



## Earnie Leroy Hale

June 12, 1944 - April 10, 2024

Hale, Earnie Leroy, of Dittmer, Missouri, was born June 12, 1944 in Marquand, Missouri to Earnie and Pansie (nee Hendrickson) Hale and entered into rest Wednesday, April 10, 2024 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 79 years. His departure leaves a profound void in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Earnie and Pansie (nee Hendrickson) Hale; five (5) siblings: Linous Hale, Billy Hale, Jack Hale, Donald Hale, and Earline Ward.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce Hale; six (6) children: Dan (Mandy) Pickett, Brian (Shannon) Hale, James (Cindy) Smith, Patricia (John) Daniels, Bridget Pickett, Kati Pickett; eight (8) grandchildren: James (Lauren) Smith, Caroline Hale, Alyssa Crossin, Carter Crossin, Patrick Pickett, Kyle Pickett, Hannah Daniels, Haley Daniels; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Earnie, a beloved husband, devoted father, doting grandfather, and cherished brother lived a life guided by love, generosity, and a zest for adventure. He was a beacon of light to his family and friends, always ready with a helping hand and a warm smile. His love for life was infectious, his practical nature and compassionate spirit touching the hearts of everyone he met.

A true family man, Earnie found immeasurable joy in traveling with his loved ones, creating cherished memories that will be forever treasured. His love for his family knew no bounds, and he reveled in every moment spent in their

company.

Earnie's passion for the outdoors was evident in his many pursuits, from hunting and fishing to golfing beneath the open sky. His love for nature was matched only by his affinity for horses, a bond that brought him great joy throughout his life. As a skilled rodeo bull rider, he earned three silver buckles, showcasing his courage and determination in the arena.

In service to his country, Earnie bravely served in the Army, demonstrating unwavering dedication and valor. He faced the challenges of war with courage, enduring as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam. For his service, he was honored with the Good Conduct Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal, reflecting his commitment to duty and honor.

Earnie's passion for craftsmanship was evident in his restoration of a 1929 Model A truck, a labor of love that brought him immense satisfaction and pride. His love for life and his willingness to help others endeared him to all who knew him, and his absence will be deeply felt by those whose lives he touched.

Though Earnie may no longer walk among us, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know him. His legacy of love, courage, and kindness will continue to inspire and uplift us all.

Rest in peace, dear Earnie. Your light will continue to shine brightly in our hearts for eternity.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary with Graveside Service with Full Military Honors following at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, 2900 Sheridan Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63125.

All who knew and loved him are invited to join in honoring his memory and celebrating the remarkable life he lived. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com) and follow details of this event and others in the community at [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

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# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, MO 63125  
(314) 845-8320  
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jeffersonbarracks.asp>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 18.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100  
[info@stlfuneral.com](mailto:info@stlfuneral.com)  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**APR 19.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100  
[info@stlfuneral.com](mailto:info@stlfuneral.com)  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

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APR 19. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road

St. Louis, MO 63125

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<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jeffersonbarracks.asp>

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Earnie, thanks for all the laughter, jokes and good times shared. Life well lived Sir. You certainly will be missed. May all your signals be " clear ". The Hatchard Brothers - Thomas M. & Robert H.

robert hatchard - April 18, 2024 at 09:05 PM

CQ

“ CH Regulatory, Risk, TCD and Quality purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



CH Regulatory, Risk, TCD and Quality - April 18, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MP

“ Megan and Tim Peterson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



Megan and Tim Peterson - April 18, 2024 at 11:39 AM

TL

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Joyce and the entire Hale family. May your fond memories surround you in these difficult times. Sincerely, Terry and Pat Leahy

Theresa Leahy - April 18, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.*



April 18, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *God made a wonderful man when He created Earnie and all of our lives have been blessed by knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers to the family at this time of loss. Steve and Christine Rathweg*

**Christine Rathweg** - April 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Steve and Chris Rathweg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.*



**Steve and Chris Rathweg** - April 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.*



April 16, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.*



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April 16, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Such a nice guy, always with a smile cheering on the grandkids and playing cornhole. Praying for you all!*❤️

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**The Drummond's** - April 15, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.*



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April 15, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Jim Pickett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.*

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**Jim Pickett** - April 15, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Thank you for helping take care of my mom (Sis) and for being an extra big brother to me.*

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**Donna** - April 14, 2024 at 11:58 PM

DW

“ Donna W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.

Donna W. - April 14, 2024 at 11:52 PM

SH

“ Our shared memory is Ernie and Joyce traveling to Tennessee with Sonny and Penny for a visit to our new home. They were late, we were worried, but all was well. They made a quick stop to go WHITEWATER RAFTING!! We love you Ernie, our Brother in Christ.

Sandi Hunsaker - April 14, 2024 at 09:13 PM

SH

“ Steve & Sandi Hunsaker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.

Steve & Sandi Hunsaker - April 14, 2024 at 08:58 PM

SH

“ Steve & Sandi Hunsaker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



Steve & Sandi Hunsaker - April 14, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ Dub Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



Dub Smith - April 14, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



April 14, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ Markus family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.

Markus family - April 14, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ The Zimmers Jerry and Diane purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



The Zimmers Jerry and Diane - April 13, 2024 at 12:19 PM



“ We are deeply sorry for your loss and pray you feel the love that surrounds you, now and always.

Ronnie and Sharold Smith

Ronnie and Sharold Smith - April 13, 2024 at 02:33 AM



“ Ronnie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.

Ronnie S. - April 13, 2024 at 02:28 AM

EM

“ So very sorry for the loss of Earnie. He was one of a kind. A hero to many!!



Eva and Kelly Maloney - April 12, 2024 at 08:10 PM

BP

“ Bill and Lisa Penberthy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.

Bill and Lisa Penberthy - April 12, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



April 12, 2024 at 06:16 PM

BE

“ Bryan, Brenda, Angela, Kaylee , Ev purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



Bryan, Brenda, Angela, Kaylee , Ev - April 12, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ Tony maggini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnie Leroy Hale.

Tony maggini - April 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earnie Leroy Hale.



April 12, 2024 at 05:13 PM