



Jeffery M. Hays

December 10, 1963 - October 7, 2025

Jeffery Hays, 61, of Aroma Park, passed away on October 7, 2025. He was born on December 10, 1963.

Jeffery was introduced to the carnival life at a young age and carried that passion into adulthood, working for many years as a carnival worker. He later worked in agriculture, operating combines on farms, and also spent time as a logger. A man of many skills, Jeffery enjoyed hands-on work and being close to nature.

An avid outdoorsman, Jeffery found joy in the woods and loved spending time surrounded by nature. He also enjoyed tinkering with RC cars in his spare time. He attended Kankakee Eastridge Church of the Nazarene for a time.

Jeffery is survived by his 2 sons; Jeffery Hays of Martinsville, IL., Conner Hays of Charleston, IL.; his mother, Shirley Hays; father, William Hays of Greenup, IL.; 3 brothers, Mike Hays of Charleston, IL., Randy Hays of Martinsville, IL., Bobby (Laura Lee) Hays; sister, Patty (Louis) Lee of Lebanon, KY., longtime girlfriend, Catherine Hays; his stepdaughter, Aimee Ruiz; and his cousins, Scott Scales and Wess Hays.

He was preceded in death by his mother, sister, and brother.

Cremation rites have been accorded.