



## Reverend Hale

May 14, 1944 - March 26, 2011

### Obituary of Reverend Hale

REVEREND JOHN HALE, 66, of Summerfield, Florida, died Saturday, March 26, 2011. He was born May 14, 1944 in Winsford, Cheshire, England. He was a Navigation officer with the British Merchant Navy & Royal Naval Reserves, Chaplain for the Merchant Marines Ocala Chapter, substitute teacher in the Marion & Sumter County School Systems. He was a member of The Order of St. Luke's and the founding Priest of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Lady Lake, FL. He enjoyed following Liverpool Football Club & England Football; enjoyed watching & performing local theater productions, traveling, reading, history enthusiast; listening to music of all kinds and playing board games. He was a connoisseur of fine wine and food. He most importantly enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by:

Wife: Margaret Hale of Summerfield, FL

Daughters: Sara (Todd) Schmalenberger of Brooklyn, NY

Michelle (Duncan) Wareham of Warrington, Cheshire, England

Sister: Patricia (Chris) Burrow of Kingsley, Cheshire, England

2 Grandchildren: Joshua & Megan Wareham of England and a Host of Friends.

Services will be at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 134 N. Hwy 27/441, Lady Lake, FL 32159 (Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home) on Thursday, March 31 at 2:00 PM, with The RT. Reverend William C. Wiygul officiating. Family and friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Alban's Anglican Church Building Fund, 134 N. Hwy. 27/441, Lady Lake, FL 32159.

#### Visitation

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#### Services

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#### Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Hale*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Certainly John was a character in many ways. But, he also loved and lived life to the fullest every single day. Just one of the many lessons we can learn from his life. Along with his devotion to faith, family and friends. Deepest sympathy. Lainey*

**Lainey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My minister, my friend, my counselor. I will miss you so very, very much. It is times such as these that try our Faith. We will continue the work of the church. You will always be in my memory and a beacon of faith for me and the congregation of St. Albans. May God rest your soul.*

**Ed Williams** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *For the very short time I knew him I have been blessed. He was the dearest and funniest and most devoted leader of his flock. He will be so missed.*

**Dorothy Lovaglio** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear Margaret, May you and the Girls have Peace in knowing that Father John, gave so many of us Hope in our lives and peace that we too, could have God with us no matter where we might be. To look into his eyes and see his smile, one instantly knew Father John was given a special gift from God and he shared this joy with his family, his friends, and those that struggled to understand. May your hearts feel Father John's joy to be with his God, our God... now through eternity. Our Deepest Sympathy and Love is for you. We Pray, we weep, we heal, & we will never forget Father John. until...  
Donna & Billy Nagel

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**Billy & Donna Nagel** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our heart is very heady @ the untimely passing of father John Hale. We are deeply sorry that we lost him so soon. We guess God has a better job offer for him in Heaven. Margaret & family, we feel your pain and your loss. May God comfort your hearts, strengthen your faith and ease your pain. Cherish the good memories and remember that your friends are always here for you. Our deepest & sincere condolences. Always, Carolina & Prem Gulati

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**Carolina & Prem Gulati** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ DR. HALE WILL BE MISSED. I AM VERY GREATFUL TO HAVE MET HIM. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

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**TIM BENNETT** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dr. Hale was a God loving, funny, caring, honest, overall Wonderful man. I along with all that worked with you at Belleview Elementary were Blessed to know you! You touched so many hearts with your smile, laugh, stories and prayers. You will be missed deeply! I can see you smiling down from Heaven telling us all "Top of the Tree to you". I love and miss you much Dr. Hale.

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**Samantha Bennett** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ There was never a sweeter spirit than Rev. John Hale. May you rest in peace Fr Hale. To your wonderful wife and daughters, words cannot adequately express my sadness at the loss of such a wonderful human being. My heart goes out to you and my thoughts and prayers will be with you today and always. I love you all, Karen Dourseau

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**Karen Dourseau** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ We will greatly miss Father John. His passing leaves an enormous void at St. Albans. We extend to Margaret and her family our prayers and our deepest sympathies.

