



## James (Jim) Billy Hale

February 11, 1935 - December 19, 2021

James Billy Hale, 86, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2021. Jim was born in Booneville, Missouri on February 11, 1935.

Jim graduated from Northeast High School in Kansas City, MO in 1953. He was a draftsman for Bendix Corporation before moving to Huntsville, AL in 1965. There he worked as a draftsman for Brown Engineering and Sperry Rand. In 1973, Jim made a career change to become a sales rep for Kemp Instruments.

He married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Lutgen Hale on March 3, 1956. They were blessed to celebrate 65 years of marriage together. Jim and Evelyn raised their three children, Jim, Jennifer, and Bryon in Huntsville, AL. In 1977, Jim and Evelyn moved to Atlanta, GA to open an office for Kemp Instruments. They moved to Dallas, TX with Kemp Instruments in 1990. Jim retired as President of Kemp Instruments in 2000.

Jim was a Christian and loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He had a never-ending positive attitude; even when he and his sisters had polio. He said often, you will never work a day in your life if you love what you do. He enjoyed gardening, baseball, and being with his family.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Hale, sister, Janice Watts Due and mother, Genieve Watts. He is survived by his children: James Michael Hale (Mary Ann) Jennifer Hale Macie (Dana), and Bryon Patrick Hale (Paige), sister and brother-in-law Nancy and Craig Canatsey, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A service of remembrance will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 2:00pm at Rockwall First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, Texas, 75087 with The Reverend Joe Pool presiding.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Rockwall  
1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane  
Rockwall, TX 75087

# Tribute Wall



“ *James (Jim) Billy Hale*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Bryon, Paige, Julia, Parker and Brenam purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of James (Jim) Billy Hale.*



**Bryon, Paige, Julia, Parker and Brenam** - January 13, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Your Pathfinder family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James (Jim) Billy Hale.*



**Your Pathfinder family** - January 12, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Steve and phyllis breeden purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James (Jim) Billy Hale.*



**Steve and phyllis breeden** - January 06, 2022 at 09:13 AM

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“ Love, Mary and Everett purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James (Jim) Billy Hale.



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**Love, Mary and Everett** - January 05, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“ When my sister Jan and I were little girls, “Bill” took us up to the front of our church and we all accepted Christ. He was a fun, loving, protecting brother. I always felt his love from my earliest memories. See you in Paradise my precious brother.

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**Nancy canatsey** - December 30, 2021 at 07:31 PM