



Howard H. Hale

March 8, 1917 - March 4, 2015

Bluefield, WV - Howard H. Hale, 97, of Bluefield, W.V. died at this home on Wednesday, March 4th, surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Bluefield, West Virginia on March 8, 1917 where he was a lifelong resident. He was the son of Wiley Witten Hale and Anna Lula Cash Hale.

Howard retired from Bluefield Supply Company after 45 years of service. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church since 1955 and was an active member of his Christian Action Class. He participated with service projects as a member of the Bluefield Civitan Club for over 60 years. Howard was a member of the Riley – Vest Post 9 of the American Legion.

Anyone that knew Mr. Hale would be aware of his enthusiasm for the Bluefield Beavers and the West Virginia Mountaineers teams. He was a supporter of the local baseball club, attending many games over the years, for both the Orioles and then the Blue Jays. He enjoyed sharing his box seats with family and friends.

Mr. Hale served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, where he obtained the rank of staff sergeant. He was stationed in the Pacific Ocean Theater and served as a ball turret gunner on a B24 Liberator. After 28 missions in the New Guinea, North Solomons, Bismark Archipelago, and Western Pacific campaigns he returned safely home to serve his family and community.

Florene Hale, his wife of 59 years, precedes him in death, as well as a sister, Evelyn Jackson, and a brother, Leonard Hale.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Taylor and husband Peter; his two

Granddaughters, Ashby Perkins – and husband Zane of Wytheville, Virginia; Virginia Taylor of Winston Salem, North Carolina; two Great Grandchildren, Zane Anthony Perkins and Halen Taylor Perkins, of Wytheville, Virginia. Howard will also be missed by his nieces, Joyce Davis and husband Rodney of Athens, Georgia; Mary Jane Pattisall and husband Richard, of Roanoke, Virginia; Margaret Colabella and husband Tom, of Lebanon, Virginia; Frances Potter and husband Tom of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Joy Lynn Kerekes of California.

Due to the support of special friends Mary Hall, Brenda Williby, Kathy Perry, and Linda and Jimmy Krondon, Howard was able to remain in his home until his death and was provided friendship, companionship, kindness, and quality care.

Friends may join the family at Trinity United Methodist Church, on College Avenue in Bluefield, West Virginia at 1:00pm on March 7th for the visitation, and to celebrate the life of Howard Hale with a service beginning at 2:00pm at the church with Rev. Susan Rector and Dr. Don Scott officiating. Interment and military graveside rites will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA. Pallbearers will be David Kersey, Larry Morhous, Conner Litton, David Taylor, Ed Davis and Pat Haye.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be directed to Trinity United Methodist Church 401 College Avenue Bluefield, WV 24701 or Hospice Compassus 1330 Mercer Street Suite 1, Princeton, WV 24740.

Those wishing to share memories or e-mail condolences may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Howard Hale.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
401 College Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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401 College Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard H. Hale*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Patricia,
When I learned of your beloved Father's death, the memories of my Father and the Civitans, and your Father, hit me and I felt that sadness that comes with deep loss, the loss of a good man. Our Fathers were truly "pillars" of strength and stamina. God grant your Father eternal rest in a place of peace with the angels and the Lord almighty.
Warmly,
Ginny Chryssikos*

Ginny Chryssikos - March 10, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. A fine person we work with Howard @Bluefield Suply CO..
With our sincere sympathy. Jim & Gaynelle Ayers*

james Ayers - March 10, 2015 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of a wonderful individual. He was a blessing in many ways. Our prayers are with you and the family.
Pastors Charles and Sharon Miller*

charles miller - March 09, 2015 at 10:07 AM

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“ Patricia,

So very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. If the "acorn didn't fall very far from the tree", then I'm sure he was a fine man. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, along with your entire family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Derrick Felts

Derrick Felts - March 06, 2015 at 09:15 AM

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“ We were sorry to hear that Howard had passed away. My husband and I got to know him through the Trinity Christian Action Class. He was such a delight to be around; always joking and laughing. He will truly be missed. Love and prayers to his family.

Nancy & Hugh Adams

Nancy & Hugh Adams - March 06, 2015 at 08:49 AM