

*From the heart of the South, in the red and the black,
The Dirty Birds gather, with never a slack.
Through Sundays of triumphs and Sundays of pain,
We stand in the heat and we stand in the rain.
We've flown through the valleys and reached for the heights,
With the roar of the stadium lighting the nights. Though the
flight may be winding and trials arise,
Our voices will always ring up to the skies.
Through every heartbreak and every sweet cup,
We bleed red and black, and we Rise Up!*

Acknowledgments Benz

*The family of Mr. Ricky Timothy Hayes extends
our sincerest gratitude for the many comforting expressions
of heartfelt kindness and sympathy extended during our
time of sorrow. We pray that God blesses and keeps you in
His loving care. Continue to pray for us as we pray for you.*

The Family

Low Country
**CREMATION
& BURIAL**

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RICKY HAYES

MAY 2, 1958 — JULY 16, 2026

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

11:00 P.M.

CHAPEL OF LOW COUNTRY CREMATION AND BURIAL

REIDSVILLE, GEORGIA

Brother Bobby Wynne officiating

Obituary

Ricky Timothy Hayes, passed away surrounded by the love of his family, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories and countless miles traveled. Born on May 2, 1958, Ricky was a man whose life was defined by his unwavering love for his family, his adventurous spirit, and his dedication to those he held dear. For 37 wonderful years, he shared his life with the love of his life, his devoted wife, Patricia Ann Hayes. Together they built a family that became the center of his world.

A professional truck driver for more than 33 years, Ricky spent his career traveling the highways of America, logging an estimated five million miles and visiting every state in the continental United States. He often said that he “always had to know what was around the next curve,” a phrase that perfectly reflected his curiosity and love for the open road.

Above all else, Ricky was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was blessed with six children: Bryan Hayes (Kim), Crystal Franklin (Chris), Benjamin Hayes (Tashma), Brandon Hayes (Tara), Casey Peaden (Marcus), and his youngest daughter, Chelsey Mitchell (Austin). His greatest joy came from spending time with his family, especially his nineteen beloved grandchildren and his precious great granddaughter, Sofia. Whether cheering on football games with his sons, helping with family projects, or simply enjoying time together, Ricky treasured every opportunity to make memories with those he loved.

Ricky had a heart for animals and never met one that he didn't love. He enjoyed traveling, trying his luck at the casino, and was an accomplished piano player whose music brought joy to those around him. Known for his wonderful sense of humor, he had a way of making people laugh and feel at ease. He was rarely seen without one of his favorite patriotic blue, red, and white T-shirts.

His family will forever smile when remembering some of his trademark sayings. Whenever he was about to offer advice, he would begin with, “I'm not trying to tell you what to do,” before doing exactly that. He also had a way of convincing everyone that nearly every project was “just a ten minute job.” One of the greatest ways he expressed his love was by gathering his family together to work side by side on those projects, creating lasting memories along the way. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Doug Hayes.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Ann Hayes; his children, Bryan Hayes (Kim), Crystal Franklin (Chris), Benjamin Hayes (Tashma), Brandon Hayes (Tara), Casey Peaden (Marcus), and Chelsey Mitchell (Austin); his nineteen grandchildren; his great granddaughter, Sofia; his sister, Renee Swords; his brother, Larry Henderson; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

Go Rest High On That Mountain

WORDS OF WELCOME

Brother Bobby Wynne

OPENING PRAYER

Brother Bobby Wynne

WORD IN SONG

When I Get Where I'm Going

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

Friends & Family

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Brother Bobby Wynne

WORD IN SONG

Save You A Seat

BENEDICTION

Brother Bobby Wynne

RECESSIONAL

Whiter Shades Of Pale

*Interment ~ Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Zion Hill Baptist Church, Buford, Georgia*