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Catherine Louise "Kay" Hayes, 1922-2008. "Kay" was born in Pennsylvania, then in 1924 moved with her family to St. Augustine. Her father's employer had the contract to build the Bridge of Lions. Upon its completion in 1927, they returned to New York City but have made their home here since 1930.

Catherine graduated from Ketterlinus High School in 1940 and worked locally for the Model Land Company until entering the WAAC's in the spring of 1944. She was assigned to the air transport command and trained as a flight logistics specialist. This required frequent flights from Hamilton Field, CA to Hickam Field, Hawaii. They transported military personnel and materials on their way to the Pacific Theater. Six months following VJ day, she received her honorable discharge and returned to St. Augustine. Following a stint of employment in New York City, she joined the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State in 1957. As an executive secretary she served in the embassies in Quito, Ecuador, Mexico City, Mexico, San Jose, Costa Rica, and the U.S. Mission to European Union, Luxemburg. She retired from government service in 1975. Kay has called Vicar's Landing her home since 1989. She is survived by a brother, Elton and wife, Mary Louise; nephews, Bill Hayes and wife, Jeri (Calif), Paul and his wife, Bridget (Calif); nieces, Anne DeWitt(Calif), Colleen McIntosh and husband, Robb(Calif), Teresa Balooshi(Ariz). She also leaves thirteen great-nieces and nephews. A

memorial service will be held at a later date. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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**Thorn Rose Belle** - December 18, 2025 at 11:21 AM

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“ *she is very ugly and doesnt have a phone and she is VERY old*

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**grace** - December 01, 2025 at 10:12 AM