



John Henry Hay

October 23, 1927 - April 17, 2026

John Henry Hay was called home to be with the Lord on April 17th, 2026. He was born on the 23rd of October 1927 in Locust Grove Ok to Duke Rodney Hay and Lucy Gowan Martin.

John married Aileen Wilma Mason on July 17, 1950 and they shared 61 loving years together before her passing in 2011. John and Aileen loved to dance, and they were avid bridge players. John was a member of First Baptist Church for 57 years and served as a greeter for many of those years.

John also proudly served his country as a drill Sargent in the United States Army during the Korean conflict.

John enjoyed deer and elk hunting in the Colorado mountains. He also enjoyed raising and riding Missouri Fox Trotters as well as several mules. He was a great storyteller, enjoyed farm life and was a master mechanic, a skill he passed onto his son Mike.

John was preceded in death by his mother and father, his wife Aileen, his sisters, Mary Keith, Ruth Yarbrough and Marge Goforth as well as his brothers Bill, Dan and Pete Hay.

He is survived by his son, Michael John Hay and daughter Karen Lynn Russell (Randy) both of Colcord OK. His grandchildren Krista Joelle Saldana (Josh) of Welling, OK, Elisha Denee Arnold of Colcord OK, Corbin Jay Arnold of Siloam Springs, AR and John Leroy Hay of Colcord OK. His great granddaughter Lilly Nicole Saldana and great grandson, Brantley Jase Saldana, many nieces, nephews and cousins and his sister-in-law Willa Faye Mason.

A visitation for John will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. His funeral will be Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m., at Wasson Funeral Home, 441 Hwy 412 W., Siloam Springs, AR 72761. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of John Hay



Karen Davis - April 22 at 12:35 PM

AP

“ Karen and Mike, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. Sending thoughts and prayers ♡
Lisa

Alisa Partain - April 21 at 08:37 PM

SJ

“ Sarah Jones purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of John Henry Hay.



Sarah Jones - April 21 at 11:56 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of John Henry Hay.



April 21 at 11:45 AM

BJ

“ *Bill & Jean lit a candle in memory of John Hay*



Bill & Jean - April 20 at 10:41 AM

LR

“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of John Hay*



Liz Reading - April 20 at 10:24 AM

CK

“ *Cheryl and Hector and Karen purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of John Henry Hay.*



Cheryl and Hector and Karen - April 20 at 09:19 AM