



Mr. Jack R. Hale

February 27, 1945 - April 20, 2022

Jack Riley Hale was born in Houston, Texas on February 27, 1945 and left this earth for his heavenly home on April 20, 2022. In those 77 years, Jack never strayed from the solid Christian upbringing instilled by his parents, Errette Morgan Hale and Vivian Dudley Hale. Before Jack was two years old, the Hale family moved to Henderson where Jack attended school all twelve years, graduating from Henderson High School in 1963. While at HHS, he participated in basketball, track, band, mixed chorus, was Best All-Round Nominee and selected as Who's Who in Mathematics.

He continued his education at Kilgore College and the University of North Texas graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and later received a Master of Education from the University of Houston. He also earned his administrator certification from Stephen F. Austin.

On August 20, 1967, Jack married Paula Propes Hale, his high school sweetheart; and they began a life together of service to young people through education. Jack taught math and coached in Brazosport ISD for 9 years before returning to East Texas and settling in White Oak in 1976. While at White Oak, Jack served as high school counselor, elementary principal, curriculum director, superintendent, and closed out his 41 years at White Oak ISD as high school counselor for the second time because he wanted to work with the students.

While at White Oak, Jack epitomized what it means to be a Roughneck. He was a yell leader at pep rallies and attended as many programs and activities as possible to support the students.

Due to his overwhelming love and work for the school, the choral music building was named in his honor in October of 2008. In the fall of 2019, he received an oil derrick dedication for his service to the school and community.

In addition to his work in the field of education, Jack was known for his faithfulness to God and service to his church. He was active in the music ministry at White Oak Baptist Church for many years and the past eight years he has regularly attended Pine Tree Church of Christ. His two strokes on April 8 were a shock to everyone, but were perhaps God's merciful way of protecting him from the pain that was expected with prolonged cancer.

Beyond all of his professional and Christian areas of service, Jack's love for his family was his most obvious testimony to all who knew him. In their 54 years of marriage, he and Paula have been loving parents to Jarrett Hale (Cynthia) of Rockwall, Jeffrey Hale (Marsha) of Dallas, Justin Hale (Robin) of St. Louis, and Jaxon and Dex Hale of White Oak. He was also a proud grandfather (Pops) to Olivia, Casey, Kathryn, Jane, and Cody Jack Hale. In addition, he is survived by his brother Jerry Hale (Toni) of Henderson, niece Marla Sullivan (Mike) of Hallsville, sister-in-law Pam Dean of Richardson, niece Mary Beth Ort (Rusty) of Richardson, and several great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

The Hale family wishes to thank the medical staff of MD Anderson, Texas Oncology, UT Health Tyler, The Hospice of East Texas Home Place, White Oak ISD, the church families of White Oak Baptist Church and Pine Tree Church of Christ, and the entire White Oak community for their love and support during the illness and recent home-going of Jack Riley Hale. Words of

comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

A family visitation will be held on Friday, May 6, at Pine Tree Church of Christ from 4 - 6:30 pm. A memorial service to honor and celebrate a faithful life will be held Saturday, May 7, at Pine Tree Church of Christ at 3 pm. The memorial service will be officiated by Jody Garner, Ritchie Hamm, and Michael Heim.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the White Oak Education Foundation, PO Box 797
White Oak, TX 75693.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Pine Tree Church of Christ
3221 Dundee Rd
Longview, TX 75604

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Longview, TX 75604

Tribute Wall

RV

“ God was very good to put a person like Jack at Freeport Junior High in 1968. He and Paula became such an influential part of my life, as well as many others. They stood for everything a young person needs as role models, Christian values, undying love, positivity and encouragement.
He will be missed by many. Roya

Roya Vallot - May 06, 2022 at 01:22 PM

DB

“ Jack Hale has impacted so many lives throughout the years and his time on this earth is a shining example of compassion, caring, education and love for those in his life. Jack's love for his Roughneck family was unmatched. I'm sure you're leading a pep rally in Heaven yelling out "W-O!!" My friend, you will be missed by me and my family. We know that your legacy will continue to influence so many. You set the bar higher than you can imagine.

