



ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR.

October 8, 1939 - February 9, 2026

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Trumpets were sounding on Monday February 9, 2026, when the Angels welcomed Roy "Skeet" Hyatt to his heavenly home. Skeet, as he was known from childhood, was born October 8, 1939 in Bartley, WV, to Roy Clayton "Red" Hyatt, Sr., and Martha Alice "Mattie" (Barnett). He was the youngest child of five.

After surviving 3 bouts of cancer resulting in poor health, he passed peacefully, thanks to the wonderful ICU staff at Princeton Community Hospital while surrounded by family.

Skeet has been a lifelong resident of War, helping to found the Big Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad and serving on City Council. He was a performer at heart, helping with the War Fall Festival each year and relished playing the part of "Black Bart." He felt he was at his best when sporting his famous handlebar mustache while in the role. His performing skills as a "Spoonologist" were known far and wide as he regularly joined in with bands and musicians playing his "custom," homemade set of spoons. He was once a guest performer while cruising down the river on the Mississippi Queen riverboat.

Skeet was active in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in War, WV where he worshipped and was devoted to the Lord. His personal relationship with the Lord impacted every step of his life. He could regularly be seen wearing hats

calling attention to his love for Jesus.

He attended Big Creek High School in War and worked as a coal miner for over 20 years before becoming a dedicated school bus driver for the McDowell County Board of Education for more than three decades.

Being a big kid at heart made it easy for him to relate to and enjoy the company of the students he transported. Many of whom sought him out after completing their education to thank him for his influence.

Skeet was also a devout hunter and outdoorsman as well as a fan of NASCAR racing and riding motorcycles. Skeet's ability to reach and connect with others through his sense of humor, smile and sheer presence was a gift and blessing that his family and friends will cherish and remember forever.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife, Georgia Ellen (Powers), sister, Anita "Judy" Barnes; brother, Lawrence "Bowzer" Hyatt; and sister, Mary Gray, and honorary family member and best friend, Bill Adams.

Those left to cherish his memories are his son, David Hyatt and Holli of Concord, NC; one sister, Shirley Katusich (Joe) of Gales Ferry CT; two grandchildren, Hannah Grace Hyatt of Alexandria, VA, and Hunter Benjamin also of Concord; Special nieces Faye Dinnauer and DeLisa Katusich, and nephews Joey Katusich, Darrell Bledsoe, and Craig Hyatt.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 14 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 11:00am-12:30pm. Funeral services will be from 1:00pm-2:00pm with graveside burial following at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Va. Frazier McGuire will be officiating.

Pallbearers will be Hunter Hyatt, Rick Ball, Mike Dinnauer, John Robert Turner, Zach Ball.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Blessing Box at Emmanuel Baptist Church, War, WV, to be used for others in need.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is serving the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.douglasmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Governor GC Peery Hwy
Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

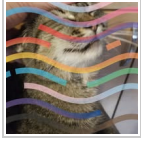
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Main St
War, WV 24892

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dave, I'm so very sorry. Your dad could always make me laugh. Sending peace to you and your family.

Fredda Richardson - February 17 at 03:57 AM



“ David, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad m me and him drove the school bus together for many years. He always light up the bus garage with his presence wether it was with a joke or just setting with you to make a streefull day going away with his kid works or just singing. He was a really true Friend that me and many more will Miss. But always be in our memories and hearts

Jason Rose Sr - February 14 at 07:51 PM



“ David and family, so sorry to hear about your dad. Skeet was a fine man! My heart aches for you and your family. Sending all my love and prayers during this time. Lavetta Hutchinson

Lavetta Hutchinson - February 13 at 07:54 PM



“ CPAC friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..

CPAC friends - February 13 at 04:06 PM

CF

“ CPAC friends purchased the Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White for the family of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..



CPAC friends - February 13 at 04:06 PM

DL

“ David, Holli and Family,
Our hearts go out to you. Skeet was a light in this world that will surely be missed by so many. It has been a long while since I have seen him, but what I remember about him most is he was always smiling. Prayers for you at this time and in the days to come. Sending hugs.

Dwana Lewis - February 12 at 09:33 PM

GH

“ I worked many days with Skeet. Always a joy to be around. A lot of good times.
Though his absence leaves our hearts empty, it leaves our memories full.
Love you brother see you in the other side.

Gene Hensley - February 12 at 06:08 PM

RT

“ Richmond County Tourism purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..



Richmond County Tourism - February 12 at 05:03 PM

RT

“ Richmond County Tourism planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..

Richmond County Tourism - February 12 at 05:03 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..



February 12 at 04:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..

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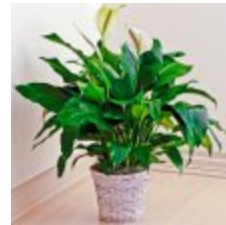
MD

“ Matt and Michelle Dinnauer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..

Matt and Michelle Dinnauer - February 12 at 03:05 PM

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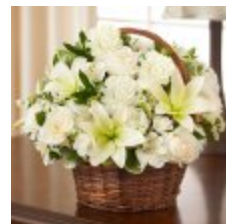
“ Matt and Michelle Dinnauer purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..



Matt and Michelle Dinnauer - February 12 at 03:05 PM

LL

“ Love, Dwana and Chuck Lewis purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..



Love, Dwana and Chuck Lewis - February 12 at 12:05 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of ROY CLAYTON "SKEET" HYATT JR..



February 12 at 11:37 AM

WB

“ love hearing him play the spoons he was a very kind and loving man he would help anyone you will be missed

wanda bolen - February 12 at 09:18 AM

DL

Skeet was such a bright light to this world and he will be sorely missed by so many. My heart goes out to you and Holli, David. We are keeping you in our prayers. Sending hugs.

Dwana Lewis - February 12 at 12:09 PM

BE

“ *Skeet was such a Friendly guy. Never heard no one say anything bad about him. He was the light of the town. My Condolences to his Family and Friends. He will be missed.*

betty - February 11 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ *Skeet was one of the truest, most pure hearted people I have ever met. Never was a time I didn't see a smile on is face. A God fearing man and one I am glad to call a friend. You will be missed ole buddy, not just by me, but everyone that truly knew you. My heart breaks knowing I'll never get to laugh and talk with you again. Rest easy my friend, heaven just got a little brighter because of your presence. David, my condolences to you and the family. May God comfort all of you.*



Mike Cochran - February 11 at 06:22 PM

AD

I loved Skeet! Everyone that knew him, loved him. We worked on the coal Tipple at Caretta Portal # 2. I have poems that he wrote. Jesus welcomed my friend into Heaven. 🌹❤️🙏

Anthony Dunford - February 11 at 08:10 PM

DT

“ *David, my prayers and sympathy are with you and your family. I loved your Dad and Mom. They were both good people, and a joy to be around. Your Dad was a tremendous help to me after my Dad passed away. He, along with your Mom, was friends with so many people in the community. War lost a good person.*

Darrell Thompson - February 11 at 05:38 PM

RM

He was a good friend to me he will be missed a lot of good memories of working with him driving the bus

Randal McCoy - February 11 at 07:45 PM

ML

He was one of the best men I've ever known I can remember when I was little he would ride me on his motorcycle I stayed at his mom's house most of the time when I was about 4 or 5 years old they lived next door to my dad's gas station he will be surly missed rip my dear friend

Mary Lester - February 12 at 08:02 AM

JB

Skeet and I had some good times in War many years ago. His mother would do some cleaning at the funeral home. She made the best pies in the world, especially her Coconut Pie.

Jerry David Bales - February 12 at 08:59 AM