



## Dana Cochise Hays

March 18, 1961 - April 9, 2024

Dana Cochise Hays was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky to Mattie Sue Hays (deceased) and William Edward Hays (deceased). He is survived sons Taza Dant'e Hays, Jamar Donza Hays, Tate Hays, Seth Deante Hays and James Malcolm Mitchell and ex-wife Angela Hays. His was proceeded in death by Karla Claypool Britt, and little brother Charles Hays. He is survived by two brothers Leroy Lawrence (Joanne), Ben Hays (Brenda) and two sisters Nyra Hays Cullom (Marshall), and Zora Hays. During Cochise's youth he grew up with the youth across the tracks and on his side of the tracks. He never treated anyone as a stranger. He always had a kind heart towards people. At the age of 9 he worked as a stock clerk for the corner store named "Jack Siddens". As he grew, in his teens he joined all neighbor children at the High Street playing basketball and games throughout that center.

Cochise was baptized at State Street Baptist. In high school, Cochise played on the basketball team throughout high school years. In 1979 he played in the state tournament. He ran cross country also in high school for Coach Strode. During those years he followed in his older brothers' footsteps by publicly announcing the basketball & football games which was started by Coach Don Webb (deceased) from Bowling Green Schools.

Cochise sang the national anthem as well as the public announcer for the semi/pro team the Blitz. Cochise and his older brother (Leroy) were good for telling jokes. After high school Cochise walked on the football team and earned a four-year scholarship at Kentucky State University also playing

against Hall of Famer "Jerry Rice" who played at Mississippi Valley State. After graduating with Criminal Justice major, he came back to Bowling Green doing his internship under Judge Lewis. He became a referee at Parks & Rec. for he loved kids and tried to help steer the youth boys in the right direction in life. He also coached the youth in basketball and tackle football. Everyone thought a lot of Cochise.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Ave  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.  
201 Center Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
(270) 843-2336  
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

## Funeral Service

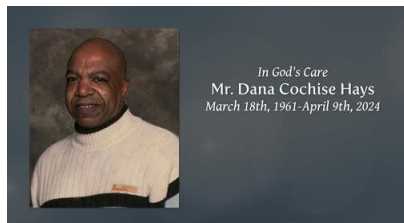
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dana Cochise Hays* ”



**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - April 18, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Elaine Butts-Ross lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays* ”



**Elaine Butts-Ross** - August 19, 2024 at 12:56 AM



“ *Brenda Moore Carver lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays* ”



**Brenda Moore Carver** - May 23, 2024 at 05:51 PM

AH

“ I want to thank everyone that took the time to share a memory, sent virtual gifts, or flowers. Cochise will definitely be missed and he was a Legion in BG. It's still hard to believe that he is gone but I do know where Cochise is!!! God needed him with him and I know he is So Happy To Be With Jesus. We Love and Miss U Cochise!!!

Angela Hays - May 03, 2024 at 12:52 AM

CL

“ Chiquita Lightfoot lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Chiquita Lightfoot - April 22, 2024 at 10:47 AM

SA

“ Sherry Allen lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Sherry Allen - April 21, 2024 at 01:19 PM

EH

“ Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Estella Hill - April 19, 2024 at 12:51 PM

SO

“ *Sheila Oldham-Smith lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Sheila Oldham-Smith** - April 19, 2024 at 10:46 AM

NM

“ *Nathaniel & Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Nathaniel & Bernadine Martin** - April 19, 2024 at 10:46 AM

SB

“ *Steve&Ria Butts lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Steve&Ria Butts** - April 19, 2024 at 09:52 AM

DH

“ *Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Delores Holland** - April 19, 2024 at 09:39 AM

GH

“ Gloria Ann Halcomb lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Gloria Ann Halcomb - April 19, 2024 at 08:15 AM

WF

“ Whitney Family lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Whitney Family - April 18, 2024 at 10:20 PM

SC

“ Stacy Clevenger purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dana Cochise Hays.



Stacy Clevenger - April 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM

WP

“ Wintress Parker lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Wintress Parker - April 18, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CW

“ *Chucky Whitney lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Chucky Whitney** - April 18, 2024 at 06:40 PM

AL

“ *Angela Lightfoot lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Angela lightfoot** - April 18, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *We are keeping you all, the family of Mr. Dana Cochise Hays, in our thoughts and prayers. With heartfelt sympathy, Mary and Melinda Bailey and Family*

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**Mary Bailey** - April 18, 2024 at 12:52 PM

SM

“ *Sue Sweatt And Family Members lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Sue Sweatt and family members** - April 18, 2024 at 07:41 AM



“ *Darlene Collins lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Darlene Collins - April 17, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *To the entire family of Cochise Hayes: Sorry for your loss.. Cochise was my neighbor on 5th Ave growing up in BGKY and classmate of 1979! I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend the services. Keeping you all in prayer. Lean on God's unchanging hand to comfort you through this difficult time.. 🙏❤️🙏❤️*



Anita Butts - April 17, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ *Prayers for the family*



Grady Waller - April 17, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Mary Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Mary Patterson - April 17, 2024 at 12:34 PM

DB

“ Prayers to the entire family.



Dana Cozetta Burnam - April 17, 2024 at 10:07 AM

BI

“ Bluegrass Living, Inc. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dana Cochise Hays.



Bluegrass Living, Inc. - April 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM

BW

“ Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Brenda Williams - April 16, 2024 at 01:00 PM

GC

“ Gwen Coats lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Gwen Coats - April 16, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dana Cochise Hays.*



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April 15, 2024 at 11:47 PM



“ *Fayegamble lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Fayegamble** - April 15, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *Frank Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Frank Alexander** - April 15, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Judith Boards** - April 15, 2024 at 05:51 PM

AR

“ *Cochise was a true Friend We Worked Together Referred Together over the Years Disagreed Together We All Loved Him My Friend*



Alana Faye Roberson - April 15, 2024 at 04:00 PM

DF

“ *Debra and Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Hays*



Debra jewell and Family - April 15, 2024 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ *Daniel Hockersmith & Family.*



Daniel Hockersmith - April 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Wanda Anthony - April 14, 2024 at 10:13 PM

LI

“ *LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



LIVELY-CLARK - April 14, 2024 at 07:04 PM

RM

“ *Ruth Ann Morrow lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Ruth Ann Morrow - April 14, 2024 at 06:53 PM

KW

“ *Karen Hewitt Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Karen Hewitt Wilson - April 14, 2024 at 10:45 AM

GB

“ *Gary Butts lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Gary Butts - April 14, 2024 at 12:28 AM

EI

“ *Ernie Butts III lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Ernie Butts III - April 13, 2024 at 09:50 PM

MC

“ *My deepest condolences to my cousins y'all are in my prayers*



marilyn cullom - April 13, 2024 at 09:49 PM

SG

“ *Stephanie Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Stephanie Gilbert - April 13, 2024 at 03:29 PM

SB

“ *Shelia Gail Beck lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Shelia Gail Beck - April 13, 2024 at 08:05 AM

TF

“ Tina Crowe And Family lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Tina Crowe and family - April 13, 2024 at 12:02 AM

WP

“ Wintress Parker lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Wintress Parker - April 12, 2024 at 09:46 PM

LL

“ Lori Lowery lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Lori Lowery - April 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

LC

“ Laura Carver lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Laura Carver - April 12, 2024 at 03:49 PM

KC

“ *Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Kenny and Crisandra Coleman - April 12, 2024 at 01:06 PM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



sandra Lewis - April 12, 2024 at 11:35 AM

SL

“ *Sabrina Whitney Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Sabrina Whitney Loving - April 12, 2024 at 09:39 AM

DH

“ *Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Delores Holland - April 12, 2024 at 09:29 AM

DB

“ *Dano & DeWanda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**Dano & DeWanda Byrd** - April 12, 2024 at 09:24 AM

RM

“ *Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**Rachel Murrell** - April 12, 2024 at 08:57 AM

YW

“ *Every once in a while, The world is graced with an exceptionally special person, and Cochise was one of those people. The lives of those who were lucky enough to know him, like myself, are forever changed for the better. My heart, prayers, and love go out to you and your family.*



**YvonneBryant Williams** - April 11, 2024 at 11:58 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**Wanda Anthony** - April 11, 2024 at 10:44 PM

WW

“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



William walker - April 11, 2024 at 09:59 PM

SB

“ *Shamekia Butts lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Shamekia Butts - April 11, 2024 at 08:44 PM

FA

“ *Fayegamble lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Fayegamble - April 11, 2024 at 07:48 PM

KB

“ *BowlingGreen Parks and Recreation so many Memories . Coach Cochise was a Cool Guy and will be missed. Sending Thought , Love and Prayer to The Hays, Young, Britt and Collum Family !*



Kenneth Henry Bunton - April 11, 2024 at 07:20 PM

EH

“ *Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Estella Hill** - April 11, 2024 at 03:21 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Allen lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Sherry Allen** - April 11, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Frank Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Frank Alexander** - April 11, 2024 at 03:09 PM

SG

“ *Sean & Kellie Girbert sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Sean & Kellie Girbert** - April 11, 2024 at 01:11 PM

CJ

“ *Condolences to the Family very close friend from Chestnut St  
Charles Bunton Jr*

