



Patrick Hayes

July 30, 2008

Patrick Michael Hayes (Major, USAF Ret), age 52, of Columbus Ohio, died July 30, 2008 at home. Born in May 1956 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, he was the son of Airman John David Hayes and Millie (Fischer) Hayes. Pat is survived by his wife of 10 years, Marianne Jeanette Ceritelli Hayes. Pat has a daughter Megan Elizabeth of College Station, TX, a daughter Brynn Victoria of College Station TX, and a son Michael, of Baton Rouge LA. Pat's mother Millie lives in Seattle WA, and his father John preceded him in death. Pat was the oldest of John and Millie's ten children, all of whom survive him; Jack, Richie, David, Peter, Paul, Peggy, Rob, Tari, and Bill. His extended family includes Tony and Tracy Ceritelli, their children Jessica, Christina, Anthony and Mary, and the entire Prendergast family. Pat graduated from the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay with a BS in Earth Sciences, and received his MS in Meteorology from Texas A&M University. He did further studies at TAMU (meteorology) and George Washington University (systems engineering). Pat entered the Air Force after undergraduate college, starting his weather career with the first of three assignments at Texas A&M University in the Basic Meteorology Program. He has three assignments with the Army; two were at Fort Bragg with the Army airborne units; the 7th Special Forces Group, 82nd Airborne Division, and the XVIII Airborne Corps. Pat spent three years providing advanced weather support to the Air Force special projects out of Las Vegas, and he served three years at his birthplace, supporting the Air Force Research Lab at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. At

the time of his retirement, Maj Hayes was the Air Force staff weather officer at the Army's Intelligence Center and School at Fort Huachuca AZ. After his Air Force career, Pat joined Northrop Grumman and provided weather support to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Fort Belvoir VA. Pat's interest in meteorology started while an undergraduate at Green Bay. His college job was to teach skiing in the winter and sailing in the summer. He crewed on several big sailboats racing throughout the Great Lakes, including the Chicago-Mackinac race. He also helped start UW-BG's intercollegiate sailing team, with which he sailed for its first two years. Pat loved figuring out how the weather changed and affected sailing. While sailing in Green Bay, a recruiter convinced Pat he could help his country and learn more about the weather while serving in the Air Force. The other endeavor Pat loved is education. He loved teaching weather, which he did through the AMS Education DataStreme program. Working with the AMS DataStreme program was how Pat met Marianne at an AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, and was how the two were married, during an AMS Annual Meeting in Phoenix. Pat and Marianne spent more than ten years team-teaching weather to educators in Ohio, North Carolina, Arizona, and Virginia. Pat also taught science to adult undergrads through the University of Phoenix, where UOP also used Pat to develop science curriculum. Pat was a member of the AMS, Sigma Xi, and other science and engineering professional organizations. A Funeral Mass service will be held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 10:00 AM, with internment at St. Joseph Cemetery in Baraboo, Wisconsin at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and/or Odyssey (Hospice) Health Care in memory of Patrick.

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I admired her grace and that wonderful wit. Her love of Indian Lake and of her family was admired by all that knew her. I will never forget those teenage beach parties at Twin Coves. Great memories with Pat. My sincere condolences to everyone who loved her. Rest in Peace my friend.

Linda Harr Mitchell - January 17, 2024 at 01:54 PM



So sorry! Wrong obituary popped up. My condolences.

Linda Harr Mitchell - January 17, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ Patrick Hayes

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ It was an honor and pleasure to work with and live in the same community with Pat. At work, Pat pushed me to perform at my best, to strive for new technical achievements, all in the interest of providing more reliable weather information in defense of our nation and our troops. He had faith in me, though I sometimes lacked faith in myself ... that is the best kind of teacher, friend and colleague. He is the type of man by whom we can all set our compass. Show us the direction, Pat, and we will follow. Thank you for your professionalism, your patience and your friendship. You made a difference in my life.

Kyle Dedrick - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Pat lived his life to the fullest. He will be missed by all his friends and family. Godspeed to all. David

David S. Hadley - August 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Pat and I were at Texas A&M together in grad school. I really enjoyed getting to know him there. He was always a class act. After retirement we both worked for Northrop Grumman albeit in different cities. Pat: you're a great guy and I'll miss you!

Chuck LeMay - August 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Marianne and everyone in Pat's family, I am deeply saddened by the news of Pat's passing. I just learned of it this morning via an email reply from Marianne. I'm a couple weeks late, and still bit too broken up today to give him his proper due, but I'll come back soon to leave a couple of fun stories about the incredible person I knew from our days at UW Green Bay. In the meantime, a toast to Pat. A truly wonderful friend of mine.

Blake Middleton - August 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Marianne - I was heartbroken to hear of Pat's death. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Our loss on earth is definitely heaven's gain. Those of us in St. Joan of Arc choir are thinking of you! God Bless, Suzanne McCann

Suzanne McCann - August 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dearest Marianne -- my heart goes out to you - you're in my thoughts and prayers. Pat was a good man and I was blessed to have met him. love you, Manicotti

Christine Leddy - August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Marianne, We hope you know how much we love and respect you. Pat was a great guy. Smart, humble, kind, and fun to be around, but most of all, he was brave and a model of strength of our faith in God and the promise of life everlasting. One of our favorite memories of time spent with you two was attending mass together and sharing a meal. We are so glad that you two wer able to stay with us for a weekend in Annapolis. Pat's love for you was so obvious to others to the very end of his life. He was always thinking of you. We are happy that the two of you found one another and shared a love that is one for others to follow. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and will be here for you in friendship, love, and faith. With love, Peg and David Smith

Peg and David Smith - August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Peggy,Paul and Family, I know how difficult it is to have a brother pass in such a short lifetime. Teazins Deer, Tibetan Table "I believe in the power of compassion, the gift of healing, the ability to live so deeply...and then to let it go" With our deepest sympathy, Terry, Beverly, Melissa,JJ & Kyle Miller

Terry & Beverly Miller - August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Godspeed, Pat. Lee

Lee Nelson - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“Marianne, When I think of Pat, the first thing that comes to mind is the strong, warm hugs which always welcomed your friends. While Pat may no longer be with us, I can't help but smile fondly at the memories which he has blessed us with. In this way, Pat will always be with us. I had hoped to be able to come up for the services, but I am in Australia visiting my son. I know that you have lots of people helping you now. When things calm down and you need a friend, call me and I will come up for the weekend or you can come down to St. Louis for a get away. I am thinking of you and I will keep you in my prayers. Love, Kathy Murphy

Kathy Murphy - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“Please accept my most sincere condolences and sympathy on your loss. Pat was a wonderful colleague and person. He will be missed greatly. Mark

Mark Lilly - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“Marianne, Extremely sorry your loss. In the short time I knew him, Pat made me feel important in my new job here at Ft. Huachuca; a real professional and a pleasure to be around. I know we'll all miss him. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help. God bless you. Jim

Jim Staley - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I was truly saddened by hearing the news of Pat. He was a great boss and great friend. I worked for Pat at Ft. Huachuca before he retired. His passion for weather and teaching was unmatched. I would tease him about his motorcycle and that he should get a Harley Davidson. He really liked to ride that bike of his. Marianne was my daughter's elementary school teacher and needless to say, she too (now almost 18 years old) is also very sad to hear of Pat's passing. I could go on and on about the character of this man and what a true American he was. I will miss you, Pat and think of you often. The Air Force weather community will not be the same with you gone and the world is just a little bit emptier. Look down on us from time to time. God bless you and your family. Marianne, if there is anything you need, simply call. God bless. Bill

Bill Simcox - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ I had the honor to work with Pat (he was my boss 1996-7 at Wright Pat AFB) and can say he was a true professional and a GREAT boss. I first met him in the Winter of 1996 and it may have been one of the worst periods of his life. He'd been battling for custody of the kids with the state of TX. Still it was obvious he was a special strong character because he maintained a very upbeat outlook and always kept his humor in front of us, his minions. About two days after we first met, he gave me a ride home from work. It was after a good 13-inch blizzard in early January 1996. He had a small pickup and said "Ready?" with a bright wink. Then he proceeded to "fishtail" and "donut" his way around the parking lot for a few minutes before driving properly on the streets! He was incredibly energetic and capable as a leader. Seeing a lot of disorganization in the way our unit transferred information, he came up with a bold solution. Never daunted, he said "let's buy a server and make our own intranet!" In 1996 this was a challenge, it was new, and it was before the Air Force dedicated it's own trained pros to the task. And by the way, we didn't have any money. Pat managed to raise the dollars, we bought the hardware, he set up a small intranet for our unit and he administered the accounts smoothly. He even went with me to Microsoft NT administrator training classes. He always gave me a lot more credit than was due to me for HIS work, and also.... we had a blast! I was also fortunate enough to be there when Pat began to court Marianne. Pat attended most of the local American Meteorological Society (AMS) meetings. He was the local Wright Memorial Chapter's prestigious vice-president at the time. You didn't have to be Sherlock Holmes to see there was an electric chemistry between Pat and an attractive stranger who drove down from Columbus to our AMS meetings! This good turn of fate in his life made Pat, incredibly, more fun to be around. So I, with you, count knowing Pat and Marianne Hayes as a great blessing in my life. To missing many future memories we could have shared with Pat...Skoal!

Paul Gehred - August 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I will miss Pat and pray for his family. He showed faith, honor and courage to us all. Please accept my condolences.

Michael P. Phillips, CDR USN Ret. - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I have so many fond memories of times with Pat, some recent and some from long ago. It was such a blessing to be able to spend some time with Pat and Marianne recently. It was a special week that I will always cherish. Pat was caring, determined, and direct. He didn't stand on ceremony. When faced with a situation that would have others at a stand, he could stand back and see a way through, and then offer a solution that was uncomplicated. He has guided us through some rough spots and we are better for it. But for all his determination and rigour, he was also fun-loving, spontaneous and flexible. An easy-going person to share time with and learn from. I will miss him on this worldly plane and rejoice to see him on the other side.

Paul Hayes - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We are thinking of you and your family at this time and letting you know you are in our prayers. Jeff and Jessica Doon and Family

Jessica Doon - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Maj. Hayes was a good man and always looked after the well being of the troops. I enjoyed serving with him at the 18th Weather Squadron at Ft. Bragg. God Bless him and his family, my prayers are with you.

Rich Gideons - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Billy-Quits my Dad used to call me when we lived in Germantown, Wis. I had Pat in my life at the beginning of mine and at the end of his. Not to much in the middle. We were always at a different part of the country. He was a protector of us little kids when the older ones would kick our but. Pat always had my back. Pat and Ma & pa and uncle Bob and Wanda and Aunt Mary were at Nashville Ind. for some visiting at a campgrounds. The entrance was a good 5 miles long . I woke up in the morning to the smell of eggs cooking over a fire Pat and Uncle Bob made. I asked Pat how long he had been up and he said awhile now. Well where have you been? Running he said . I said where..? Well he said Do you remember when you came in the entrance of the park . I said ya its about 5 miles up the hill. Well he said you should see the view from the top of the fire tower at the park entrance..... Oh OK... What could I say the man ran about 10-15 miles and came back to cook breakfast for everyone before we even got out of bed. That was my big brother

William m. Hayes - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Pat was more my oldest brother. He was a darn good role model, for any young person. As a husband, father, brother, son, student, teacher, sailor, airman, friend and stranger, he always tried to do the right thing, help you however he could. We all, even his mainiac dogs, are missing him badly. Now he is at peace, with his dad Jon, and beloved terrier Max. PS As was his way, he wrote the obit him self. He did not want to bother any one with the task.

Rob, (Bob) Hayes - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We are thinking of you at this time of loss, and pray for your strength to endure your grief. We extend our sympathy and prayers. Love...Dick and Sheila

Richard and Sheila Roznos - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ We are so saddened by the death of Pat. He was your first born and fortunate to have many brothers and sisters. Also, a very special mother and father. We wish he would have been older when he passed away but I guess that was not in the plan. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy Nola and Rollie

Nola and Rollie - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Well, I'm glad someone took the time to write that extended story. I had no idea he did all those things. Whenever I asked him exactly what he did at work he just said "I'm a weather scientist". I suppose there are more sides to him I never saw but the one I'm left with is kind....a very under-rated word and quality. It's not currently cool. Kind and compassionate, funny and smart. He found grace. He had grace...I don't know how you do that but I hope I can find it before I have to go.

Peg Hayes Tipton - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM