



Richard G. Hale

June 17, 1932 - June 28, 2012

Richard 'Doc' Greenwood Hale, 80 years of age, husband of Mary Ann Hale, died June 28, 2012 in Knoxville, TN. He was born in Ashland, KY, the son of Shirley and Sarah Elizabeth Hale, both deceased. In addition to his wife Mary Ann, he is survived by one son, Richard J. (his wife Kelly and their three daughters, Alexandra, Victoria, and Catherine) of Lexington, KY, and his daughter, Michele Elaine Hale, of Martinsburg, WV; one brother, Shirley Pennington Hale, of Huntsville, AL, and one sister, Elizabeth Ann King, of Menifee, CA, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard G. Hale*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *I had to opportunity to have Doc Hale work several of my track meets when I was coaching and I always enjoyed working with him - he was a giant of the sport here locally*

Aaron Arnold - August 23, 2012 at 10:37 PM



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Paskaralingam - August 12, 2012 at 11:12 AM

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Paskaralingam of yCBGEgPNeqvHv - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of "Doc's" passing. We shared many memories of great track and cross-country meets while Rod was coaching at Marshall, and we truly appreciated his support and friendship of so many athletes over the years. He was a wonderful person, positive and classy, and we will miss him.

Rod and Cathy O'Donnell - July 09, 2012 at 08:04 PM

TI

“ I am very sorry for your loss.

Teresa Isaac - July 05, 2012 at 11:55 AM

RP

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Rev. Jim & Jennifer Plyburn - July 04, 2012 at 10:28 PM

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Sarah Stare - July 04, 2012 at 04:06 PM

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Sarah Stare of Chambersburg, PA - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Goodbye Doc ! I will always miss you and love you. I am praying for your whole family as always. I have never known a better man. I will be looking forward to seeing you again some day. Bless you.

Gay Owens - July 03, 2012 at 10:46 AM

DW

“ Rick, So sorry about your Dad's passing. Know he's in the Lord's hands. Praying for the family, asking for lord's comfort. Rev. Dick Wilkins, Immanuel Baptist Church

Dick Wilkins - July 03, 2012 at 09:26 AM

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Dick Wilkins of Lexington, Ky. - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My condolences to the Hale family, for your loss. Doc was an influential part of my track career. He always had a minute to give a young red head sound advice and encouraging word.

Kelly Riffle - July 02, 2012 at 11:00 PM

RT

“ Doc I will truly miss your smile your humor your love for humanity but most of all your love for the young people of our country. As a fellow war vet I am honored to have known you and had the opportunity spend time with you. You were the wind that allowed a lot of wings to fly. I often told you that if this country had more people like you it would be even greater! I being a product of segregated North Carolina Never thought one of my best friends would be from West Virginia. Doc rest in peace my brother I am not sad because I know that you will be God's main starter. When you left a little part of us left with you. Love your brother for ever Roy Spaceman Thompson

Roy Thompson - July 02, 2012 at 09:32 PM

DD

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Dr. Wayne C. Davis - July 02, 2012 at 07:30 PM

MA

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Matt - July 02, 2012 at 07:29 PM

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Betty Stepp - July 02, 2012 at 06:58 PM

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Mary Sparn - July 02, 2012 at 04:07 PM

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Pat and Emily Riley - July 02, 2012 at 04:03 PM

AS

“ Doc was such a class act. I'll never forget a bit of negotiating advice when I was interviewing for a position at Ashland Oil. Upon reading his obit, I'd add that he was certainly a modest gentleman; I had no idea the breadth of his life experiences. A great man who will never be forgotten by thousands he affected during his years!

Arden K Sansom - July 02, 2012 at 03:04 PM

MF

“ *Doc was the starter for all our meets. He will be greatly missed by all.*

Matt Knupp,RHS track and field - July 02, 2012 at 10:24 AM

GD

“ *Michele I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing. I know how much you and many others admired him and his loss will be felt by many people. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Celebrate his amazing life and all the wonderful memories you have of him. If you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out. Love ya.....Gina*

Gina Diehl - July 02, 2012 at 08:11 AM

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Randy Helton Boys Track Coach Raceland-Worthington HS

Randy Helton - July 01, 2012 at 11:42 PM

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Tempest, Tom and Haley Layne - July 01, 2012 at 10:15 PM

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Tammy Franklin Champion - July 01, 2012 at 07:40 PM

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Ron Oliver - July 01, 2012 at 01:06 PM

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Rev. & Mrs. Fred E. Kitchen - July 01, 2012 at 12:03 PM

KS

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Kathy Spencer - July 01, 2012 at 11:17 AM

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The Hubbles, Susan, Joe, & Sam - July 01, 2012 at 09:50 AM

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Randy Helton of Flatwoods, KY - July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Ron Oliver of Amelia Island, Florida - July 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Doc has been around track meets I have participated in or coached at for as long as I have been involved in the sport. A great track official and a good man. WV track and field has lost a good one. I guess he will now be back starting meets with Carlos Akers again. He will be missed.

Justin Cox - June 29, 2012 at 09:28 PM