Charles Bunton Jr - April 11, 2024 at 10:43 AM

LF

“ *Larry Franklin,jr. lit a candle in memory of  
Dana Cochise Hays*



Larry Franklin,jr. - April 11, 2024 at 08:53 AM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family. May The Most  
High give you all peace and comfort.*



Dana Burnam - April 11, 2024 at 07:29 AM

RP

“ *Rodney Parrish sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Dana Cochise Hays*



Rodney Parrish - April 11, 2024 at 06:30 AM

RB

“ Regina Bowman lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Regina Bowman - April 11, 2024 at 01:04 AM

TR

“ Tara Richardson lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Tara Richardson - April 10, 2024 at 11:40 PM

SB

“ Susie Beck lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Susie Beck - April 10, 2024 at 11:36 PM

BP

“ Brenda Patterson lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Brenda Patterson - April 10, 2024 at 11:34 PM

DG

“ *Richard & Diane Gilbert*

*Prayers for the family*



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**Diane Gilbert.** - April 10, 2024 at 11:33 PM

JD

“ *Joanna Dunn Daniels lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Joanna Dunn Daniels** - April 10, 2024 at 10:43 PM

HF

“ *May God's peace and love bring your family comfort in this difficult time.*



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**Halcomb family** - April 10, 2024 at 10:11 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Carver lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Brenda Carver** - April 10, 2024 at 09:44 PM

RP

“ Rodney Parrish sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Rodney Parrish - April 10, 2024 at 09:41 PM

SH

“ Shawna Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Shawna Harrison - April 10, 2024 at 09:36 PM

CR

“ Charletta Ray lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Charletta Ray - April 10, 2024 at 09:10 PM

JB

“ James M & Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



James M & Kenetha Bryant - April 10, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JB

“ James M & Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



James M & Kenetha Bryant - April 10, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JB

“ Prayers for the family great man R.I.h.Coach#Jeremy Bunton



Jeremy Bunton - April 10, 2024 at 08:40 PM

ME

“ Mary Eason sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Mary Eason - April 10, 2024 at 08:39 PM

HS

“ Henry & Mirt Shelton lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Henry & Mirt Shelton - April 10, 2024 at 08:21 PM

NF

“ *Nell Ruth Hill & Family lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Nell Ruth Hill & Family - April 10, 2024 at 08:20 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lowery lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Lori Lowery - April 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM

RR

“ *Ravenna Ray lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Ravenna Ray - April 10, 2024 at 06:35 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Barbara Page - April 10, 2024 at 06:23 PM

GB

“ Gladys M Beason lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Gladys M Beason - April 10, 2024 at 06:22 PM

TW

“ TRACY WHITNEY lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



TRACY WHITNEY - April 10, 2024 at 06:09 PM

DB

“ Delores Bolling lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



Delores Bolling - April 10, 2024 at 05:35 PM

TC

“ Most definitely will be missed..... Good times, Parks-n-rec (Highstreet) days.....



Toya Clark - April 10, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *David & Anna Barbee* 🙏



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**Barbee's** ❤️❤️ - April 10, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Wanda Anthony** - April 10, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ *Teresa Beason lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Teresa Beason** - April 10, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Sharon Andrews An Family lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**sharon Andrews an family** - April 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



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**Tina Fant** - April 10, 2024 at 04:37 PM

DF

“ Dora Franklin lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



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**Dora Franklin** - April 10, 2024 at 04:36 PM

LW

“ Loretha Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays



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**Loretha Withrow** - April 10, 2024 at 03:29 PM

GR

“ It's hard to believe Cochise is gone. He always had a kind word and a cheerful attitude for everyone. I'm going to miss my little cousin. Rest on Chief! Love you! Gail

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**Gail Rasmussen** - April 10, 2024 at 02:45 PM

GR

“ *Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Gail Rasmussen - April 10, 2024 at 02:41 PM

NM

“ *Nathaniel & Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Nathaniel & Bernadine Martin - April 10, 2024 at 02:04 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Lisa Cook - April 10, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Faith Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



Faith Mitchell - April 10, 2024 at 01:19 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**Mary Cole** - April 10, 2024 at 01:14 PM

FC

“ *Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**Florence W Claypool** - April 10, 2024 at 01:10 PM

TI

“ *TINACOOKE lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**TINACOOKE** - April 10, 2024 at 01:07 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Huskey lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



**Lisa Huskey** - April 10, 2024 at 12:55 PM

BY

“ *Buel Young lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Buel Young** - April 10, 2024 at 12:15 PM

KB

“ *Kenneth Henry Bunton lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Kenneth Henry Bunton** - April 10, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Dana Cochise Hays*



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**Cheryl Hewitt** - April 10, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ Dear Hays Family,

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - April 10, 2024 at 10:40 AM