



Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.

February 27, 1971 - November 25, 2024

John Linel Hayes Jr., 53, departed this life on Monday, November 25, 2024, at his childhood home. John was born on February 27, 1971 to John Linel Hayes Sr. and Virgil Lee (Ellison) Hayes in Peoria, IL.

John excepted Christ at an early age at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. John L. Gordon. In 1990 he graduated from Notre Dame High School. He then went to DeVry University to further his education. John was employed at OSF Hospital where he retired from after becoming disabled. John enjoyed watching football, WWE wrestling, listening to music, watching movies, and old sitcoms that he grew up watching when he was young. John also loved to spend time with his family.

John is survived by his loving mother Virgil L. Hayes of Peoria; three sons: Brandon Tyreece-Duane Johnson-Hayes of Killeen, TX, Akai John Hayes and Isaac Leroy Hayes both of Peoria; two grandchildren: Jade Renee Johnson and Alana Joy Johnson of Killeen, TX; two sisters: Berlyn (James) Garner of Peoria and Johnnie Mae Hampton of Milwaukee, WI; a special nephew: Ja'Keem O. Garner of Peoria; one aunt: Ora Mae McGowan of Shiloh, TN; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly. John is preceded in death by his father: John Linel Hayes Sr.; one sister: Lorna Lee Hayes of Peoria; paternal grandparents: Signear Hayes and Leola Christine Reed; maternal grandparents: Willie and Geneva Ellison.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Sovereign Grace M.B.C. (1505 W. Martin Street Peoria, IL 61605) at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Alvin Riley Sr., Pastor will officiate and bring words of comfort.

John will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. (914 S. Pleasant Street Peoria, IL 61604)

Arrangements were made especially for the "Hayes" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tw-parkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "John Linel Hayes Jr." please visit our Sympathy Store

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation- Sovereign Grace M.B. Church

DEC 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace MB Church
1505 W Martin St
Peoria, IL 61605
<https://www.sgmbchurch.org/>

Celebration of life- Sovereign Grace M.B. Church

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace MB Church
1505 W Martin St
Peoria, IL 61605
<https://www.sgmbchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.



Jeanelle Rasberry - September 27, 2025 at 01:05 AM

CD

“ Cassandra Dixon-Nazzal lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.



Cassandra Dixon-Nazzal - December 06, 2024 at 12:24 AM

TF

“ The Hoover Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr..



The Hoover Family - December 05, 2024 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.



Jeanelle Rasberry - December 05, 2024 at 12:41 AM

JR

“ Jeanelle Rasberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.



Jeanelle Rasberry - December 05, 2024 at 12:39 AM

BG

“ My dearest little brother you left us too soon. I miss you so much but I know you are in a better place. I know you, Dad and Lorna are dancing around in heaven together looking gotten in us. I just want you to know your boys miss you so much but know they are being very well taken care of. Even though you are know longer with us, you are forever in our hearts. Rest easy until we meet again. I love you always



Berlyn Garner - December 03, 2024 at 02:47 PM

BB

“ To VIRGIE and family so sorry for the loss of JOHN,JOHN, MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME, GOD HEALS AND KNOWS ALL YOUR NEEDS AT THIS TIME PRAYERS AND LOVE BARBARA BEASLEY

BARBARA BEASLEY - December 03, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JL

“ Julie Ludolph lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.



Julie Ludolph - December 03, 2024 at 01:54 PM

JL

Blessings to your family love Tony and Julie

Julie Ludolph - December 03, 2024 at 01:55 PM

BG

Thank you

Berlyn Garner - December 03, 2024 at 02:49 PM

DB

“ Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.



Dorothea Banks-Burse - December 01, 2024 at 10:45 AM

PG

“ Ive known John since childhood. He was always a cool nice individual. My condolences to the family. May God comfort your hearts.



Pam Gaston - November 30, 2024 at 08:03 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Linel Hayes Jr.*



Mancy Pittman - November 28, 2024 at 07:42 AM



Dorothy Williams. My prayers are with you and family. Virgil we're like family we have known each other so long. With love to all.

Dorothy Williams - December 03, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LD

“ *A time for everything under the sun. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*



larry c douglas - November 27, 2024 at 08:32 PM



Dorothy Williams, To the the Hayes family you are like family we have known each other so long and I'm sending prayers. With love to all.

Dorothy Williams - December 03, 2024 at 05:39 PM

SS

John, I will miss you. We had fun back in the day. I enjoyed visiting you. May God bless your soul.

Steven Streight - October 07, 2025 at 04:59 PM