Green Bay and the Lions. Jeff's family you are all in my heart and prayers! God bless

Samantha Pietrantonio - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Adam, Kelly and Mrs. Hayes.

I know what it is like to lose a dad. If you need anyone, I am here for you.

Liz Young Black - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I was shocked to read about Jeff's passing in the Daily News which I get here in Chicago. In the 13 years I worked at the Iron Mountain VA, Jeff was a good friend. We shared many breaks & played a few jokes on the gang including good friend Al Tobey. I saw him in Wal-Mart about 5 years ago & we spent a few minutes chatting. My deepest condolences to Linda & his children. He was definitely a special guy & I can't imagine how much he will be missed by everyone who knew him. My prayers are with his family.

Marie (Bambakakis) James - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Linda, I was very saddened when I heard about Jeff. You were my mentor when I first started Nursing... Thank you. Your in my thoughts & prayers.

Tina (Ehlert) Janikowski - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ To the family of Jeff, my condolences to you all. I will always remember Jeff as the smiling baseball pitcher and also as he visited our store very frequently with a smile. Jeff to me was one who always put a smile on others faces too as he did this for me. May you find peace remembering him as enjoying leaving everybody with his pleasant smile.

Scott Pancheri - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Linda and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

Cheryl Norman, RN - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Linda, Adam and Kelly, we are so saddened for your loss of the nicest guy I ever met. We became friend's in 1972 when we moved across the street from you in Quinnesec. We had some great time's going to the river behind your house to do some fishing. We always managed to drown a few worm's and then to pay our respect, we had to down a couple of beer's. It always seemed that Jeff would catch the bullhead's and then flip his special coin to see who would remove it from the hook. And of course he won all the time!! It was a great pleasure of mine to work with him at the VA and play slowpitch with him.

I will never forget time when we were at Guard Camp at Grayling when Jeff, Ron Laduron and I had competed in a Softball tournament and we hit homerun's every time at bat and Jeff pitched a shutout. Iam very sorry that we can't be there for you, but we send our condolences from Florida. May God bless you.

Dick and Gail Dabb

Dick&Gail Dabb and family - August 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ For any one who knew Jeff, they would know that he was the most devoted husband and father. His family meant the world to him. He was always with his family doing whatever a father and husband had to do to make them proud of him. And it did not end with his family. If any of you have attended a 4th of July parade in which Marquette General Home Health and Hospice was entered in, then you saw Jeff dressed up as "George Washington, Wyatt Earp or the greatest character, "Elvis". We spent hours and days creating the props for all of our floats and we had to thank Jeff over and over for all of his hard work and dedication for the great work he did for us. We will never forget you Jeff. You will be in our hearts for ever. The greatest gift that you left behind was your wonderful family, Linda, Adam and Kelly.
May the angels, with the blue and silver wings carry you throughout the heavens.
Your friend , Helga

Helga Anderson - August 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear about husband. I know the emotional pain you are feeling. My sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.

Kathie Campos - August 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ While I only knew Jeff for a short time in his life. Linda, Adam, Kelly and Jeff were a "family" in the truest sense of the word. I know he will be sadly missed by you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time! Sincerely

Deb Morrow - August 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My very sincere condolences to the family of Jeff Hayes. I was deeply saddened to read of his passing.

I was a KHS classmate of Jeff's and he, Pete Schlitt, and I were always hounding the Navy Recruiter to get us into the Navy pronto right upon graduation. When we didn't get in then, we kept trying during the summer and fall of 1966. Jeff beat us by a few months in getting to boot camp in San Diego in 1966, while Pete and I went in January of 1967. I recall Jeff stopping by our boot camp company to say hello to us and rib us at how much more time we had before we graduated. When we saw him then, he was in his graduation dress blues and looked great as a fresh young sailor.

I will always remember Jeff and as a friendly and fun person to be around. God bless him for his service to our country when many others failed to do their part. I thank him too for his years of service in the VA and for his membership in the American Legion.

Jeff, may you rest in peace shipmate, and I bid you fair winds and following seas. You will not be forgotten.

*John Carobine
LT USN (Ret.)
Waukegan, IL*

John Carobine - August 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM