



Truman O. Hale

January 13, 1936 - January 11, 2024

Truman O. Hale, age 87, of Clare, passed away peacefully in the company of his wife, Barb Smock at their home on Thursday, January 11, 2024. He was born the son of Orville and Dorothy Hale on January 13, 1936, in Milford, Michigan. He had worked for General Motors as a Materials Handler with Oldsmobile until retiring about 1976. Truman married Betty Pohl on Aug. 25, 1956, and she died on Feb. 15, 2003. On New Years Eve in 2005 he married Barbara (Heineke) Smock, and she survives him. Truman was a member of the UAW retirees. He had moved to Farwell in 1985 from St. John's. Truman loved to Hunt and Fish. He and Barb had made many trips to the UP, stopping at Casino's on the way up and back. Garage and Yard Saling were another favorite. The large collection of bread machines proves that he just couldn't pass on by if he could get a cheaper than posted price. His family, along with Barb's family plus grandchildren and great grandchildren were his blessings in life.

Truman is survived by his wife, Barbara Smock, his two sons, Jerome (Steph) Hale of Harrison, Jeffery (Leslie) Hale of Springport, Mi., step-children, Alger Smock and his friend Mary, Julie Alderton, Aaron Smock and fiancé, Patty, Phil (Char) Smock, and Eric (Lisa) Smock, his grandchildren, Jared and Jessica Hale, Zeth and Kristen Hale, Nathan and Chelsea Hale, Brandon and Tara Hale and Kegan and Stephanie Taylor, Great grandchildren, Lillian, Lincoln, River, and Jolene, Step Greats, Jessica, Kaley, Sierra, Perrie, Austin, Allison, Taylor, and step great great grands, Jozie, Johnny, and Emmersyn.

Also surviving are his three sisters, Mary Hale, Lois (John) Ried, and Frances Bates. Truman was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty, his daughter Cynthia Taylor, and his brother, Jerome.

At his request, cremation will take place and he will be laid to rest along side Betty in the Surrey Township Cemetery. A Celebration of his life will take place at the Clare Moose Lodge on Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 1 to 4 P.M. The Hale family was assisted by the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes of Clare and Farwell.

Cemetery Details

Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI 48622

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **24**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Clare Moose Lodge
1890 E. Ludington Drive
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Truman was the first person I was able to track down in the Hale family while I was researching the doctor's handwritten book of recipes found in my grandmother's attic written between 1844-1863. Truman was the great-great grandson of Jerome and Lucy Hale mentioned in that book. I published that book as Dr. Hale's Home Remedy and Recipe book. I'd like to know when the memory service will be so I can meet the rest of the family.

Douglas Sharp - February 01, 2024 at 04:48 PM

JA

“ You were always a bright light to be around. Always smiling and waiting to hear a good joke. You loved my money unconditionally and for that I thank you. You'll be missed Truman. Hugs to you up in heaven. Love Julie ♡

Julie Smock Alderton - January 17, 2024 at 08:41 PM

JA

Typo.. I don't know how to fix. You loved my mother!! Not money.

Julie Smock Alderton - January 17, 2024 at 08:42 PM

CA

Bye uncle Truman, have fun with Uncle Pat and my sister Peggy up there telling jokes and listening to each other

Cathy - January 18, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CS

We will really miss seeing your smiling face looking out your window and waving.

Carlene and Steve Sysak - January 18, 2024 at 01:32 PM

DB

R.I.P Uncle, you were such a great man, father, grandfather, brother and husband. You will truly be missed by many, especially your family. We all love you so much. Rest peacefully 💙

Danielle Bates - January 18, 2024 at 03:33 PM

RH

“ You fought the good fight until the end. Bless you now as you rest, in peace.

Roni Howard - January 16, 2024 at 12:23 PM