Doug Bloyd and family

Doug Bloyd - May 06, 2022 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Brent Hale - May 06, 2022 at 07:59 AM

SW

“ Jack Hale was one of the finest persons I have had the pleasure of knowing. He was a wonderful mentor, friend and encourager. His love for me and my family was evident from the time we met. He treated our children, Ryan and Wendy as his own just like he did all the students at White Oak.

Paula he loved you with all his heart. I will never forget when he sang “The Wind Beneath my Wings” at graduation and said it reminded him so much of you.

On a personal note, he encouraged me when I Opened Willand Inc. and had no idea what I was doing. He never missed an opportunity to tell me how important and compassionate he felt my work was. He served in our Advisory Committee for over 20 years. He often reminded me that my work was part of God’s plan to look after the “least of these my brothers”.

sarah Wilborn - May 03, 2022 at 01:12 PM

NH

Paula, Jack was one of my favorite people to know. Such a wonderful personality. Y’all were such a great couple. He will be missed. Keeping you and the boys in my prayers.

Nancy Herrington - May 06, 2022 at 11:43 AM

DK

“ Sorry for your Loss... Prayers for this Family...



David & Dianna Kelley - April 28, 2022 at 04:29 PM

JD

“ I have so many good memories of Jack through elementary school, junior high and high school. From the wonderful comments, he was well respected in the school and community. I'm so sorry for your loss, Paula, and I know your consolation comes from our Father in heaven. Jean Parker Delafield, HHH Class of 1963

Jean Parker Delafield - April 28, 2022 at 01:15 PM

JW

“ A Life time good friend. School , little league baseball. Sports. a great all around christen friend. Great Mother and Dad, and Brother. He will be missed!

Jerry Winfrey - April 27, 2022 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ Cheryl Seilhant Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Cheryl Seilhant Bowen - April 26, 2022 at 10:40 AM

DC

“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



David and Jan Crow - April 24, 2022 at 10:47 PM

BM

“ *Billy Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale*



Billy Martin - April 24, 2022 at 08:50 PM

GH

“ *Jack Hale will always be remembered as a good soul. He was a next door neighbor of my grandmother and never failed to say hello and help my grandmother if she needed it. Rest in peace Coach Hale.*

Gary Holler - April 24, 2022 at 02:37 PM

GB

“ *Deepest sympathies. RIP Coach.....*



Gary Balusek - April 24, 2022 at 12:06 AM

MD

“ *Mr. Hale had an extraordinary gift for bringing out the best in people and making them feel they could accomplish anything they set their minds to. I am deeply grateful to have known him and so very sorry for your loss.*

Meagan Daine - April 23, 2022 at 09:41 PM

SC

“ So many great memories of teaching under Jack’s leadership in WO Elementary school. He truly loved his students and each of us that worked with him. How blessed I am to have had Jack Hale hire me for my first year of teaching! He made coming to work each day such a joy and I was blessed to have worked with him for 32. He will be missed! Praying for you all.
Shelley & Joe Carrington



Shelley Carrington - April 23, 2022 at 05:54 PM

SA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will be keeping your family in our prayers.



Sheila Alford - April 23, 2022 at 10:24 AM

DA

“ Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Donna Dorsey Aaron - April 23, 2022 at 02:15 AM

CT

“ It has been many years now, but when my son, Tyler Wray Talley, was at White Oak High School, Jack was especially kind. Tyler was a very sensitive soul and Jack knew this about him after their first visit together. He often counseled Tyler on how to get through the rigors of high school because Tyler sometimes struggled. They sang together in several productions the high school put on (I especially remember how wonderful they sounded together as a barbershop quartet! And though Tyler passed away in 2015, I am grateful for Jack’s kindness to him and to me. The world has lost a wonderful man. I know he and Tyler are praising before the throne.

