

Austin Hayes

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Personal information

Full name	Austin William Patrick Hayes
Date of birth	July 15, 1958
Place of birth	Hammersmith, England
Date of death	December 3, 1986 (aged 28)
Height	5 ft 5 in (1.65 m)
Playing position	Left winger

Senior clubs¹

Years	Club	App (Gls)*
1976-1981	Southampton	031 0(5)
1981-1983	Millwall	047 0(5)
1983-1985	Northampton Town	064 (14)
	Career	142 (24)

National team

1979	Republic of Ireland	001 0(0)
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¹ Senior club appearances and goals counted for the domestic league only.

* Appearances (Goals)

Austin William Patrick Hayes (born Hammersmith, London 15 July 1958; died 3 December 1986) was an English-born footballer of Irish descent.

He played once as a full international for his country in 1979, but began his club career as a left-winger at Southampton in 1976. He scored twice on his debut in a European Cup Winners' Cup tie at home to Carrick Rangers on 3 November 1976. Hayes played in the 1979 League Cup final but Southampton lost to Nottingham Forest. During that season he had played in 15 First Division games and scored three goals.

Hayes was never able to cement a regular first-team place, with players of the calibre of Kevin Keegan, Charlie George and Phil Boyer also in the Saints squad. His last appearance for Southampton came on 3 May 1980 and he was transferred to Millwall for £50,000 in February 1981, later turning out for Northampton Town.

In December 1986, Austin Hayes died at the age of 28 from lung cancer, just three weeks after the illness was diagnosed.^[1] Earlier that year he had spent a short time playing in Sweden and had recently returned to England when he became ill.