



# James R. Hays Sr.

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## **James R. Hays Sr.**

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**M**r. James R. Hays, Sr., age 88, passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in Muskegon due to complications from COVID-19. He was born in Muskegon on February 12, 1932 to Joe and Frances (Krale) Hays. Jim was a veteran of the United States Navy and served in the Korean War. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and had worked at Kaydon Corporation for 33 years, retiring as Vice President in 1992. Jim was a former member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and a member of the National Association of Accountants where he served as past-president of the Muskegon Chapter. Jim enjoyed his job, golf, spending time with Connie and his grandchildren, and he loved his special fur friends, Pebbles and Peekaboo. Jim and Connie also enjoyed wintering for over 30 years at their home in Palm Springs, California. On July 5, 1979, Jim married the former Constance "Connie" Lynn and she survives him along with six children, Janet (Kreg) Perreault of Muskegon, Harlen (Liesl) Hays of Lees Summit, MO, James Decker of Minneapolis, MN, Jill (Dan) Deephouse of Cottage Grove, MN, Jack Decker of Minneapolis, MN, and Lisa McIntyre of Phoenix, AZ; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bill Hays, Jerry Hays, and Gordon Hays; brother-in-law, Dick Ferry; and many nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joan (Witkowski) Hays; son, James R. Hays, Jr.; parents; and brother, Ron Hays. According to Jim's wishes, cremation has taken place and a graveside service with full military honors will be announced when social distancing restrictions have been lifted. You may sign his online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444.



# Events

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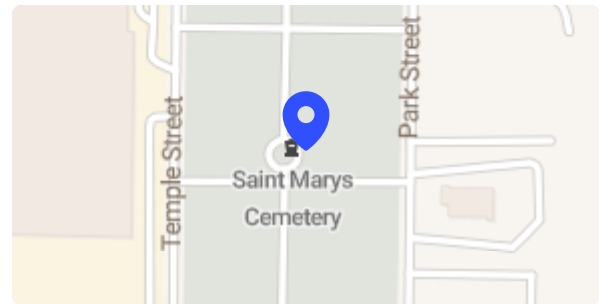
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## Cemetery Details



**St. Mary's Cemetery**

1915 Park St., Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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RL

**Ron Lynn** posted:

Jim was a very understanding man who had great patience with others. He married into a family with six children and survived it all. He and I enjoyed playing golf together and drinking a few beers. He was always ready to do something fun for his wife, my sister, Connie. He was a smart yet humble man with principles. Thank you Jim for being in our family and being the kind person you were. Ron Lynn

May 22 at 11:57 AM

EB

**Esther Block** posted:

Connie, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's death. We send our hugs and prayers to you and your whole family. Tom and Esther Block

May 16 at 7:31 AM

KF

**Kenneth Flowers** lit a candle in honor of James.

I'm so sorry about your lost! May James rest in peace!

May 9 at 4:35 AM



EM

**Emma** posted:

Connie and family my sincere condolence to you and your family. Jim was my first boss in Accounting. He guided me while working at Kaydon and I was able to work different positions while working there for 12 years. His memories will be missed always. God Bless and keep your family close and He will continually watch over you and ease all pain and fear. Emma Vines Co-worker

May 8 at 6:54 PM

NE

**Norm Ebare** posted:

Connie, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great boss and I learned so much under his tutelage. May God's peace surround and comfort your family during this difficult time.

May 8 at 7:17 AM



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KI

**Kim** lit a candle in honor of James.

Janet and Family, Just know we are praying for you during this difficult time.  
Sending thoughts, peace and unconditional love to all of you! Kim Lilly

May 7 at 11:27 AM



MT

**Mary Topp** posted:

Connie, so very sorry to read about Jim's passing. May all the fond memories that you shared help you through this very difficult time. God bless you, Mary Topp

May 7 at 8:58 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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