



John L Hay Jr.

August 2, 1953 - April 30, 2024

On Tuesday April 30, 2024, the Rev John L. Hay Jr. went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One of the 4th generation of family members born in St. Petersburg, FL. he attended the former Dixie Hollins High School graduating in 1971. Originally a loyal union plumber by trade in the family business, John answered the lord's call to the ministry in 1982. His advanced education began with an Associate degree from St. Petersburg Junior College, a Bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, before ultimately earning his Master's Degree in Divinity from seminary via Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Rev Hay was an Elder in the Florida United Methodist conference and retired in 2017 after 31 years of faithful service. He initially served as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Ocala, FL. before being appointed to Crawfordville UMC, where he was the longest tenured pastor at 9 years. Other appointments included United Methodist Churches in Macclenny, FL; Mariner UMC in Spring Hill, FL; before finishing up his active ministry at First UMC Live Oak, FL. He also served others through numerous mission trips both within the U.S. as well as the Caribbean and South America.

He was preceded in death by his parents John L. Hay Sr. and Marian M. Hay also both of St. Petersburg.

He is survived by his beautiful wife of 51 years: Marie (Davidson) Hay; 2 sisters Martha Stirk (Gary), Irene Crady (Terry) as well as his 2 sons: John Frank Hay (Christy), James Robert Hay (Wendy) and 7 grandchildren including: James Michael (Ashley), Seth Jonathan, Taylor Marie, Madison Leslie, Kobe Ryan, Kylie Nicole and Eli Joseph Hay. As well as numerous, cousins, nieces/nephews, and friends that he led to Christ through his ministry.

A celebration of Life is scheduled for 10:00am Saturday May 4th at Crawfordville UMC. It will be immediately followed by a breakfast in his honor for family and close friends afterward in the fellowship hall.

Skip and Trey Young, along with Paula and Kimberly are assisting the family with arrangements. 850-926-5919, www.familyfhc.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Crawfordville United Methodist
176 Ochlockonee St.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John L Hay Jr.*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 02, 2024 at 02:19 PM

LH

We were so blessed to have you in our lives. Loved you so very much. Gary, Linda, Gary Lynn and Christina

linda herndon - May 04, 2024 at 04:35 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl H. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L Hay Jr..*

Cheryl H. - May 08, 2024 at 09:39 AM

LS

“ Johnny and Marie are life-long friends from the growing up together. Lealman United Methodist Church was our family Church. Martha, was my older sister's maid of honor when she was married in that very same Church. Johnny, Rob Smith and my first husband and spouses used to go cast net for mullet for the "Fish Fry" Dinners at our Church. I have many fond memories of Johnny and Marie. Their oldest, Rob and Sharon Smith's oldest daughter and my daughter are all within month's of each other. Johnny I know was "Welcomed Home" by his Daddy and Momma. You were a bright spot in so many lives. Love ya Marie.

Linda Stanley - May 04, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MR

“ Mirriam, Ron, Chad, Lisa, Austin, Rachel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John L Hay Jr..



Mirriam, Ron, Chad, Lisa, Austin, Rachel - May 03, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John L Hay Jr..



May 03, 2024 at 12:27 PM

RG

“ Riviera UMC Bible Study Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L Hay Jr..

Rivieria UMC Bible Study Group - May 03, 2024 at 10:29 AM

MF

“ Mark and Deb Stevens and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John L Hay Jr..



Mark and Deb Stevens and family - May 02, 2024 at 06:00 PM

PV

“ Pock'o, Bobby and all of the Vause's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L Hay Jr..

Pock'o, Bobby and all of the Vause's - May 02, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John L Hay Jr..



May 02, 2024 at 04:23 PM

DF

“ *Dorner and Johannesen Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John L Hay Jr..*



Dorner and Johannesen Family - May 02, 2024 at 04:19 PM

DA

“ *Dale Hendry Alderman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John L Hay Jr..*



Dale Hendry Alderman - May 02, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *108 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - May 02, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JF

“ *JD, Sarabeth and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John L Hay Jr..*

JD, Sarabeth and family - May 02, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John L Hay Jr..*



May 02, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ *I will never forget the love and support John and Marie gave to me when I moved to Spring Hill. Great memories of sharing meals at Mariner, mutual friends and my parents. A true man of God! He will be sadly missed yet I know he is celebrating his new life with Jesus. Prayers for Marie and their family. Love to all from Bill, Barbara and Patricia* 💕💕

Patricia Hartley - May 02, 2024 at 11:50 AM



Pastor John was a wonderful example of what a Christian man should be. He was filled to overflow with love and compassion. He was loved by all that Knew him and will be missed by us all . RIP Pastor John.

Nanci and Jim Blance - May 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *I will never forget the Spring Hill days. We had some great times, and he was a great pastor.*

Jim McFarlane - May 02, 2024 at 10:46 AM

WC

“ *Wakulla United Futbol Club purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John L Hay Jr..*



Wakulla United Futbol Club - May 02, 2024 at 10:46 AM

CS

“ *Growing up with Johnny and the entire Hay family was always a wonderful adventure. Our church family at Lealman UMC is a blessing that is fondly remembered and treasured. Love to Marie and the boys, Irene, Martha, and the entire family. Cindy (Smith) and Bob Stong*

Cindy Strong - May 02, 2024 at 10:27 AM

AC

“ *Sending sympathy and prayers to the family. Anna and David Montgomery and Martha Cheek from 1st Methodist in Live Oak* 🙏💔

Anna Cheek - May 02, 2024 at 09:23 AM