



## Dale Lafayette Hays

June 14, 1945 - January 30, 2015

Dale Hays went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Gail Bartlett Hays; children, Brent (Denise) Hays, Michael (Stacy) Hays, Angie Crawford, Mark (Kim) Crawford, and Christie (Layne) Wood; grandchildren, Tatum Hays, Chance (Raven) Crawford, Karley Crawford, Savannah Crawford, Ali Wood, Sara Wood, Tori Morton, and Abbi Morton; one great-grandchild, Colt Crawford; and three brothers Sonny Hays, Harry Hays, and Randy Hays. Dale was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War and proudly served three years in the US Navy. He graduated Mortimer Jordan High School in 1964. He retired from Jefferson County. He loved his Lord and his family. He was a member of Castle Heights Baptist Church. He was an incredible husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was dearly loved and will be missed by all. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Jewel Hays; two sons, Barry and Larry Hays; two brothers, Dan Hays and Jimmy Hays; and one sister, Lillian Williams. Visitation will be at The New Gardendale Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2015. Funeral services will be Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of the funeral home with interment to follow at Castle Heights Cemetery with military honors.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Melinda lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Melinda** - February 03, 2015 at 10:28 PM

AC

“ *Angie Crawford lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Angie Crawford** - February 03, 2015 at 10:12 PM

AC

*I love you Dale*

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**Angie Crawford** - February 03, 2015 at 10:12 PM

SS

“ *Synnamon Smith lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Synnamon Smith** - February 02, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ *Matt Bartlett lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Matt Bartlett** - February 02, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ *Linda Phillips lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Linda Phillips** - February 01, 2015 at 04:46 PM



“ *Kath & David Tate lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Kath & David Tate** - February 01, 2015 at 12:20 AM



“ *Dale was such a great man with the love of Christ in his heart. He sang Beulah Land like no other and without a doubt is living there now. I count it a blessing to have known him and his family.*

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**Janet McCombs** - January 31, 2015 at 08:04 PM

WD

“ *Winston And Deloris lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Winston and Deloris** - January 31, 2015 at 07:31 PM

DC

“ *Dickey Crawford lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Dickey Crawford** - January 31, 2015 at 07:15 PM

LT

“ *Linda Brock Tawbush lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**Linda Brock Tawbush** - January 31, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SB

“ *Sherry Brock lit a candle in memory of Dale Lafayette Hays*



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**sherry brock** - January 31, 2015 at 03:36 PM

SB

*he was a very kind and a loving husband to my aunt gail.....we loved him and the family.....he will be sadly missed*

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**sherry brock** - January 31, 2015 at 03:38 PM

DD

*He was a good Christian man and I am so thankful I got to know him. He was a great coach to my son when he played baseball.*

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**Diane "Yeager" Douglass** - February 02, 2015 at 06:02 AM

RL

*I just became aware of Dale's passing today. I was greatly saddened to hear about this.*

*Dale was my best friend in high school. Since I moved to Texas, I only saw him one time after graduation at a MJHS Blue Devil football game in the early 2000's.*

*He was one of the best football players on our high school team. I was the worst or close to it. I got double teamed by Dale and Big "B" one time and I was just a scrawny 135 pound or less weakling with no talent.*

*At that game mentioned above, I went up to him, shook his hand, and told him that I could only think of one negative thing about him: the fact that he was an Auburn Tiger football fan. I was just kidding him, I think. Dale was a great guy and a very good friend.*

*Dale's family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sure Dale is in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*Roy W. Laney*

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**Roy Laney** - March 08, 2015 at 07:57 PM