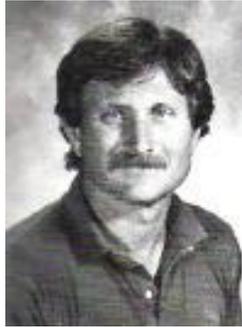


Gerald "Ray" Hayes



Ray passed away at "home on Wednesday," June 14th, 2006 after a two year struggle with J cancer and failing health. Throughout these I difficult times, his spirit and energy prevailed, I even until the last minute. He was born My 30, 1950 in Lubbock, Texas to Raymond Lee Hayes, a Landscape Architect, and Evangeline Effie (Hutton) Hayes. Three years later, Ray's sister Glenda Sue joined the family. Before ^moving to Reno, the family made stops hi San Antonio and other cities. In Reno, Ray attended Central Junior High and Reno High School. The family moved to Sacramento, CA, but Ray stayed in Reno to attend and graduate from UNR where he played football and ran track. Ray and fellow teammates perfected the college social experience, called the "Road Trip".

After graduation, he became a math and physics teacher. He taught at Reno High School for 24 years. He was tough, no-nonsense, but fair throughout his teaching career. He temporarily retired in 1998. While at Reno High School he coached football, track, cross country, and later Golf, which was his true passion. Ray was also active in Northern Nevada fast-pitch softball, refereed High School basketball for many years, and was a member of the Northern California Golf Association. He frequently supplemented his income by playing cribbage with anyone that was not bright enough to just play for fun.

In 1996, while still teaching, he began working for United Airlines, both to stay busy, and again, travel. Trips to Mexico, Hawaii and other destinations with family and friends were, without fail, made more memorable by Ray's presence. Teaching again called Ray's name as he returned to fill part-time "critical needs" math positions at Galena High School, Washoe High School, and most recently at Damonte. He continued this, and his work at United Airlines, until the last few months. Most people would have given up those endeavors months, if not years, earlier.

Ray was preceded in death by his father in 1976 and his mother, who he would visit weekly in Sacramento, until her passing two years ago. He is survived by his wife Julie; and their two children Rachel and Nicholas. He is also survived by his sister Glenda, her husband Bob, and their two children Ray and Valerie of Fairfax, Virginia. He also leaves behind a large extended family, most in the Reno area, and countless friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 3:00p.m. at the Ross, Burke, and Knobel Mortuary, 2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV. It will immediately be followed by a Celebration of Life at Little Flower Church-Bowling Hall, Kietzke and Plumb. Golf attire welcome, flip flops or no socks preferred. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Reno High School - Ray Hayes Scholarship Fund, 395 Booth St., Reno, NV 89509. Please join family and friends at these events to wish Ray a "bon voyage" on his final road trip. We also invite you to send a 'condolence on-line at www.rossburkeknobel.com.