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Mark Stephen Hale was born to Dennis G. and Patricia J. Hale on September 13th, 1948, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After graduating high school from Central High School in Tulsa, Mark married his first wife, Peggy Lynn Haff and had his only child Lori Ann Moore (Hale). Mark furthered his education at Tulsa University where he played basketball for the Golden Hurricane while working for Shell Oil. He was later drafted to the United States Army where he went on to fight for our freedom in the Vietnam War. After returning home from the Army, he went to work for the United States Postal Service where he retired after 34 years of service. While working for the United States Post Office, Mark met the love of his life, Helen. They were married on June 2, 1990, at Cayuga Mission Church in Grove Oklahoma. From that marriage Mark was blessed with 3 more bonus children, Darla Marutka of Lewisville, TX, Dina Updike of Broken Arrow, OK and Dan Defore of Dexter, KS.

Mark was an adventurous soul who could tell endless stories about his travels around the world with his wife Helen and beloved dog Pierre. When he wasn't traveling abroad, he loved a good round of golf or a big catch on the lake. Mark was a dedicated Sooners fan who spent most of his Saturdays cheering them on or maybe cursing them...depending on the day. One of Mark's many talents included blessing others with his musical abilities on the piano. His talents on multiple instruments including the trombone, led him to travel Europe with the band The Young Tulsans. Through a lifetime of travels, Mark's warm heart and outgoing personality gained him many lifelong friends who never minded listening to his extravagant storytelling.

Mark was an active member of church from a young age attending Garnett Assembly of God in Tulsa, OK, where his father was the Pastor. His love for God and for his wife Helen led him to become a member of Cayuga Mission Church in Grove, Oklahoma. His Christian life was as beautiful as the music he played so well, and his



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influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew him. He quietly departed this life for his next adventure in Heaven on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the Claremore Veterans Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents Dennis G. Hale and Patricia J. Hale of Tulsa OK, his Aunt Lena Sessions of Tulsa, OK, his first wife Peggy L. Haff of Sand Springs, OK, and great granddaughter Emmerson O'Rourke of Owasso, OK.

His beautiful life will forever be cherished by his wife Helen Hale of Broken Arrow, OK, his children, Lori Ann Moore and husband Jimmy H Moore of Milton, FL, Darla Marutka and husband Mark of Lewisville, TX, Dina Updike and husband Todd of Broken Arrow, OK, and Danny Defore and wife Melesa of Dexter, KS. Mark and Helen have 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren with two more on the way soon. Mark will be missed greatly, and we look forward to reuniting with him in Heaven!

Visitation will be held 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM, Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Floral Haven Visitation Suites in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 3:00 PM, Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.



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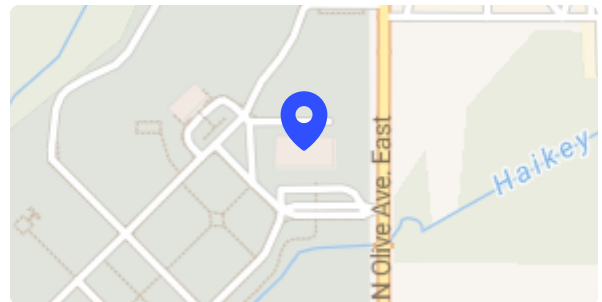
Visitation

- Thursday**, May 23, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Floral Haven Visitation Suites**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



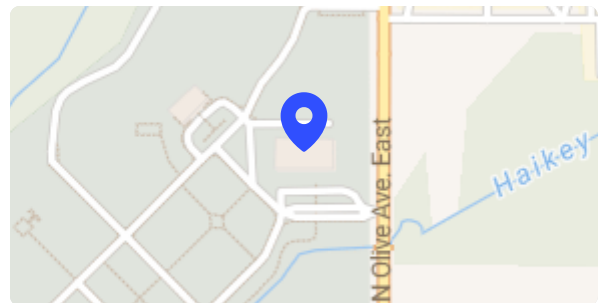
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Cemetery Details

- Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**
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Sharon posted:

Al and I loved Mark and, of course, Helen. Mark was always ready to help people. He loved to travel and show people places he had been. He was friendly, outgoing, smart. He is missed! Sharon and Al Clark

May 31 at 2:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hale family.



May 22 at 11:37 AM



Lori Moore posted:

My dad was a world traveler and it was very important to him to share that with me. He would take me out of school every year for three weeks while we went on our next adventure. He kept a huge map on the wall where he carefully labeled all of our trips in different colors putting red and blue pins to mark our stops at National or State parks. His goal was to make sure I visited all 50 states and see as much of the rest of the world as possible. Well we made it to 49 states but I promise Dad...I'll get to Hawaii someday! So many memories I can't pick just one but him walking all around downtown Anchorage wearing a moose hat with giant antlers just to embarrass his teenage daughter is one of the first to come to mind. We drove all over Europe twice and had many trips to Mexico and Canada. My dad was not big on flying so we drove everywhere if possible. And he didn't believe in highways either so we spent many trips getting stuck on a dirt road somewhere where we would just camp for the night...probably on somebody's land haha!! He rarely used a map and would say "Just follow my nose...it 'nose' where to go!" I want to thank him for the best childhood a kid could have and for spoiling me rotten. I learned more from our adventures than I ever did in school. I will miss you Daddy, but I'm so thankful you are not in pain anymore and are free to walk with Jesus! Until we meet again...Love Lori.

May 22 at 10:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Hale family.



May 22 at 9:14 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hale family.

May 22 at 5:31 AM



Ej Sales planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mark.

May 22 at 5:31 AM



Chris Hale posted:

Mark was my big brother. I have so many fond memories of him spending time with me during my time as a boy growing up in the 70s. Mark was a Vietnam veteran. I have a letter when he was over there that said he missed me and wanted to spend time with me when he returned home. He kept that promise. Mark took me fishing often and taught me how to fish. He took me golfing many times and let me tag along and taught me how to play. I went to several OU football games with Mark where he fostered my love of OU football. He would gather up my friends and we'd go play his wife Peggy's little brother Lee and his friends, in front yard football games. He took me camping, skiing, and swimming at the lake. One summer in about 1973, Mark gathered my friends and our cousin Eric and he organized racing events using our Hot Wheel cars and hundreds of feet of orange track. He and his boyhood friends James and Dudley would take us around Tulsa and find hills all over town to lay out our tracks. He would conduct time trials and keep stats of how fast our cars raced down those tracks. He'd give out prizes like new Hot Wheels cars, free meals or milkshakes. Finally, at the end of the summer he helped us set up at Lafortune Park in Tulsa and we raced for trophies he had purchased. They were golden cars for 1st through 5th place. Mark had a knack for organizing people and getting them to do things that maybe they wouldn't otherwise. He was very persuasive. Lastly, when I was married to my wife Melody, I asked if he could play the piano at my wedding. He played Romeo and Juliet's "A Time for Us". He played it beautifully. Thank you big brother for filling my childhood with wonderful memories. Someday I will see you in heaven and we can talk about all things sports, like we did on this earth. Love you from your little brother Chris

May 22 at 12:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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