



## Melvinia Hayes

October 27, 1930 - December 23, 2020

Melvinia Hayes, of Sterling Heights, passed away on December 23, 2020 at the age of 90. She was born October 27, 1930 in Georgia.

Melvinia was an Air Force wife and was accustomed to traveling. She had been to all the different continents. For the last three years she had studied Italian in the hopes to travel there to actually learn English.

She had a love of Roosters. Being a Southern Girl through and through, she was kind hearted and definitely had the southern hospitality.

Beloved wife of the late Lindsay. Dear mother of Doug (Vikki) and David (Linda). Loving Mimi of Melanie (Christian) Stern, Jonathan, Hailea, Stephanie (Benardo) Celaya, Jessica (Josh) Palmer, the late Jeffrey and great-grandma of 3. Predeceased by her brothers, Paul and Boyd.

Visitation Tuesday 2-7 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover)Warren.

\*\*In accordance with the restrictions those in attendance must wear a mask or face covering at all times while in the building and maintain social distancing.\*\*



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Melvinia Hayes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 29, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Stephanie Celaya** - January 07, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MM

“Mrs. Hayes was my family’s (Carbary) beloved neighbor for over 44 years. She (and Mr. Hayes) we’re family to us. I just can’t find the words to describe all the wonderful things about her and amazing memories we’re all fortunate to have. What a joy to have her share in celebrations of our lives as we grew up and to bring my own child home to meet her. Last year at this time I brought some lunch over to her and had the opportunity to catch up. An impromptu visit lasted well over an hour and a half as we chatted. I’m so thankful for that day. The time flew by and I could have stayed for hours more as we talked about her Italian lessons and excitement of her future trip amongst so many other things. My family and I are just heartbroken to have heard of her passing. I know I speak for all of us when I say how I wish we had a chance for one more conversation, one more hug, and one more, “see you soon.”  
Doug and David (and your families), my deepest condolences. I’m so, so sorry for your loss. Please know that we hold you all in our hearts. We all just loved your mom so much and feel your loss deeply.

On behalf of the Carbary family, Melissa.

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**Melissa McNichols** - January 01, 2021 at 07:10 AM



“Mimi with two of her three great grandchildren



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**Stephanie Celaya** - December 30, 2020 at 12:06 AM

TL

“ *Mel was the most loving, caring, and generous person. I could talk to her about anything*

*and she would give me good advice. I loved listening to her stories about her life and her*

*family. When I had taken her to the doctors one day, she was telling the receptionist*

*and a young girl there about learning Italian and going to Bologna. They both thought Mel*

*was amazing and the young girl had tears in her eyes. Mel said if she wasn't able to go to*

*Bologna she at least wanted to inspire people.*

*I believe she would have, she surely inspired me. Mel you were and are a very special*

*person to me and everyone that had met you during our journey in life. You will always be*

*in "My Heart" forever!!!*

*I will truly miss you, until we meet again.*

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**TRACY A LAFFERTY** - December 29, 2020 at 08:08 PM

JJ

“ *Mel was a dear friend, a Mother and Grandma figure to us. I had the pleasure of seeing her every week and listening to her stories from her past and talking about current events. She was kind, intelligent and a very important person in our lives. I will miss our weekly adventures of doctor visits, grocery shopping and as she would say “gallivanting”. It was an honor and a pleasure to live next door to her and pop for 16 years. She was truly a gem from the south. I’m certain pop and Obie along with the countless other pets over the years have welcomed her with open arms at the Rainbow Bridge!*

Janet Janicki - December 29, 2020 at 06:29 PM

TL

“ *TRACY A LAFFERTY lit a candle in memory of Melvinia Hayes*



TRACY A LAFFERTY - December 29, 2020 at 06:27 PM

MS

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Melanie Hayes Stern - December 29, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DA

“ Mimi was also a teacher with a Master's in Education. She loved her students. She was the best mother-in-law you could have. We never had a cross word between us. Pop and Mimi were always there for their family. They loved their grandkids so much. They always made me feel loved and part of the family. They always made the holidays better. We had great times together. They lived for their kids and grandkids once they retired. Mimi always had hope for the future. She will be greatly missed.

Donna Arcilesi-Fox ❤️

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Donna Arcilesi-Fox - December 28, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvinia Hayes.



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December 28, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ Mimi was a wonderful grandmother who inspired love of knowledge and the desire to travel in me. Although she is gone her extraordinary kindness lives on in everyone who has interacted with her. The suffering has ended and now her soul can rejoice again as she is reunited with her love in heaven.



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Stephanie Celaya - December 28, 2020 at 05:24 PM

DA

“ Mimi had a Masters in Education and cared for her students almost as much as her family. I am very proud of who she was and her accomplishments. She never gave up hope for her dreams and future, even in the end! She was the best mother in law! I am very thankful. There was never a cross word between Mimi or Pop and I. Once she became my mother-in-law she was always my mother. She told me "you didn't divorce us." She was right. I love her dearly! She made every holiday better. There's a large hole in my heart now. She always loved her grandchildren! They were always first with her and Pop! They always made time for them and helped them with important needs. We'll never forget the fun times at home, St Simons Island, GA or visiting family with them in Morgantown, GA or AL. They taught us how to be a loving family. You can't think of Mimi without remembering Pop. They are a matched set. I know they are together in heaven now with their barn full of horses, dogs and birds! ❤️ Love and Condolences, Donna Arcilesi-Fox

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Donna Arcilesi-Fox - December 28, 2020 at 04:57 PM