



Joseph Ellis Hays

April 14, 1933 - February 24, 2025

Joseph Ellis Hays, 91, fell asleep on February 24, 2025, and is waiting on Jesus

soon return! He was born on April 14, 1933, in Bloomington, Indiana, to Carl K and Macy A (Shields) Hays.

Joe left high school and worked as a short order cook to support his mom. He met the love of his life, Violet, at Stone Cafe where she worked as a waitress. They were married for 71 years. He worked as a self-employed contractor most of his life. He enjoyed repairing lawn mowers and chainsaws. Joe was passionate about his love for Jesus and was a member of The Congregation of the One New Man which is a Messianic Jewish community.

He is survived by his son Daniel (Lisa) Hays, grandson Zachary Hays of Indianapolis, granddaughter Emily (James) Reuter of Spencer and granddaughter Laura Sky (Jake) Jacobs of Spencer. He has seven great grandchildren: Maddox, Trayton, Reina, Katarina, Izabella and Ellionna Reuter and Layla Jacobs. He is also survived by extended family Marilyn Crawford, Nancy Arterburn, Mary Jane Allen, Jane King, Jimmy Crawford, Sue Compton and Tammy and Dave McMillan.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Violet, brothers Vernon,

Clarence "Dick", Fred, John, Kenneth, and Jim and sisters Katherine, Lucille, Wilma.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home & Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington. Visitation is from 11:00 am until the service. Entombment will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Brian and Elise Calvi - March 11, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ I met Joe through his wife Violet, who was a very hard working Woman. She was my Mother's cleaning Woman.... more like a helper, as My Mother cleaned along with her when she would come over to work for My Mother. They became kind of Friends. Very sadly, I missed Violet's Passing, but I did run into her at the Post Office some Years back. I bought one of their Mother's old Vehicles; a white Buick Century with very low mileage on it, and drove it problem free for a number of Years. I am glad I got to know you two! Rest in Peace!

Ted Welch - March 01, 2025 at 07:01 AM

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Brian and Elise Calvi - March 11, 2025 at 11:37 AM