



## Eddie Hays

July 20, 1954 - August 31, 2024

On Friday, August 30, 2024, George Edward Hays, loving father, husband, and friend went to be with the Lord at the age of 70. He passed peacefully at home following a chronic long term illness battle. He was a gifted leather artist and friend to many. A man of character and a life filled with stories to share.

George Edward Hays known to all as “Eddie” was born July 20, 1954, in Poplar Bluff, MO., to George and Lawanda Hays. Eddie spent a few years after graduation working at Miller Bowie Supply. He then started his 29 year long career with the Texas Animal Health Commission as a livestock officer for Bowie and Cass counties. In his spare time, Eddie worked in his leather shop, Rocking H Boots and Saddlery.

After retiring from the state, he and his wife, Deann, enjoyed working together in the leather shop, gardening, and traveling to shows and expos displaying their leather goods. In their downtime, they enjoyed sitting on the porch watching all God’s nature and wildlife. They attended Canton MarketPlace Fellowship in Canton, TX and Christian Fellowship Church of Ashdown.

Eddie was preceded in death by his father and mother George and Lawanda Hays and older sister, Kathy Hays. He is survived by wife, Deann Crews Hays; daughter, Haley North (Jake) of Ponder, TX, daughter, Sarah Hinton (Cody) of Ashdown, AR., daughter, Sawyer Oliver (Wayne) of Simms, TX, along with 4 grandchildren; Grayson, Maycie, Kaden (Haley), and A'Nora (Sawyer), as well as sister, Annette Hays of Shreveport and a host of nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend services at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown, AR on Monday, September 2, 2024. Visitation will congregate from 12pm to 2 pm with memorial service starting in the chapel at 2 pm. Following the service, burial will be held at Arden Cemetery.

No words can express how grateful we are for the outpouring of love and prayer from everyone. Eddie is loved and will be missed by all.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown  
371 N 3rd Street  
PO Box 428  
Ashdown, AR 71822  
(870) 898-3331  
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

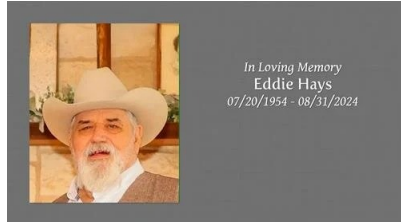
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eddie Hays*



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**Madden Funeral Home** - September 01, 2024 at 01:59 PM

NH

“ *Eddie was so much fun. We have so many memories of him at Calvary baptist church in simms texas. He always had fish fries at his house and he always wanted to cook everywhere we went. We will always remember him. He made my dad a leather guitar strap and it's beautiful. He was so kind and so caring. Just a good friend and he will truly be missed*

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**Nikki and Michael Huddleston** - September 23, 2024 at 12:01 AM

CS

“ *There are certain people that you meet and feel that you have known them all of your life. They become immediate friends and find a place in your heart. Eddie was one of those people. My love to Deann and the family. Claudia*

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**Claudia Steed** - September 05, 2024 at 11:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eddie Hays.



August 31, 2024 at 10:24 PM

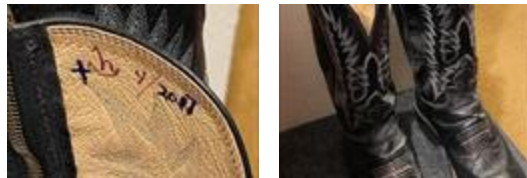


“ Terry, Vickie & Emily Ramey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Hays.

Terry, Vickie & Emily Ramey - August 31, 2024 at 10:24 PM



“ Eddie was a great barbecue chef and host of the Hays Reunion for many years. The last one my husband, Tom Buckley- Rachel Louise Hays son, attended before his death was to receive a beautiful pair of orthotic diabetic boots and to tell everyone Goodbye. God bless the you family. I know there is a great union in heaven.



Jo Ann Buckley - August 31, 2024 at 08:30 PM



We were there and that was such a special moment.

Julie Hays Dryden - August 31, 2024 at 09:41 PM

BS

“ Eddie had been a long time friend of the Woodall Family . He will be missed by many. He has always had a good kind heart for so many. Rest in Peace Eddie. Condolences to the Hays Family.



Beth Woodall Shepherd - August 31, 2024 at 07:45 PM

GF

Eddie was a new friend to me at CANTON MARKETPLACE but I felt like I had known him and DeAnna forever. Rest in peace sir, you have earned it. Amen and amen.

George Flournoy - August 31, 2024 at 08:04 PM

JK

“ I hired Eddie for the state of Texas and knew him well and appreciated his passion for life and skills in numerous fields and endeavors. Joe T. Kelsey, Bogata, Eddie’s Supervisor for most of his livestock inspection career. Rest easy.

Joe T. Kelsey - August 31, 2024 at 04:43 PM

HN

Thank you for your kind words. Means a lot!

Haley Hays North - August 31, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JO

I always enjoyed talking to Eddie, either at his leather booth or his good eatin’ booth. Loved those biscuits and sausage. RIP my friend.

jim owens - August 31, 2024 at 08:09 PM

TL

I met Deann in Canton in July. She was a pleasure to visit and do business with . Reading these memories, it is obvious Eddie was just as amazing and talented. Sending prayers for your family.

Tonnie Compton, Ivan, LA - September 11, 2024 at 10:17 AM