



Jon Michael Hale

December 31, 1948 - October 12, 2025

Jon Hale passed away in Sarasota, Florida on October 12th 2025. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa on December 31st 1948.

Jon earned his Bachelor of Arts (Economics & Business with a minor in Math) from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA and a Masters Degree from the National Trust school at Northwestern in Chicago, IL. He served in the Army for three years during the Vietnam War, and spent the majority of his time in Germany.

He was originally a stock broker in Iowa, then after moving to Florida he opened his own successful business of 31 years, appraising trusts. He loved his friends and family, enjoyed helping others but also loved pulling pranks and telling jokes. Additionally he always loved making people smile. He was passionate about his faith and had numerous church families over the years.

Jon is preceded in death by his parents Keith and Marilyn; son Ryan Hale; and brother Denny Hale.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 49 years Yvonne Hale; children Erin Burnett and her husband Rob Burnett, Ben Hale and his wife Thalia; siblings Candy Wingrove, Terry Hale, Larry Hale; grandchildren Tyler and Katelyn Burnett, Jasper Hale.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jon's honor to Happy Gospel Church at: <https://happygospelchurch.com/give/>. Or to The Florida Cancer Society at: <https://fcsf.org/ways-to-support/donate>

There will be a memorial service at Happy Gospel Church in Bradenton at 1915 53rd Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203 Monday, November 10th at 10am with light refreshments and reception to follow.

Please join us in celebrating his amazing life, and if you have a memory or short story to tell, there will be an opportunity at the service to share. As his family, we would love to hear some of these.

Interment will be on Friday, February 20, 2026 at 11:00 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

Memories and condolences may be left for his family at www.MFHcares.com

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Happy Gospel Church
1915 53rd Ave East
Bradenton, FL 34203

A Time of Gathering

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall



“ Doug M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jon Michael Hale.

Doug M. - November 09, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jon Michael Hale.



November 07, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Jon Hale is a man that you meet only once in a lifetime. Jon was always there to help and to add humor into your life. I first meet Jon at Beneva Christian Church where our kids were attending church. We sold Christmas Trees together and worked the firework stand selling fireworks. We develop a great friendship. After my wife passed, we continue to be friends. When my new wife, Ling, came over here from China, Jon and Yvonne greeted her with open arms. They did everything to make her feel comfortable in a different country. They were tremendous help in making our wedding day so special. Happy Tracks to you my friend Bob Evans

Bob Evans - November 05, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jon Michael Hale.*



November 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Burnetts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jon Michael Hale.*

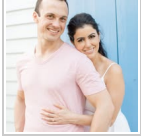
Burnetts - November 04, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Yvonne H. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jon Michael Hale.*



Yvonne H. - October 30, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Papa Jon is a light in this universe— his kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.*

He was always thinking of ways of making everyone’s days brighter and was quite successful.

I’m grateful to call him my father in-law. May he be in peace and joy as he reunites with Ryan. I can only imagine the boundless love they have together.

May that same big love surround all those who are missing him on this plane.

Thalia Hale - October 23, 2025 at 11:07 PM

LS

“ *I am so sad. I hadn’t spoken with Jon for a few years, since he retired, but he stayed in my thoughts and my heart every day. Jon and I began working together decades ago and he was a very integral part of my my life. He was always there to offer an opinion or a hand when needed most. He was a voice of reason, a calm presence and he was funny. I loved his stories. I loved him. He, and Yvonne, went through so much during his life and he was so wise. He cared so much, so, so much. He will remain in my thoughts and my heart for the rest of my life.*

