



Durrie Allan Hayes

December 7, 1949 - April 2, 2020

Durrie Allan Hayes, coach, mentor, storyteller and friend, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2020 at Talbot Hospice after a brief battle with cancer. He was 70.

In true Durrie Hayes fashion he had one more story to share.

I saw Durrie walking home yesterday evening. He said the streetlights were on and it was time to go. He was very appreciative for the life he'd been given - so much so that he had taken the time to write thank you cards to all the people that had made his life special. He had a card for his deceased parents Ruth and Louis E. Hayes, Jr. He told me how his Dad had introduced him to baseball and organized every league he played in growing up. Louis pushed him and gave him great advice although Durrie admitted he didn't appreciate at the time. He told me his mom taught him how to treat people and do the little things that showed respect for others. He was very appreciative of the way his parents had raised him and his siblings Louis E. Hayes III, Carole L. Paugh, and Shirley Heineman (deceased). He had cards for his siblings, and he told me a few stories of his close relationship with his brother Lou who always supported him, coached him, and even bailed him out a time or two. He was very fond and thankful for his "mean" older brother.

He had thank you cards for all the friends and families he grew up with the town of Oxford. He told me "there absolutely couldn't be a better place to grow up or a better group of kids to play Little League and go to school with"...he really emphasized the "school" part, but somehow I don't think he was being

serious. He had thank you cards for everyone involved with him in Oxford Little League and the Tidewater Softball League that he and his childhood and life-long friend Turk Bradley were instrumental in starting.

He also had a stack of cards for everyone involved during his time coaching the Easton High and Chesapeake College Women's Softball teams. It was clear he had an exceptionally soft spot in his heart for all the young ladies, parents, and coaches who became life-long friends and made that part of his life so very special.

The last card he had was for Debbie Urry who he said turned the last 20 years into the best of his life. The last thing Durrie said before departing was how blessed he was to have so many friends come alongside him on the long walk home and how he looked forward to seeing them all again in heaven.

A celebration of Durrie's life will be held at a later date.

To keep Durrie's legacy alive, the family has established the Durrie Hayes Endowed Softball Scholarship at Chesapeake College. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Chesapeake College Foundation, PO Box 8 Wye Mills, MD 21679. On the memo line of the check please put: D. Hayes Scholarship

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 08, 2020 at 03:58 PM

DU

What a beautiful tribute!! You captured all of the things Durrie loved: Oxford, his family, baseball, the Oxford Boys and all of his softball girls! Thank you for all of the memories!

deborah urry - April 09, 2020 at 12:35 PM



Absolutely beautiful!

Shelley Chance - April 09, 2020 at 06:45 PM

LL

Such a beautiful tribute for a wonderful man!

Linda & Robin Lyons - April 10, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ *Durrie Allan Hayes*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Durrie Allan Hayes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Durrie Allan Hayes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I have so many memories of Coach Hayes. The one that I think of the most is the first time I met Coach Hayes we hit it off right away and spent hours talking while sitting at the softball fields at Bachman sports complex in Glen Burnie. I also remember the last time I had saw him we had a conversation about one of my players he was so excited about her he spent a lot of time speaking with her and her family. I will miss him dearly.*

*Thanks for the memories.
Donnie Dutton
Xplosion Softball*

donnie dutton - May 05, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Terry & Ricky Wheatley*



Terry Wheatley - April 09, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *I ran into you a few months ago and as usual, with that infectious smile, you said “Hey Little Cuz” and gave me a big hug. I’ll certainly miss those chance meetings and all that went with it ! May the Field Of Dreams be with you always... Love and peace to my “Big Cuz*

Dee Andrew - April 08, 2020 at 07:29 PM

MB

“ *Marti Kirkpatrick Bremer lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Marti Kirkpatrick Bremer - April 07, 2020 at 10:36 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Doug Pierson - April 07, 2020 at 09:35 AM

FB

“ *Ferne Banks lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Ferne Banks - April 05, 2020 at 08:25 PM

JC

“ *Joy & John Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Joy & John Cox - April 05, 2020 at 06:12 PM

BJ

“ I am saddened to hear of Durrie's passing because it means we now have less laughter in this world. Any time just running into Durrie was an unexpected and joyful pleasure, but a glass and an hour of conversation revealed his empathy and compassion, and his sure knowledge of realities apart from manufactured alternative facts. So let us leave behind that stark, bleached vision of a heaven of harps and linen robes, and listen for his laughter.

Bishop Joel Marcus Johnson

Bishop Joel Marcus Johnson - April 05, 2020 at 01:13 PM

BG

“ Never forget Durrie came over to dinner with my parents and I and was shocked when we ate the skins on baked potatoes. It was our private joke. I also thank Durrie for the caring touch when I was at a very low point in my life. I will miss your friendship thru the years and his ever present caring smile.
Beverly Johnson Garrett



Beverly Garrett - April 05, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JL

“ John And Ruthanna Lucas lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes



John and Ruthanna Lucas - April 05, 2020 at 11:00 AM

JS

“ *Jerry Sutton lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Jerry Sutton - April 05, 2020 at 07:12 AM

PB

“ *Pam & Wigs Brohawn lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Pam & Wigs Brohawn - April 05, 2020 at 05:52 AM

ML

“ *It's been a long time since I last saw Durrie. Probably at least 20 years. But I still remember his smile and attitude, and appreciate how much the world will miss him. It is obvious by all the memories I've seen posted, he had a meaningful impact on so many, coaching or otherwise. Makes me proud to still have this shirt from summer softball camp, in 1991, I think :)*



Michelle Lohmeyer - April 04, 2020 at 07:33 PM

VF

“ Durrie recruited my daughter, Kristina Shank, right out of high school. During the tour of the college he gave us, he told my daughter how much he wanted her on the Chesapeake College’s softball team. He explained to me that he actually used part of his own salary to contribute to the scholarships for the girls. I was truly blown away by the thought that a coach would honestly do that. He spoke with pride of the new building that was to be utilized by the team and made my daughter feel dearly wanted as a player. He told her that he had been secretly putting her name in his line up already and all she had to do was decide if she wanted to hit first or second. She played there two years in the outfield, one of his 3 centerfielders as he likes to boast of them. He instilled in her a deeper sense of pride for the sport and taught her that all coaches weren’t the same. He made her laugh and she worked harder for it. After Chesapeake, Kristina moved on to McDaniel College with Durrie’s glowing recommendation. Then last April, for Kristina’s final collegiate game of her college softball career, Durrie drove 2 hours each way just to see his girl step up to the plate one last time. She was honored that he drove all that way just for her and she didn’t let him down hitting not one but two home runs right over our heads. He shook his head, smiled at me and said “That’s my girl!” Yes Durrie, they were and always will be your girls. Kristina will teach physical education and coach softball next year and she will instill values that she learned from you. Thank you Durrie, please keep a watchful eye over all of your girls. You will be missed.
Victoria Field AKA Kristina’s mom.



Victoria Field - April 04, 2020 at 05:05 PM

RW

Great photo. I have to say he looks better in his older age than when he was a student at CC. I worked in the business office for many years and remember Durrie as a student there; always a happy-go-lucky guy. so glad to have known him. Ruth Ann Walls

Ruth Ann Walls - April 18, 2020 at 05:51 PM

DK

“ I worked with Durrie at Crockett Bros where he managed the ships store as well as worked with other people, his low keyed attitude and personality as well as his sense of humor made coming to work definitely easier. RIP, you will truly be missed by many...

Don Kabler - April 04, 2020 at 02:55 PM

JG

“ Jimmy and I will always remember our times at Pier Street in Oxford, playing darts all over the Mid Atlantic, the good times at the Oxford Little League and Easton High fields. We were also happy to see him out recruiting for his college team at travel ball tournaments. It gave us a chance to laugh about the good old days! RIP Durrie!

Jan And Jim Greenhawk - April 04, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SA

“ Thank you coach Durrie for all the support you gave to me, Newkie and the autism pride softball team your truly were an amazing man and coach

scott alleger - April 04, 2020 at 07:38 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Phil Foster - April 04, 2020 at 03:38 AM

JM

“ *Jacki Thuman McArdle lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Jacki Thuman McArdle - April 03, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Tim & Laura Bishop - April 03, 2020 at 09:53 PM

GW

“ *Gregory M. Wilson lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Gregory M. Wilson - April 03, 2020 at 09:53 PM

GW

Thanks for being a kind and gentle person. You will surely be missed.

Gregory M. Wilson - April 03, 2020 at 09:56 PM

MF

“ *Mister Family lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



mister family - April 03, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Jim Ewing - April 03, 2020 at 02:41 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Smith lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Nancy Smith - April 03, 2020 at 12:24 PM

SA

“ *Stephany Allendorf lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Stephany Allendorf - April 03, 2020 at 09:01 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Swartz Blades lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Agnes Swartz Blades - April 03, 2020 at 08:36 AM

BW

“ *Whenever my hubby, JR and Durrie would by chance meet, there was always a discussion of “The Good Ole Softball Days”. You will be missed our friend.*

Bonnie Wooters - April 03, 2020 at 07:58 AM

DR

“ *Debi Roth-Bowles lit a candle in memory of Durrie Allan Hayes*



Debi Roth-Bowles - April 02, 2020 at 06:21 PM

AB

“ *Ann Butler lit a candle in memory of Durrie
Allan Hayes*



ann butler - April 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM