



## Robert Danford Hayes

March 18, 2010

Robert D. Hayes, 96, died peacefully on March 18, 2010, in his home in Seminole, Florida. He and his mother came to St. Petersburg from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1921. He was a 1931 graduate of St. Petersburg High School. In 1939 he married the former Freddie Louise Ellison at First United Methodist Church of St. Petersburg. They celebrated 62 years of marriage before her death in 2001.

He is survived by two daughters. Bonnie Lou and her husband, Paul N. Lashbrook, are residents of Wilmore, Kentucky. Martha Lea and her husband, James A. Harnish, live in Tampa. He had three grandchildren. Lisa Lashbrook preceded him in death. Carrie Lynn (Harnish) Ferenac and her husband, Andy, along with great-grandchildren, Julia Grace and Alex James, live in Orlando. Deborah Jeanne (Harnish) LaRoche and her husband, Dan, live in Charleston, South Carolina.

"Bob" to his coworkers and friends and "Bop" to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will be remembered as a simple man who lived his life with consistent integrity, clear convictions, and deep faith. He was an active member of Anona United Methodist Church and previously of First United Methodist Church of St. Petersburg and Northside United Methodist Church. He provided faithful leadership in each congregation and in the St. Petersburg District of the United Methodist Church.

He began his career as a draftsman and worked on the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, New Mexico, during World War II. Following the war, he returned to St. Petersburg and worked as a sales representative for Charles Hunter Sporting Goods where he received national recognition for his achievements. In retirement, he was the owner of Reel Parts Unlimited and completed his career by working at Indian Rocks Tackle Shop.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 22, 2010, at Anona United Methodist Church, 13233 Indian Rocks Road, Largo, FL 33774-2098 (727) 595-2581. Interment will follow at Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be sent to Anona United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall



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August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Teddy Collins - Friend posted a condolence Bonnie, I am so sorry about your father's passing. I was young but I do remember him. May God Bless you! My wife and I live in Cincinnati, Ohio. I was shocked to see he was from here.*

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**Teddy Collins - Friend** - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM