



## Richard "Dick" Urban Hays

August 23, 1928 - September 13, 2024

Richard "Dick" Urban Hays, 96 of Tallahassee, passed away Friday, September 13, 2024, with his loving family by his side. He was born on August 23, 1928, in Sharon, Maryland to his parents George Urban and Wilma Bower Hays. As a young boy he cut lawns, raised chickens to sell the eggs, and rabbits, which he sold to John Hopkins for research.

He was a man of many trades and talents. At 17 he drafted a detailed plan of a 300-foot navy auxiliary vessel on linen. He was a draftsman working for the Martin Company, under contract with the USAF in Cape Canaveral, working on missile projects like the Titan 3 project. While living in Florida he owned a leather shop, repairing shoes and other leather goods. Later he moved to North Carolina where he owned a bed and breakfast. He was a man of many talents and could fix just about anything. If you ever had the honor of working on a project with him, you knew he was a perfectionist.

He and his first wife Nancy had four children, Richard, Pattie, Doug, and Jeff. Dick met the love of his life Laura in 1986, and were married on April 11, 1987. They were blessed with 37 years of marriage. Laura brought two children, Theresa, and JayPaul into his life. He treated them as his own, loving and nurturing them as he did his own children. He was there for them through good times and bad. He was blessed with ten grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Dick was an incredible man, with a big heart. He will live on in

all our hearts.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our family has many great memories of Dick. Dick was the best stepfather my brother, Lloyd, and I had. Tom, my husband, helped Dick build a huge red barn, just to mention a few things they built, when we lived in Merritt Island. Chris grew up spending lots of time with his Mamo and Papo Dick. We had horses, cows, sheep, chickens, peacocks, guineas, goats, a donkey, to mention a few. Although we haven't been a part of Dick's life for many years, we will always have those fond memories from his prior family. Doug, his son, also shares those fond memories. We love you Dick, Tom, Linda, Chris, Beth, Rachel, Rebekah Patterson and Lloyd and Connie Woosley.

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**Linda Patterson** - September 23, 2024 at 12:53 PM

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“ Laura, so sorry for your loss, will continue to keep you in prayer for the Lords peace, presence and comfort. ❤️🙏

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**Peggy Harris** - September 23, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ Mr. Dick was an amazing man. If you knew him, you loved him. A true gentleman. He will be missed by all. Praying for peace and comfort for Mrs. Laura and all of his family.

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**Sheila and Paul Rayborn** - September 19, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Urban Hays.*



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September 17, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ *Margaret J Hooper and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Urban Hays.*

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**Margaret J Hooper and family** - September 17, 2024 at 09:11 PM



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September 17, 2024 at 03:25 PM



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