



## Wilford Clay Hayden

June 14, 1933 - September 20, 2012

Born in Portsmouth, Virginia to Victor and Eunice Hayden, Will shed his earthly body on September 20, 2012, at the Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, three sisters, one grandson, and one great grandson. Will is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Kiyono (Kay) Hayden; daughter Carolyn (Carl) Finch; sons Russell (Erin) Hayden and Wesley Hayden; seven grandchildren; two great grandsons; a sister, Virginia Ripperger; and many nieces and nephews. Will was very proud to serve his country for 20 years in the Army as a soldier and medic. He served in the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. He was also proud that his birthday coincided with Flag Day and the Army's Anniversary. He retired from the Vancouver School District after 20 years. Will touched many people during his life. He was a member of numerous carving clubs, Scottish Rite, the Masonic Lodge, and also served as the Rainbow Dad for Vancouver Assembly No. 41. We hope that you will join his family on Monday, September 24, to celebrate Will's life at 2:00 graveside services with military honors, 3:00 memorial followed by a reception all at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver. A viewing will be held on Sunday, September 23, from 12:00 to 9:00 pm. Donations made in his name to the Clark County, Washington Salvation Army or the Ray Hickey Hospice House, are greatly appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LB

“ Tony and I remembered Will with his gracious smile and friendship of his Canadian friends. Will passed exactly 1 1/2 years after Tony. The carving clubs were always enriched with his presence. As he told me when Tony passed: "Another carver has received his wings"~ He is in good company now~~`

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**Louisa Bomben** - September 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I shared many a carving class and visit with Will. He was a great guy and a good carver. He taught me many things. I'll miss him.  
*Dale Faries*

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**Dale Faries** - September 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You will be missed.

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**Mac and Cathrein McIllaney** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Kay and Family, I grieve with you in Brother Wills passing. I only knew will through our membership in the fraternity and the 8th Cavalry Regiment Association. But that was enough to have known Will forever. Gods Blessings to you all. Carl Moreland, G Company, 8Th Cav, 50-51

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**Carl Moreland** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Will was remembered with a moment of silence as well as a life time of memories at the Annual Meeting of the Caricature Carvers of America on September 20, 2012. His generosity to the wood carving community gifted many with his good humor, creative carving and sincere friendship. His two donated carvings for the silent auction were greatly appreciated as examples of his giving spirit. May the comfort of good memories and the prayers of friends be with all those who loved and knew Will. Don Mertz, Secretary, CCA.

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**Donald K. Mertz** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ The Central Fraser Valley Wood Carvers would like to send condolences to Will's family. He was a great carver and educated many. God bless you all as you grieve. May all your memories be good.

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**Rick den Braber** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ The carving community lost a great person that would always take the time to share his talents. Condolenses tohis family, but at the sametime thank you for sharing him with the rest of us.

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**Bruce** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ I and the Tannehill Woodcarvers already miss Will. He was our special friend for years. Our heart-felt memories of Will and our sympathy and prayers are with you.

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**Wayne Thaggard** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

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LW

“ Miss Kay & family, I am broken hearted at the loss of so gentle and generous a man as Will Hayden. He was an encourager, positive always, ever generous to a fault. I am blessed to have known him even for a few years. You all are in my prayers.

Lynn Wertz - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ Kay and family, Ramona and I are so sorry about Will's passing. He was one "GREAT" person and friend, and will be missed by so many. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Irp and Ramona Herrmann

Irp Herrmann - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So many memories,so many thoughts,so many things to say,so many good times we shared,so i will just say,We has a pretty good ride together--Hope to see you in the afterlife Dick

R. Captain - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Russ and Erin all our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

The Kennedy Family - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Our prayers are with the Will Hayden Family at this time a dear friend and CCA Member Harley&Midge Schmitgen we will miss Him

Harley&Midge Schmitgen - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Our prayers are with each and everyone of you in your time of sorrow. I never saw him with out a smile on his face so I know he is smiling down on all of us now. Love, Kay and Richard

Kay and Richard Seebo - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ My heart is with you, It has been my privlage to be a member of the C.C.A. with Will. I will Cherish the carvings he has given me over the years. floyd rhadigan

Floyd Rhadigan - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My condolences go out to the family, friends, and loved ones. Will was loved by so many people, just a reminder of what a great man he was. I am fortune enough to have some of his carving that I will always keep to remind me of what a great friend he was. Will, until we meet again, Larry

Larry Wanamaker - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Sorry to hear of Will passing, we served in the same unit in Korea, I was in Co L 8th Cav Regt 1950-51. I also served in Vietnam 1970. We corresponded from time to time but not sure we ever met, maybe at the carving show in Puyallup. Prayers to you all, Will was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

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**Ray Mighells** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the hadyen family, I'am so very sorry for the loss of your dad and great husband. He was the nicest and kindest person you would ever want to know, and with the sweetest wife- miss kay. Will was great friends with my Uncle Dick talking over old times and many visits to each others house, Will I will miss you very much, please say Hi to my uncle Dick for me. Love Sue

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**Sue Featherston** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Dear Kay, We are so sorry for your loss. Will, will be lovingly remembered and missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. With our love, Gil and Bonnie Drake

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**Gil and Bonnie Drake** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ I never met your dad but visited with him on the Knotholes Carvers list. He was very generous with his knowledge and shared many insightful tips and ideas with me. He will be missed. Please know you are in our prayers.

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**Neil Rippey** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

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**Tony Rizzutto** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ So sorry to hear about Will and he will be missed. My prayers go out to his family and friends. He was a fun, creative, woodcarver who shared his love woodcarving with anyone who wanted to learn.

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**Kathy Jensen** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Russ and Erin: We are sorry to hear about your father. Please accept our deepest sympathies at what we know is a very difficult time for you.

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**The Youde Family** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM