



John "J.B." William Hays

March 13, 1948 - October 11, 2025

Services celebrating the life of J.B. will be held on Friday, October 17, 2025 at the Presbyterian

Church in Torrington, WY.

J.B. was born on March 13, 1948, at Goshen County Hospital to James and Mollie (Garrett) Hays

of Torrington. J.B. was the only child of the couple, and he was quite an accomplished in both

academics and athletics. He even earned the best all-around athlete in his Torrington High

School graduating class of 1966. J.B. earned appointments to several military academies and a

full-ride football scholarship to the University of Wyoming.

J.B. chose to accept the appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO., where

he also played catcher on their baseball team. However, after a year of service J.B. chose a

different path. J.B. finished his Bachelors of Science degree in Earth Science at Chadron State

College in Chadron, NE. J.B. also earned a temporary teaching certificate.

After college at Chadron State, J.B. married Nancy Cunnigham of Guernsey, WY., and the couple

both taught at the Prairie Center Country School where J.B. also acted as

principal of the small school. After a year, J.B. and Nancy moved to Tucson, AZ., where J.B. worked on a Master's Degree at the University of Arizona. However, the growing family had to move back to Wyoming before J.B. was able to finish his degree.

J.B. began a career of selling insurance in Torrington. That career moved the family to Cheyenne for an eight-year period before returning to Torrington. J.B. eventually left the insurance field and held several different positions before serving as a window clerk at the Torrington Post Office where he retired after several years of service.

J.B. held his family at the center of everything he did. He enjoyed sports, music, travel and spending any time he could with the ones he loved. He was involved in the community by refereeing junior high and high school sports throughout the valley and beyond. J.B. was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, The Torrington Volunteer Fire Department, Masonic Lodge #29 and The Sugar Valley Singers. J.B. served his church as both a deacon and an elder, and he coached several sports teams for his sons. J.B. served as an advisor for Max Burk Chapter Order of DeMolay. J.B. served three terms as the Master of Torrington Lodge #29, and he served one term on the Torrington City Council. J.B.'s spirit may have passed, but his infectious dry sense of humor lives on in the community and the ones he loved.

J.B. is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Torrington, his children John, Mike (Janel) and Stacey Hays all of Cheyenne, WY., and his granddaughter Morgan O'Neill of Hastings, NE. Donations may be made to the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church, or Wagging Tails Animal Shelter.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Wyo United Presbyterian Church
2972 Main Street
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

RO

“ 3 files added to the album *Sweet Memories*



Ronni - October 18, 2025 at 10:38 PM

EH

“ Erin, Alex, and Cindy Henderson purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of John "J.B." William Hays.



Erin, Alex, and Cindy Henderson - October 16, 2025 at 08:47 AM

CL

“ JB was such a kind man and had a wonderful sense of humor....I enjoyed visiting with him every time I went to the post office and then later when he was working at McDonalds.

Carol Laher - October 15, 2025 at 03:06 PM

PB

“ Pam and Patricia Brown lit a candle in memory of John "J.B." Hays



Pam and Patricia Brown - October 15, 2025 at 12:42 PM

RH

“ Sorry for your loss Nancy and family.

Ruth Herdt - October 15, 2025 at 12:37 PM

MW

Sorry I had not heard of J Bs passing. I know you all have the best joyous memories as being around him always seemed to create them!! It was wonderful working with him at the P O. Condolences to the family . Mary Jackson welsch

Mary Welsch - November 22, 2025 at 11:04 PM

RB

“ R Baros lit a candle in memory of John "J.B." Hays



R Baros - October 15, 2025 at 02:14 AM

GP

“ Ginger Pickinpaugh lit a candle in memory of John "J.B." Hays



Ginger Pickinpaugh - October 14, 2025 at 11:09 PM



Stacey and Morgan,
So sorry for your loss. Thought and prayers from our family to yours.

Ginger (Sager) and Jamas Pickinpaugh

Pmossy Logistic - October 20, 2025 at 12:04 PM

SM

“ My condolences Mike and John. Your dad was a good man. 🌸



Sena McCoy - October 14, 2025 at 06:50 PM

SD

“ Sue A Moore Davis lit a candle in memory of John "J.B." Hays



Sue A Moore Davis - October 14, 2025 at 12:45 PM

PJ

Receiving word of J.B.'s passing was extremely sad news. Although we lost touch after high school, during the three years our high school classes overlapped we were teammates on the football team, basketball team and track squad. J.B. was a great teammate and friend.

My sincerest condolences to J.B.'s family. We share your loss. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Paul Johnston

Paul Jokhnston - October 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

JR

Nancy I was saddened to hear of JB,s passing,, JB was always so positive and friendly... My sincere condolences at this time of his too early death..Blessings

Janet Rojahn - October 15, 2025 at 03:14 PM

RW

Nancy ~ We are saddened to hear J.B. passed. We have fond memories of our travels with you both. I can just see him now, playing golf with Eldon in Heaven. We are lifting your family up in our prayers for comfort and peace. ~ John and Ronni Wahl

Ronni Wahl - October 16, 2025 at 11:20 AM