



Christopher L Hayne Jr

July 15, 2022

Christopher Lindsey Hayne, Jr.

5/18/1932 - 7/15/2022

Christopher Lindsey Hayne, Jr. of Foley, AL, passed away at his home on Wolf Bay on Friday, July 15, 2022. He was 90 years of age. Mr. Hayne was born in Natchitoches, LA, on May 18, 1932, and moved to Alexandria, LA, just before World War II.

Mr. Hayne was preceded in death by his parents, Christopher Lindsey Hayne and Kathleen Dunnam Hayne, and by his sister and brother, Kathleen Hayne Foltz and William Phillip Hayne, as well as sons-in-law Camille B. Graugnard and John R. Peters, Jr. He is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 72 years, Patricia Halliburton Hayne, his children George Ann Hayne Peters, Patricia Hayne Rainey and Christopher Lindsey Hayne III. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Jack Graugnard (Erin), Lindsey G. Schafer (Allen), Hayne Rainey (Meg) and Will Rainey; as well as seven great grandchildren (Garrett Rainey; Jack and Hayne Schafer; and Mike, William, Jane Louise and Marcus Graugnard) as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

During World War II, Mr. Hayne was eager to serve like his friends and enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve; earning the rank of apprentice seaman. After proudly serving nineteen days, he was honorably discharged once it was

discovered that he was just fifteen years old. He attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge and he was proud to root for the Tigers all his life. Mr. Hayne married his high school sweetheart Patricia on September 2, 1950, when they were still teenagers and honeymooned in the middle of Hurricane Easy.

As a young adult, he was involved in his family's cotton business, Independent Mill and Gin, becoming a certified cotton classer at just nineteen. In addition to farming, he was an avid young pilot, taking his passion from crop dusting to becoming the fixed base operator at Esler Field, Alexandria, LA, where he and his wife operated Air Charter Inc., an airplane charter service, aircraft maintenance and Cessna airplane dealership. As an early commercial aviator in Louisiana, his professionalism and success were highly valued.

After selling Air Charter, he was recruited to work in aviation management for the U.S. Forest Service. Later stationed in Boise, ID, Mr. Hayne supported the Intermountain Region Four Smokejumpers; where among his many responsibilities, he managed and maintained aircraft for aerial fire detection and flew missions deploying smokejumpers safely to fight wildland fires. In all his years of professional service, he was proud to have never been involved in an accident. He officially retired in 1979.

Mr. Hayne filled his retirement years enjoying his many airplanes and boats until shortly before his final illness. He loved to travel at his own pace, including a number of times sailing or cruising from the Alabama Gulf Coast where he settled last to the Bahamas; sometimes navigating the weeks-long voyage by himself. But flying was always his lifelong passion which he enjoyed into his 80's. And there was no engine he could not analyze and repair and he took great pleasure over the years helping friends with their airplane and boat engines, a hobby that he enjoyed as much as his friends

benefitted.

In recognition of all his knowledge and professional achievements, he was awarded both the Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award and the Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award by the Federal Aviation Administration in 2010. He earned the status of a Master Boat Captain by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1991. In his later years, he was an active member of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1265 - Magnolia Springs, AL, and the Ancient Aviators of South Alabama where he loved to share stories and connect with fellow pilots. And his brief military service as a patriotic teenager allowed him to join the American Legion Post 99 - Foley, AL, in 2018.

