

QUEENSBURY - Michael C. Hayes, 70, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, at the Glens Falls Hospital.

Mike was born in Fair Haven, Vt., on Oct. 11, 1938, and was the second of four children to Wilma and Paul Hayes.

His family moved to Ticonderoga in 1951. There, he excelled in high school sports, graduated in 1958, and eventually

was inducted into the Ticonderoga Hall of Fame for Athletes. After graduation, he attended Ithaca College.

In 1961, Mike enlisted in the United States Air Force. After basic training, he was assigned to SAC Base in Evreux,

France. While there, he married his high school sweetheart, Sally Wickes on Dec. 29, 1962. Still in France, Sally gave

birth to a son, Paul "Jamie" Hayes in April of 1964.

After his discharge in 1965, Mike returned to the area taking a position with the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company. In

1967, the family moved to Glens Falls and welcomed their second son, Michael "Mickey" Hayes in April.

Upon returning to the area, Mike continued his lifelong love of athletics through the then semi-pro basketball team he

established through the sponsorship of his good friend Ben Patrick. The team played as many as 40 basketball games

against top regional teams in the area.

After finishing his own playing career, Mike continued on coaching Patrick's and recruiting even greater talent to

participate in growing regional tournaments. This pursuit resulted in the 10th Annual Patrick's Basketball Tournament in

1980 at the Glens Falls Civic Center. That tournament included an appearance by Walt Frazier as well as many other

former NBA players.

In 1976, Mike channeled his natural promotional energies and contacts in the tobacco industry into the purchase of

Daggett Vending with his partner Ben Patrick. Mike immediately began expanding the company from just tobacco to

full-line vending including snacks and beverages. The company expanded to encompass divisions in Plattsburgh, Lake

Placid and Rutland, Vt. Eventually in 1986, he purchased the interests of Mr. Patrick and became the sole proprietor of

the company.

In 1980, the company expanded into the amusement business. This particular part of the business exploded with the

national phenomenon often referred to as "Pac Man Fever." Daggetts rode that wave established a broad base of local

customers, eventually buying out its chief competitor Knoblauch's Music & Games. In 1996, Mike sold his interests in

the food side of the vending company to Pepsi-Cola in a multi-million-dollar transaction. His sons continue to operate

the amusement side to this day.

Mike joined the Glens Falls Country Club in 1976, to pursue his great love for the game of golf. During those years he

eventually ended up a very low handicapper, competing in wide array of local tournaments. Following his natural

promotional instincts, Mike combined his interest in golf to form the very popular Super Tuesday Golf Tournament in

1983. The tournament ultimately attracted more than 750 players in a single year and was held at Ticonderoga, Hiland

and Kingswood Country Clubs. Mike's support also extended to local golf professionals for whom he hosted several

events. Ultimately those two facets were merged into The Adirondack Team Challenge, which saw the area's top

amateurs and professionals competing on a team-by-team basis. His promotion of golf also included the organization

of a large annual outing to Myrtle Beach and the founding of the Donald Ross (a Ryder Cup style) competition at Glens

Falls Country Club.

Mike's love for his hometown was always evident in his support for the community and especially the Ticonderoga

Country Club. Mike was one of the founders of the Ticonderoga Alumni Association and organized its first fund raising

with an alumni golf tournament. Ultimately, Mike was awarded the Special Service Award by the Ticonderoga Alumni

Association.

His affinity for the Ticonderoga area and the golf course also resulted in his purchase of a 64-acre tract of land that

encompasses the entire northern boundary of the course. There he established the Five Nations Golf Ranch. The

ranch annually draws many visitors with its distinctive teepees pitched throughout. Mike has summered in Ticonderoga

with his wife Sally since his retirement.

Finally, and most importantly, Mike was a strong family man. He enjoyed the love of his wife, Sally, of 46 years, the

addition of two daughter-in-laws, Jennifer Rhodes Hayes and Jeanne Killian Hayes and four grandchildren: Cameron

Marie Hayes, Samantha Lynn Hayes, Emma Wickes Hayes and Lance Michael Hayes, who admired him greatly. He

was especially proud of his two sons, Jamie and Mickey. Along with the family business, they were always his favorite

golf buddies and best friends.

Mike was also survived by his three sisters: Peggy Powvorznik of Lake George, Pat LaBonte of Wilton and Mary

Ravida of Troy.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Ticonderoga Alumni Association, Box 644,

Ticonderoga, NY 12883, or Calvary Assembly of God, Sherman Avenue, Glens Falls, NY 12801 where Michael and

Sally attend church.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at the Gospel Light House Church, 30 LaCross

St., Hudson Falls, N.Y.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Family and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, at the Regan and Denny Funeral Home,

53 Quaker Road, Queensbury, N.Y.