



Orville Thomas Hale

May 14, 1938 - November 27, 2025

Orville Thomas Hale, 87, of Lebanon, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on November 27, 2025. Born on May 14, 1938, in Johnetta, Kentucky, to his parents, the late Delmar and Edith Owens Hale, the family moved to Lebanon, Indiana when Orville was 1 year old, where he grew up, and then proceeded to raise a family.

Orville proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1959. Shortly after returning home from his service, Orville met the love of his life, Shirley Ann Paul. They were married on April 21, 1963, and the two quickly formed a bond that grew into a lifelong love story, and together they built the family that became Orville's greatest pride. Their marriage endured for 62 years, marked by devotion, loyalty, and quiet strength. After his military service, he spent most of his working life as a truck driver. He was known for his reliability, strong work ethic, and steady presence on and off the road. A man of many hats—both figuratively and literally—Orville lived a full life shaped by experience and dedication.

Orville enjoyed working on his 1932 Chevy coupe, playing cornhole, poker, and gold panning. In his younger years, he also enjoyed riding motorcycles. He was an avid painter, and art remained one of his favorite pastimes throughout his life. He especially loved taking his Chevy coupe out for rides with his wife and showing it at car shows, where the car became a shared

point of pride and joy for both of them. He and his wife shared a deep love for traveling out West, especially to Arizona and Colorado, where Orville would gold pan while they enjoyed the scenery and peaceful beauty of the mountains together.

A member of Hope Community Church, Orville lived his faith quietly but firmly. He was a devoted family man whose soft-spoken nature and steady character left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. His words were few, but they carried weight, and his presence brought a calm, grounded steadiness wherever he went. He will be remembered for his stories, his peaceful demeanor, and the sense of stability he provided to those around him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Ann Hale; his children, Kellie Hale and Kimberly Hale; grandchildren, Brody McCulloch, Jared Woodruff (Taylor Casey), Cole Zarychta, Brayden (Chloe) Scott, and Jayden Scott; great-grandchildren, Ava Gleener and Emberlee Richardson; and his siblings, Densell (Ruth) Hale and Gladys (Bill) Ketrow, all of Lebanon, Indiana, Robert Hale of Burkesville, Kentucky, and Phillip (April) Hale of Anderson, Indiana. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delmar and Edith Owens Hale; his sister Elva Hively; and his sisters-in-law Nina Hale and Audrey Hale.

Orville was most proud of his family—his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the life he built with his wife. Their accomplishments and closeness meant more to him than anything else.

Family and friends are invited to gather, remember, and celebrate a life well lived.

Memorial Services with Military Rites are planned for 3:00 p.m. on Saturday,

December 13, 2025, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations made to the charity of your choice in Orville's honor.

Orville's legacy lives on in the memories he leaves behind and in the lives of those who loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
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Tribute Wall

EK

“ Shirley & family sending prayers for comfort during this difficult time



Elaine Kinsler - December 13, 2025 at 01:07 PM

WD

“ Witham’s Respiratory Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Orville Thomas Hale.



Witham’s Respiratory Department - December 11, 2025 at 10:37 PM

WD

“ Witham’s Respiratory Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orville Thomas Hale.

Witham’s Respiratory Department - December 11, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orville Thomas Hale.



December 06, 2025 at 07:58 PM

SS

“ There are so many memories to share but he was an awesome and soft spoken man and had my utmost respect for his caring and honesty.

I will never forget this man and will miss him dearly.

My deepest sympathies to all of the family !!

Steve Smith - December 03, 2025 at 08:42 PM

KH

Thank you Steve!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM

RU

My sympathy for Orville's passing. We had many good times together growing up. But we later grew apart as I moved away from Lebanon. I enjoyed seeing Orville each year at our family reunion and I'll miss not seeing him at the next one. Russell

Russell - December 11, 2025 at 10:27 AM

DC

“ He was a great man and I loved watching him drive his car through town. I knew him because Brody was one of my scouts when I was the Scout Master. Glad that he was blessed beyond measure on this earth and he's up chatting with the angels.

Donna Curry - December 03, 2025 at 06:37 PM

KH

Thank you very much Donna!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ I met the man several times at his home. He has always made me feel welcomed in his home. Bond fire were always my favorite. He will be remember by me always. 🙏 RIP
James Swain

James Swain - December 02, 2025 at 11:17 PM

KH

Thank you James!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM

TR

“ I loved getting to know Orville and Shirley years ago through the bank! One of my favorite customers! They loved their family so much, they also always enjoyed camping and their horses too! Years later I got to know their daughter Kim and granddaughter Jayden and the close relationship they all shared! Enjoyed talking to them at the girls birthday parties every summer at the park too! It was an awesome to get to be there for their surprise anniversary party in Thorntown recently too! You will be missed Orville! Last year Kim was showing Mark amd I some of your paintings in her area at Witham and was so proud of your talent! My prayers to Shirley and the girls and the grandkids and great grandkids! They all loved you so much! ❤️🙏👍

Tami and Mark Richardson - December 02, 2025 at 10:40 PM

KH

Awe yes! I remember that! Love the memories. Thank you Tami!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:25 AM

BS

“ we are sorry of the passing of Orville... May
GOD be with the family..... REST IN PEACE



Bill and Linda Stuteville - December 02, 2025 at 10:39 PM

KH

Thank you!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:26 AM

SW

“ So sorry about your loss. Love and prayers.
Sue Ann West

Sie Ann West - December 01, 2025 at 07:48 AM

KH

Thank you!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:26 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear this about Orville! Sending thoughts and prayers!
Tonya Staton

Tonya Staton - November 29, 2025 at 10:37 PM

KH

Thank you!

Kim Hale - December 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM