



Daniel Mayes

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Daniel Brice "Dan" Mayes, 68, of Huntersville died May 8, 2025. He was born on January 11, 1957 in Charlotte to the late Glenn Rolland Mayes, Jr. and the late Elizabeth McCord Mayes.

Dan was a materials engineer for Duke Energy for nearly 45 years, ultimately serving as the principal engineer for the company's five PWR nuclear stations steam generator inspection programs. He was recognized as one of the top industry experts for Steam Generator Management Program in the Commercial Nuclear Power industry and was a member of national professional engineering and regulatory committees. In 2019, he received a Duke Operational Excellence Award, and was honored to be part of the team receiving a Best of the Best award from the Nuclear Energy Institute for a digital analysis process for eddy current inspections at Oconee that has become a standard for the industry.

Dan loved his family farm, vegetable garden, and woodlands, and spent many afternoons watching the birds, deer, turkeys and a host of other animals at the farm, or riding the tractor, all while waiting for cousins and friends to stop by.

Deeply devoted to his close and extended family, Dan is survived by his brothers, Glenn (Betsy) and Tom (Rod), his nephew David (Jess), niece Elisa (Matt) and great nieces and nephews Colton, Libby, Annie, and Ivan, as well as many much-loved cousins. His sister Carol preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to Ramah Presbyterian Church or the Second Harvest Food Bank.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 Wednesday, June 18 at Ramah Presbyterian Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery. A visitation will follow in the fellowship hall.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



Events


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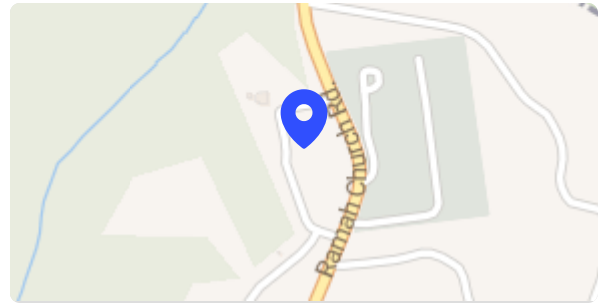
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Memorial Service


 **Wednesday**, June 18, 2025

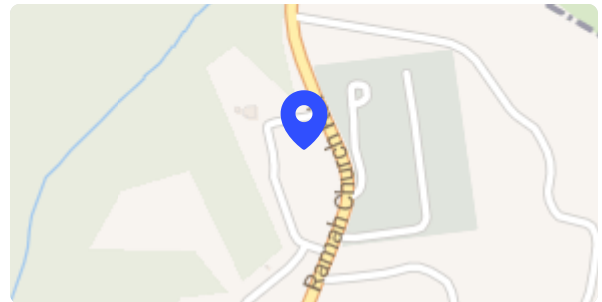
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 **Ramah Presbyterian Church**
14401 Ramah Church Road, Huntersville NC
28078



Cemetery Details

 **Ramah Presbyterian Church Cemetery**
14461 Ramah Presbyterian Church Road,
Huntersville NC 28078





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Cynthia L. sent an Arrive in Style to the Mayes family.

June 17 at 6:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly and Harmony to the Mayes family.

June 16 at 8:26 PM



Robin Carey posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Dan for many years as a vendor providing services. He always made me feel like an equal and trusted partner in his business. Dan was quick with the truth, be it praise or criticism, and did much to make me better. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to his loved ones and colleagues.

June 13 at 2:34 PM



Steve Black planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.

June 13 at 1:51 PM



Jeff Fleck posted:

My condolences to the family. Earlier in my career at Framatome, I worked alot with Dan on Duke Steam Generator tube issues, as well as EPRI and SGTF projects. He was always pushing the group in the right ways technically, to ensure safety and regulatory compliance. We had a number of good laughs and successes. I remember the first beer he ever bought me in Portland Maine at a Bocci Ball rooftop bar. I told him it was nice to have the customer buy me something for a change. He contributed alot to Duke, but also much broader than that. Godspeed Dan. Jeff Fleck

June 12 at 2:35 PM



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Duke Sgme Family sent a Serenity Wreath to the Mayes family.

June 11 at 11:20 AM



Duke Sgme Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.

June 11 at 11:20 AM



Alex Wolfson posted:

He was fond of calling me a Goddam Yankee sonofabitch.

June 6 at 3:04 PM



Anonymous planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Daniel.

May 30 at 10:46 AM



David Suddaby posted:

I knew Dan through the Steam Generator industry. He was one of the first people I met when I started working with steam generators. I was new to it and Dan had all the experience. He was firm, but fair when it came to work. But, I remember how he surprised me by turning his work conversation off, and slipping easily into a casual conversation about life. He was genuinely kind and thoughtful about what he did and said. I'll miss him.

May 15 at 9:10 AM



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SS

Sharon Sharp posted:

I can't remember a time that Dan was not my friend and I have search my memory for a favorite memory. I couldn't single out one memory but I cherish each of them. I specifically remember going with Dan and his mother to American Legions meetings after we went to Girl State and Boy State...the meetings were not that entertaining but the car ride there and back were priceless...so much fun. Another precious memory was at my mothers funeral I locked eyes with Dan in that crowd of people and saw true empathy. Dan was a good soul and my world was better because of our friendship. My sincere condolences to his family. I hope Dan knew how much he meant to me and others. Rest easy my friend.

May 14 at 8:48 PM

BM

Beth Mcleod posted:

I knew Dan because his sister Carol was a dear and close friend as we went through schools together in northern Mecklenburg County where the Mayes family is deeply rooted. Dan was always devoted to the land and his family and I enjoyed his sense of humor. Glenn and Tom, please know that I am thinking about your family. I do wish I was able to attend the memorial for Dan but I'll be traveling. May he rest in peace and his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

May 14 at 12:31 PM

CK

Craig Kelley posted:

I've always enjoyed working with Dan and appreciated his humor, brutal honesty, and passion for his profession and industry. One of my fondest memories of Dan, which we talked about in one of our last conversations this year, was the first time I actually worked with him during an outage and met with him in-person. I was worried about not living up to his expectations, but at the end of the job he told me that I was "allowed" to come back again. Over the years since we've joked, had dinners, and overall had a good relationship. I'll miss not having him around at conferences and during outages.

May 14 at 11:54 AM

CR

Carl Robbins posted:

I was friends with Dan beginning in the first grade and my fondest childhood memories include visiting Dan and his family on their dairy farm. He was a wonderful person and his parents instilled in him a great work ethic and strong values that contributed to his success both personally and professionally. My sincere condolences to his brothers Glenn and Tom, his family, friends and work colleagues. Rest in peace my friend.

May 14 at 9:59 AM



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Kim S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.



May 14 at 8:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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