With his devoted wife Patricia by his side, together they lived a wonderful life. Known as "Papa" to his family, his children will never forget growing up in the back of a Beechcraft Bonanza airplane as he flew them across the country. And his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will never forget his kindness and spirit, and the seemingly unbelievable stories he would tell of his many adventures. He was dearly loved by all and will be deeply missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 601 W Laurel Ave., Foley, AL 36535 on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the mass. Interment will follow in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church Cemetery, Foley, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Foley, AL.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St Margaret's of Scotland Catholic Church
601 West Laurel Ave
Foley, AL 36535

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Tribute Wall

WH

“ I met Chris years ago when visiting my parents and I am really going to miss him. He and Pat always made a point of always making sure they came to see us when we visited. I loved hearing his stories and he will be greatly missed by all that met him. He was a great person and friend. God bless him and his family. Sending our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Wendy Hoffman

Wendy Hoffman - July 22, 2022 at 04:48 PM

GH

“ Dear Pat, George Ann, Patti, and Christopher,

After knowing Chris for at least 65 years and having him visit my family home during cotton season two or three times a week to have lunch with my family, I certainly feel the loss that you are going through now. Chris was a wonderful man who lived his life on his terms, and The Hoyts were very blessed to enjoy such a close friendship with him for many years. If I listed all the wonderful things that Chris brought into my life, it would be much more than the viewers of this tribute would ever read. It is with the warmest feelings and the saddest heart that I write this note to you. May God Bless You and Keep You Always! Love, Gaylord (and Sue)

Gaylord Hoyt - July 21, 2022 at 08:42 AM

RL

“ *Mr. Chris or Papa,
He answered to both so lovingly. He treasured his wife and family.
AND lived his dream of being a fly boy! We always respected him
for finding his own path whether on sea or in air.
He accepted us, his daughters friends, as family and we loved him
back for it.
Fondly and love to Mama,
Rosie and Bret*

Rose LeBreton - July 20, 2022 at 07:29 PM

ML

“ *I count myself fortunate to have known and been a friend of Chris's.
He was a fellow aviator and a pilot's pilot. I always enjoyed
swapping tales with him.
He was a kind and generous man and he will be missed.*

Massey "Butch" Lambard

MASSEY "Butch" LAMBARD - July 20, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was
purchased for the family of Christopher L Hayne Jr.*

Brett Barlow - July 20, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Mr Chris was very special to me. I enjoyed listening to him talk about his life and the things that he had done. He would light up while talking about being a pilot and all the planes he flew and the travels he made. To say that I was quite fond of him would be an understatement; he had no quit in him and I am honored to have known him. My heart is heavy for his family and I will keep them in my prayers. He truly was a good man.*

Brett Barlow

Brett Barlow - July 20, 2022 at 10:24 AM

CN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cathy Nolan - July 20, 2022 at 10:17 AM

MB

“ *Marc Baretz purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.casonfuneralservice.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Christopher L Hayne Jr.*

Marc Baretz - July 20, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher L Hayne Jr.*



July 20, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher L Hayne Jr.*



July 19, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *Chris Haynes will always be in mt heart. I was his Caregiver. Sometimes he said iny temperment was off but he enjoyed my company. He loved his family and a double hot chocolate at 3am in the morning. Rest on my friend. Servant well done.*

Willie Bodiford - July 19, 2022 at 02:32 PM

LO

Chris and I were not initially aware of the fact we were in the same place at the same time not once but twice in our lifetime.

He was getting ready to become manager of the Alexandria Airport , I was in the U. S. Force stationed at the airport that was being returned to the City of Alexandria, LA. It was August 1952.

My wife Mona and I lived in our boat winters in Marsh Harbour Marina, Abaco, Bahamas from 1995 to 2004. Chris spent several of those years in a slip next to ours. Chris entertained the audience of 40 boats with his story telling ranging from his joining the Navy at the age of thirteen to his swimming to shore after crashing landing a plane in a lake. Chris helped many of us with our boat's mechanical problems.

Mona and I moved to The Villages , FL in 2004. Nearly every year we went to Iowa my home State. We drove an extra 150 miles to visit Chris and Patricia for a couple days. Patricia made us feel like we were doing them a favor by visiting them.

Mona and I love Chris and Patricia. Chris' passing has left a gap in our lives.

*Chief Judge Leo Oxberger
Iowa Court of Appeals (Retired)*

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Leo Oxberger - July 28, 2022 at 08:33 PM