



Ruvil Hale

January 27, 1947 - January 19, 2023

Ruvil Hale of Pilgrim, Kentucky will finally be laid to rest on Sunday, January 29, 2023. A family tragedy that began over three decades ago has finally received closure. On July 3, 1990, Ruvil Hale disappeared from the Paintsville Health Care Center, a nursing home in Johnson County, KY. Ruvil had been a coal miner for Peter Cave Coal Company until an injury rendered him unable to work. Ruvil suffered from a stroke, seizures and at the time of his disappearance was being treated for a brain aneurysm. On the same day that Ruvil disappeared, a Ford Tempo was reported missing from the parking lot of Druthers Restaurant beside of the nursing home. Ruvil was legally declared dead in 1996. On March 18, 2022 the vehicle was discovered submerged in the water at Dewey Lake in Floyd County. Remains found in the vehicle were sent to the State Medical Examiners Office in Frankfort. Just eight days before what would have been Ruvil's 76th birthday, the medical examiner concluded that the remains found were that of our beloved Ruvil.

Born in January 27, 1947 the son of the late Ernest and Florence Hale in Martin County, KY. In addition to his parents, he had three siblings that had since passed away; Sherman Hale, Connie Hale and Mary Hale.

Ruvil is survived by his wife, Catheline Hale of Killen, Al; two sons, Max Hale and wife Mandy of Pilgrim, KY and Keith Hale and wife Melissa of Glasgow, KY; four grandchildren, Ryan Hale, Rena Hale, Kaylyn Hale and Khloe Hale

and one great-granddaughter, Mattilyn Hammonds. He is also survived by his siblings, Ernest (Marcie) Hale Jr., Eddie (Lory) Hale, Edith (Bob) Collins, Betty Hale, Janice (Tom) Hayes, Elva (Steve) Smith and Linda Muncy; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the Hale Family Cemetery in Pilgrim, KY with Terry Harmon officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM.

Hale Family Cemetery
Pilgrim, KY

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Prayers



Piney Johnson - January 28, 2023 at 07:51 PM

MM

“ Went to school with Ruvil. He was always a pleasant and nice young man. I have a picture of Ruvil and me at graduation in 1965. Prayers 🙏 for his family and all that loved him

Merline Maynard - January 24, 2023 at 12:42 PM

SW

“ Loved this man dearly. He was a very dear & close friend to my family.

Sam, Pauline, Susan Whitt - January 24, 2023 at 11:14 AM

HC

“ Hazel Howell Campbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruvil Hale



Hazel Howell Campbell - January 24, 2023 at 10:25 AM