



Robert Earl Hays II

January 6, 1946 - January 4, 2018

Robert Earl “Dr. Bob” Hays II of Durant, OK passed away January 4, 2018 in Austin, TX at the age of 71. He was born on January 6, 1946 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Robert Earl Hays I and Margie Blake.

Robert graduated from Denison High School and later received a bachelor’s, master’s, and a doctorate in education. He worked as a college professor and was employed at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. After 25 years, Dr. Bob retired from the university. He was a member of Durant Elk Lodge and the First Presbyterian Church of Durant. In his spare time, he enjoyed, fishing, golfing, playing the guitar, listening and singing to Elvis and spending time with his family.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Earl Hays I and Margie Thomason; step-father Newt Thomason; and step-daughter, Jessica Stallings.

Survivors include his son, Robert Earl Hays III of Colorado; daughter Victoria Hays of Durant, OK; sister JaneAnn Epperly and husband Russell of Sherman, TX; brother, Jeff Thomason and wife Nina of Austin, TX; grandson, Roland Hays of Colorado; granddaughters, Brittany Lake and husband Patrick of Durant, OK, Brandi Baumann of Little Creek, VA (Brandi shares the same birthday as her Grandpa Robert), Deveney Harris and boyfriend Dustin Abernathy; great-grandchildren, Nevaeh Lake, Sarah Inman, and Alec

Abernathy; special friends, Julia Ringler of Denison, TX, Kathryn Hays, and JoAnn Howard along with many other extended family members and dear friends.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held 10:00 AM Monday, January 8, 2018 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Dave Smith and Pastor Mike Manaugh officiating with special speaker and longtime friend Dell McClain. Family will accept friends Sunday evening from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Family Hour

JAN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
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Memorial Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Earl Hays II*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *I attended SOSU as an "older" adult, I was so impressed with his teaching method and patience with me, I will always be thankful to have such a wonderful instructor.*

Laura - January 15, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dr. Bob will be missed by so many. His humor and wit were a joy to experience.*

Dan England - January 08, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Dr. Hays was the first instructor I had at Central State University. Introduction to Advertising -- the first class, on the first day, of my first college semester -- set the bar VERY high, and I'll always remember his passion and enthusiasm...plus he was just cool! I learned a lot from Denny Hall, Mark Hanebutt, Charles Simmons and Lauren Hammett in the Journalism department...but most of all from Bob Hays. He was a blessing to me as a college student in Edmond, and I was surprised to discover him teaching at SOSU when I moved to Durant. I'm saddened by his passing, and I know his memory will live on in the hearts of many.*

Amy Hervey - January 08, 2018 at 09:36 AM

KA

“ We are saddened to learn of Bob's death and will always remember him as a great colleague and friend. RIP Dr. Bob!
Kirk and Liz Ashton
Santa Fe, TX

Kirk & Liz Ashton - January 07, 2018 at 07:32 PM

DJ

“ Thank you Dr. Bob! You were the one who taught me some of the most important lessons.
They were sometimes hard but I needed it!
I carry them with me through my professional life. I'm glad that I got to see you a few years ago walking through my neighborhood in Pottsboro! Rest In Peace!

DJ Johnson - January 07, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Hays II.



January 06, 2018 at 10:06 PM

EB

“ I am deeply at the loss of Dr. Bob. Over the years he mentored many young minds. SPE lost a good man and a great brother. Our prayers go out to the family.

Ed Bellman - January 06, 2018 at 12:23 PM

BH

“ I met Bob when I pledged to the Sig Eps at ETSU. We immediately formed a friendship and enjoyed many of the same things. We fished together. We cooked and had many meals together. I enjoyed listening to his " Elvis" songs. I am sorry to hear of his death. Prayers to the family.

Bobby Hardman - January 06, 2018 at 10:21 AM

LK

“ Love, Wick, Joe, Patti, Blake and Kevin purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Robert Earl Hays II.



Love, Wick, Joe, Patti, Blake and Kevin - January 05, 2018 at 02:32 PM