Lori Sarian - October 20, 2025 at 02:01 PM

VG

“ I first met Jon, when I was a young attorney just starting my own firm focusing on limited partnerships. He was well-established and well-respected in the limited partnership arena, and, in contrast, I was less than nothing. Yet Jon spent countless hours mentoring me. It was his wise counsel and guidance that was the foundation upon which I built my career. I realize now that helping others was central to Jon’s life. Whether it was his church, his neighbors, or even an unworthy soul like me, he helped others. He was the finest man I ever had the privilege of knowing. Vince Gresham



vince gresham - October 19, 2025 at 04:57 PM

DM

“ Jon and Yvonne have been amazing friends for several decades. We first met them at Beneva Christian Church. I remember when Jon and my husband Vic were selling Christmas trees, Jon would be singing....Felis Navedad.
Always in my heart forever!!
Debbie McMurry



Debra McMurry - October 18, 2025 at 08:41 AM

JG

“ Jon has been a friend for many years which started in Iowa. Our friendship established as Yvonne and I worked together as nurses in L&D and Jon just became part of us! The Florida connection was an unplanned surprise when both families ended up in Sarasota. So our friendship just grew greater for last 37 years. Jon was always giving and shared his knowledge to keep my financial future safe. What a Blessing he was. Will miss him. He was always so giving and helpful like the time i needed a Dog sitter, he loved dogs but this was a time between pets but he agreed . Funny Izzy fell in love with the Hale mile plus walks several times a day! She really liked him best and adopted him as new family! I thanked Jon many times for the new lifestyle. Another Jon activity that was an all in experience .. Raising Monarch Butterflies! Wow Jon did that well, as usual. Very successful but costly with time and keeping food available for extremely Hungary catapellars. We all three got very involved to successful. Jon loved the Lord and when he recently gave me a small figurine of Jesus to carry in my purse and to share with others ,to not forget that Jesus is in control. I also will cherish the refrigerate magnet he gave me last week (MAKE HAPPY TRACKS)

Joan Gould - October 17, 2025 at 09:28 PM

TE

“ My brother was a sharp minded guy who I always viewed as a very caring person. Growing up with him was sometimes tenuous but he excelled at everything he put his mind to- he achieved his Eagle Scout badge, his God and Country, was a YMCA cookie king, was very active in church and the community, and was doing stock trades with an uncanny awareness before his sixteenth year. He went on to get a double college degree and pursue a career in fields based around finance and banking. He also slid in a few years in the Army which I thank him for. He loved his wife and children and both he and Yvonne did everything they could to ensure their offspring were successful-which they are-so good job guys!! I know it was devastating to lose one of their children and somehow they survived it. Jon was a fun caring person who loved to help others, to entertain them with simple things and to support others in numerous ways when he could. I will miss our phone conversations which happened more often in the past few years. I'll especially miss the quips, the reminiscing and the 'life as we see it' discussions. I don't know when I'll stop reaching for my phone to call him but figure it might be a while. I sleep knowing how happy he must be seeing his departed son again and wish him eternal peace. Loved you bro, tk

Terry - October 14, 2025 at 09:52 PM

CL

I had the pleasure of meeting Jon through Yvonne as we were coworkers in labor and delivery. I will always remember when Jon and Yvonne came to my home and helped me hang wall paper! I remember him being precise and meticulous! I know in my heart he is now resting and at peace. To Yvonne and the kids im praying for you and so very sorry for your loss.

Clara - October 15, 2025 at 09:24 AM

VK

Dear Hale Family

Jon has won his earthly race and now resting eternally with his dear son. So thankful that you have all those precious memories you made together as a family, especially after he and Yvonne retired. We were privileged to view the photos of the world travels via FB. It was a joy to become friends with you all and share in joy & sorrow together as a work family. You will be in our prayers. Virgil and Suellen Kaeb

Virg Kaeb - October 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MG

Jon was an unique individual as you never knew what he might come up with. He will be greatly missed.

Marilyn Gerkin - November 04, 2025 at 03:18 PM

LH

“ *I loved Jon's gentleness and quiet humor- he always had that sly smile that made you ask "what - what do you know?" He was always helping someone at church or at the Mexican restaurant on Clark Road- just an admirable guy who will be deeply missed by his family and friends.*

Laura Hayes - October 14, 2025 at 03:02 PM