



Wilmer "Will" Hays

July 22, 1931 - August 15, 2016

Wilmer D. "Will" Hays, 85, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2016. He was born July 22, 1931 in Franklin Grove, IL, was formerly of Grayslake, Villa Park and Ottawa, and a Libertyville resident since 1969. He was a graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School and had three banking certificates, attending the University of Wisconsin School of Banking, Southern IL University and the American Institute of Banking. He was later employed by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and ended his career working for Best Buy. Will was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Libertyville and was on the committee that formed St. John's Lutheran School. He was a past president of the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce and was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife Carol (nee Johnson) Hays; 2 children, Jeffrey (Beth Ann) Hays of Libertyville and Sara Hays (John Mitchell) of Chicago. 2 Grandchildren, Taylor and Kevin; 1 great grandchild, Arlo Elizabeth and his brother Laverne (Sandra) Hays.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Veda May, Doris and Merilyn and brothers, Eugene and Merlyn.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee

Ave.) Libertyville. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 W. Park Ave. Libertyville with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimers Assn. 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Will and Carol got married when I was six, so don't have many childhood memories of him - except for the day I went to high school with him - no, we didn't have babysitters then and family came first! He was always a special 'big brother' and a true friend.

Laverne Hays - April 27, 2018 at 04:43 AM

RK

“ Dear Sara and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May he rest in peace. Regina (Gina) Kump

Regina Kump - April 27, 2018 at 04:43 AM

DM

“ The day of my high school graduation party, I left my hometown behind and headed off with my Uncle Will and Aunt Carol. I hadn't found employment in my hometown, and the summer leading into college was looking dull. But my uncle and aunt lived near the Great America theme park and knew I wanted to work there. They said if I could land a job they'd let me stay with them. So, suddenly, they had an extra son - one who was just a bit older than their kids and off on a new life adventure. I think I was a pretty good kid, but I had a tendency to stay out too late with my new friends and ended up testing a few boundaries. Uncle Will and Aunt Carol managed to find just the right balance of sternness and empathy. I also had a new brother and sister, Jeff and Sara, which was great. I talked Camaros with Jeff and school with Sara. I've been blessed all these years with a second family. I'm profoundly sad to loose my uncle but so glad about all he did for me.

Daryl Miller - April 27, 2018 at 04:43 AM

RS

“ Dear Sara: Steve and I send our deepest condolences to you, your mother and your brother. Thinking of you at this time. Rebeccaq

rebecca sive - April 27, 2018 at 04:43 AM



“ Dear Sara, You and John are on my mind. My condolences on your father's passing. Sincerely, Gerry

September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM