



## Billy Scott Hayes

February 10, 1942 - June 4, 2026

Billy Scott Hayes passed away peacefully at his home in Tallahassee on Thursday, June 4. Born in Atlanta, GA on February 10, 1942 to Lucy Jane Leach and Milouse “Mac” Hayes. Billy served in the US Navy, participating in the American Blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis; he retired from CSX Railroad.

Billy was a man of quiet faith, and a generous and loving husband, father and grandfather and friend to everyone who ever met him. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Richard, and is survived by his wife, Janice, grandchildren Julie Harrison (Corey Harrison), and Branden Thomason, and great-grandchildren Charlotte and Landon Harrison and Amethyst Thomason. Janice’s children, grandchildren and great grandchildren all considered Papa Billy their grandfather as well. Billy’s many many grandchildren and great-children, and all of his family adored their Papa Billy and they were truly the joy of his life.

Billy was a legendary man who loved travel, good Scotch, funny stories, and most of all spending time with his beloved Jan, his family, and all of those dogs. He could fix anything, always gave good advice, and was an unapologetic practical joker. Billy was always the first to help, and his family will miss his daily phone calls and gruff but sweet way.

Billy's family will celebrate his life privately, but hope his friends and those who remember him will raise a toast in his honor and recall happy memories and stories they shared with him. In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations to the Leon County Humane Society (<https://www.leoncountyhumane.org/donate/tribute-to-a-person/>) or to the pet rescue of your choice.

Todd Wahlquist of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Hayes family with their arrangements.