Cyndy Talley - April 22, 2022 at 08:03 PM

MM

“ We extend sympathy to all of the Hale Family. My parents, Wayne and Willie Mae Freeman, were long time friends of Jack’s parents. We will remember you in our prayers during the days and weeks ahead. Milton and Sharla McGee



Milton and Sharla McGee - April 22, 2022 at 12:52 PM

LT

Remembering you and the entire Hale family through this difficult loss....my sympathy and prayers are with you!! LaNell Toon

LaNell Toon - April 23, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JC

“ Sorry for your loss Paula.

JIMMY AND JEANNE COWART - April 22, 2022 at 11:51 AM

SH

“ David and I are saddened to hear about Jack. Prayers for the family.

Sherry Harris - April 22, 2022 at 08:20 AM

BM

“ Smiling through tears as I remember how Jack was "there for" a granddaughter at White Oak school. Praying for the family.

Betty Mullens - April 22, 2022 at 07:52 AM

LR

“ Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Linda Rogers - April 21, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Barbara J Jolley - April 21, 2022 at 08:58 PM

MS

“ Jack came to Freeport, TX in 1968 to coach football and teach. We were his first team in 7th grade. He went with us to high school and became a life long friend. He was only 10 years older than us, which was huge then, but that changed as we grew up. Jack and Paula were and are our God parents, continuing to attend our class reunions for decades. He taught me math, and was my Sunday school teacher, football and track coach, mentor and lifelong friend. He once told me "boy I was all over you". Wise beyond his years, and an honest sounding board for a young man to spend time with. He will be deeply missed.



Mike Stephens - April 21, 2022 at 08:15 PM

ZE

“ Jack and I go back a long way. The last time I saw him was at a class luncheon. I was so surprised that he told his grandchildren that he knew someone with a Halloween birthday. That someone is me. I just always thought I would see him again. I love you my friend and you will be missed by many. Rest in Heaven.

Zuma Ellis-Knight - April 21, 2022 at 06:09 PM

JP

“ Janice Allen Pirkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Janice Allen Pirkey - April 21, 2022 at 04:02 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear about Jack's death. He was a great husband, father and friend. He was appreciated by so many adults and school children. May he rest in peace.

Linda Romer



Linda Romer - April 21, 2022 at 01:00 PM

MS

“ Michael Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



michael sullivan - April 21, 2022 at 12:42 PM

SC

“ Sharon Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale



Sharon Collins - April 21, 2022 at 11:32 AM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Praying for comfort for all the family.

Cyndi Walker - April 21, 2022 at 10:34 AM

CK

“ *Cathy Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack R. Hale*



Cathy Kovschak - April 21, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ *Jack was the product of two wonderful CHRISTIAN parents that taught their sons to always sail True North!
Truly a friend to all that knew him, his legacy will live on.
God speed Jack 🙏*



Joe White - April 21, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JP

“ *I have known Jack for a very long time and Paula and I went to school together. They always were a cute couple. You will never hear anyone say anything bad about either one of them. Jack was indeed a great Christian who loved his Lord and family very much. He always had a smile when you saw him. Jack will definitely be missed by so many people. Sending prayers to Paula and their entire family.*



Janice Allen Pirkey - April 21, 2022 at 08:07 AM

BP

“ *May God great peace during this difficult time. May you memory give you peace.*

Beth Hale Pope

Beth Pope - April 20, 2022 at 10:03 PM

MM

“ *Jack was one of a kind! He could always make you feel a part of the group. He loved to laugh. He and Paula were perfect for one another. His happy spirit will be missed. He mattered while he was here on earth! That's all any of us strive for.*

Mailyn Martin - April 20, 2022 at 06:10 PM

PC

What a wonderful family. Always loving each other, their boys and the Lord Jack now is seeing for real what we have faith in seeing some day The Lord surely said to Jack "you have been a faithful servant on earth for me. Welcome home

Patty Brooks Christian - April 22, 2022 at 10:45 PM

PD

I am sorry to hear of Jack's passing his legacy will continue to live on in several communities. My prayers for all of the family.

Pat Dawson - April 23, 2022 at 07:34 PM

TE

We will all miss him so much- praying for Paula and the boys.

Tommy Edgar - April 29, 2022 at 04:09 PM