



Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale

August 28, 1934 - September 29, 2019

Myra Jane Shewmaker Hale, daughter of the late Blaine and Inez (Sadler) Shewmaker was born on August 28, 1934 in Buffalo, Missouri and departed this life on September 29, 2019 in Springfield, Missouri. At the time of her passing Jane was 85 years, 1 month and 1 day.

Jane was raised in Buffalo, MO and graduated from Buffalo High School, a proud member of the "Class of 1952". Jane attended Southwest Missouri State University. She was united in marriage to Robert Dean "Bob" Hale on August 22, 1952 and to this union was born four sons. Jane was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Rex Shewmaker and her husband, Bob of 51 years.

Jane is survived by four sons, Rick Hale of Buffalo, MO, Reggie Hale and wife Gai of Bentonville, AR, Mitch Hale and wife Kerrie of Buffalo, MO and Lucas Hale of Buffalo, MO.

Rick has three sons, Blaine, Nathan and Zach. Reggie and Gai have two sons, Chase and Colby and a daughter Cali Sharp. Mitch has two sons, Nickolas and Austin (AJ) and a daughter, Chayla Hughes. Lucas has one son Jacob.

Reggie's son Chase and wife Jeanne have one son Easton, two daughters, Atleigh and Izzy and 1 baby on the way. Reggie's son Colby and wife Lacey are expecting a child. Reggie's daughter, Cali and husband Ty Sharp have three daughters, Allie, Ellie and Laney and a son on the way.

Mitch's daughter Chayla and Husband Lucas Hughes, have two children,

Landri and Colter.

Jane is also survived by her sister in law Joan Shewmaker and her brother in law, Bill Hale and wife Georgia. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and many friends.

Jane grew up in Buffalo, Missouri on a farm and her family later moved into the town of Buffalo where her family started Shewmaker Auto Parts. Little Janie Shewmaker's 1st job was selling door to door "Fashion Frocks," which explains her later life entrepreneurs skills! Jane was an excellent student and athlete.

Bob and Jane started their life together milking cows! Raising a family was a challenge as Bob and Jane had numerous businesses and were dealers in livestock-renting bulls! They also operated "Hale Fur Company", "Hales Wood Yard", "Hale Sportswear" and "Hale Fireworks". In her spare time, Jane also worked at Buffalo Elementary School and was the PTA President. Jane also helped at the Dallas County Extension Center testing soil for the county. Later in life, Jane developed "Hales Crossing", "Time Out Café", "Bison Acres Flea Market" and "Flowerworks flowers and gifts" and was active with these businesses until her passing.

Jane was active in "Hale Fireworks" for 64 years and was affectionately known world-wide as the "Firecracker Lady." Jane was also instrumental in the inception of "Hale Real Estate" and "Hale Enterprise, LLC."

Jane was a published author of more than 30 books, short stories and poems. She was the President of the "Ozark Writers Guild." Jane with son Mitch has been active on the board of the "Ozark Writers Inc.", where Jane was the President. Jane wrote a weekly column for over 20 years in the voice of her childhood "Little Janie Shewmaker," which evolved into two published books, "Every Day is Father's Day" and "Every Day is Mother's Day." Jane wrote articles for "Springfield Magazine" and was given the honor of five cover stories for the magazine, one of which included Jane, granddaughters, Chayla and Cali and another that included granddaughter Chayla and niece Courtney Shewmaker. Jane stayed active with her writing over the years and won

numerous writing awards, some of which were with her son Mitch.

Jane was the co-founder of the "Dallas County Alumni Association" in 1971, she and life-long committee members and friends, aka "her girls" developed numerous scholarships with fellow Alumni to further the education of Buffalo High School graduates. Year after year, this committee produces three pageants, "Miss Dallas County," "Mini Miss" and "Mini Master". For many years, the committee sponsored the Buffalo High School Carnival. This group also helped build the Alumni Headquarters building. For all her achievements with the schools and her community, Jane was elected into the "Dallas County Hall of Fame".

On May 28, 1996, Jane was honored to help Dr. Tommy Macdonnell carry the Olympic Torch as it passed through St. Louis, Missouri. Jane wrote, "As Doctor Tommy and I were running amidst cheering crowds in St. Louis that day, he edged the torch my way. "I need help," he said. And suddenly I was carrying the torch! Later Jane found out that the man she nominated out of 2,500 nominations wasn't fatigued from carrying the torch, he just wanted her to be able to "share the moment of glory with him".

Jane loved her Time Out Café and her Sportswear store and traveled extensively with her fireworks family to many demos, shoot-outs and conventions throughout the United States.

Jane was a unique, one of a kind woman with a kind heart. Life was always more interesting with Jane around. She firmly believed if you dream it, you can achieve it! Her 85 year legacy proves that!

Jane was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Jane was extremely proud of all four of her sons and her family was her greatest accomplishment. She was a woman that enjoyed all aspects of life. Jane made an impact to a community, her schools, family and friends. To know her was to love her and if she loved you...you knew it!

We celebrate her life and numerous accomplishments....she will never be forgotten, but will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Buffalo First Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Friday at the Church. In addition to flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Alumni Association for a scholarship in her name.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Memory

1510 N. Ash Street
Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Buffalo, MO

Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Buffalo, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Glad to have known Bob and Jane, Jane will be greatly missed in Dallas County.
Jerry Durington*

Jerry Durington - October 05, 2019 at 10:30 AM

TP

“ I am so sorry for the families loss she was a lovely lady and will be missed by many.

Terri Peracki - October 03, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale.



October 03, 2019 at 05:28 PM

AF

“ A poem for Mrs. Jane Hale. A wonderful lady and blessed friend I have know for 42 years.

*Why do angels fly, are they visible to my eyes?
I seen on I think sitting on edge of cloud, singing among the stars,
sweet but not out loud
Is it their wings, or a matter of mind, maybe they're searching for a
dream forgotten to find
I believe they watch me and you, they come us with
love, understanding when we are blue
Words they speak without saying fall from above, a message sent on
the wings of dove
I think they fly cause they have the faith, they teach me love, I feel
cause I am safe
It will make sense to me, angels in heaven, forever and ever and by
and by
Cause when I think of you Mrs. Hale, I'll know why angels fly.*

A friend - October 03, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale.*



October 02, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ *Jane Hale was a headstone for the Dallas county area! She helped all see the greatness of the Ozarks, through her businesses, writings and personality! It was an honor to have met her!*

Tracy Brinkmeyer - October 02, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *I will always remember her as a very 'put together' Lady, and certainly admire her for starting a business out of the trunk of her car. To her entire family, I am so sorry for your loss. Our Community has lost an icon. I have witnessed her sense of humor and her genuine care for others.*

Leona Howell - October 01, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the Hale family! She was a loving and caring lady and we have so many memories over the years! We will miss you!*
Kenny and Cathy Greene

Cathy Greene - September 30, 2019 at 01:16 PM

CS

“ *Such a great lady! Heaven just got an extraordinary angel! My heart goes out to the entire Hale family. I will be praying for you.*

Chris Sanders - September 30, 2019 at 11:57 AM

BP

“ *Brothers Pyrotechnics purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mrs. Myra "Jane" Hale.*



Brothers Pyrotechnics - September 30, 2019 at 12:19 AM

TS

“ *Will miss you Aunt Jane. Troy*

Troy Smith - September 29, 2019 at 07:45 PM