



Donald Paul Hayes Sr.

May 28, 1941 - June 5, 2023

Donald Paul Hayes SR of St. James, Missouri passed away June 5, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family. Donald was born in Salem, Missouri on May 28, 1941 to the late Sam and Maudeline (Steelman) Hayes.

Donald was united in marriage to Miss Alice Brooks, this union was blessed with four children. Sadly, Alice passed away in 2010. Donald supported his family mostly as a heavy equipment operator and was a proud member of the Operating Engineers Union. After returning home to Missouri Donald and Alice bought home outside of St. James. Donald bought a couple of dump trucks and called his company Don Hayes Hauling. He was a member of Walking by Faith Baptist Church in Salem, MO. Donald was a giver, he would give you the shirt off his back, he loved people, and he loved the Lord.

Donald was proud of his heritage and enjoyed sharing stories of days gone by. He was a great storyteller. He was for sure known as a “Blue dog democrat”. He liked to mow grass that he kept up himself until his health no longer allowed him to do so. He was a loving and devoted dad, and grandpa, and will be lovingly missed by all those that knew and loved him.

A Celebration to honor the life that he lived will be held at later date.

Donald Paul Hayes SR is survived by his children, Donald Paul Hayes JR, of St. James, MO, Melissa Hayes, of St. James, MO, and Dale Hayes, of St. James, MO; grandchildren, David Banks, Carley Jett, Justin Lonergan, Kristin Lonergan, and Jarrod Lonergan; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. In addition to his parents Sam and Maudeline Hayes, and wife

Alice Hayes, Donald was preceded in death by his son, David Hayes; brothers, Kenneth "Buster", Jimmy, and Ray Hayes; sisters, Faye Sheppard, and Shirley Farrell.