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**Sallie & Walt Yesberg** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Although I could not attend as many services as I wanted to, I thought that Father John was a wonderful priest and a delightful person. He will be missed.

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**Lalah** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My dear Father John was with me through the most difficult moments of my life.... praying with me over my husband's death bed and giving him last rites while stroking my beloved dogs. And Margaret held me up at mass during the following weeks. I will never forget this beautiful gift of love and spiritual awakening. I love you both, and, somehow, I feel a little safer knowing that dear Father John is in heaven watching over us with that beautiful smile. I see him everywhere, thank God. Love, Linda, Roxie & Billy

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**Linda Trahan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Thank you for blessing us with God's word you have shared so much. May you now rest in God's peaceful hands.

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**Cathy and Esther Reed** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ Your family is in our prayers. God gave us all a gift of a fine, caring and delightful man. In the short time we have known him, he has brightened our days. His smile is now a happy memory.

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**Carol and Budf Quakenbush** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dearest Margaret, Words seem so inadequate to express our sorrow and shock at your loss. Father John was like a shooting star: he showered everyone with whom he came in contact with shining faith, boundless good humor and exhilarating optimism. We are all so much richer for the impact he had on our lives. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Dana and Dan

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**Dana Sauro** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Margaret, Sara, Michelle, Pat, and entire family. Father John touched my life in so many ways and I shall never forget him,. Yes, they threw away the mold. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with you. God bless. Love, Donna Lee

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**Donna Lee Burt** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Mrs. Hale and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time. Dr. Hale was a wonderful, fun loving, caring person, who always had a kind word, or story to share. He touched all the staff members and students at Belleview Elementary. Dr. Hale is smiling down on us from heaven and telling us, Top of the Tree, it will be okay, I can now watch over you. I have been blessed by knowing Dr. Hale.

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**Pam Wiygul** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sara- Kim and I struggle to think of the right words to say at a time like this. We were deeply saddened when we learned of your father's passing. Please accept our sympathy for the loss of your father. I only met your father at your wedding, but remember a kind and gentle person who enjoyed his family. We had the opportunity to see his face as you walked down the isle and it was filled with pride. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Love Michael and Kim McDaid

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**Michael and Kim McDaid** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Sara, Todd, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time and offer our deepest condolences. We had the pleasure and honor of meeting your father and understand what a difficult loss this is for everyone. Love, The Kibby's

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**the Kibby's** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Margaret and Family, Words cannot express how shocked and deeply saddened we were to hear the news of John's passing. We have many memories of the times we spent with John, Margaret and Family in their home. You were never a stranger for very long with John, only a friend he had not met before until that moment. John was a master at English humor, and to hear him tell a story or read a poem most often led to eye watering, side splitting laughter with John laughing just as hard by the end of it. He was a devoted Family man and a deeply Religious person who enjoyed all that there was in life. He touched the lives of so many people here in the short time we had him with us. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, and if there is anything that we can do to help ease the pain, please just ask. "Cheerio" John, It was great to know you! Roger and Eileen

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**Roger & Eileen Peterson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Margaret I am so shocked & sorry to hear of Johns passing. What a wonderful person he was. So full of life & was always able to make those around him laugh. I am so glad to have met him. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family at this sad sad time. Take care. Jean.

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**Jean. I Linds sister** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was so sad to hear the news about Rev. John Hale's passing. It was so unexpected. My heart goes out to Margaret and his family, his Congregation, and to those less fortunate whom he mentored. I will always remember his smiling face and cheerful attitude. He will be sadly missed by many. RIP Rev. John Hale.

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**Maureen/The UK Shoppe** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Margaret and Family, We believe God shared Father John with all of us for a Very Special Reason! And now needs Him back in Heaven for God's Special Wishes! We believe We will All meet again someday and find out Why? Special Prayers for Father John to find the Stairway to Heaven as an Escalator and Prayers for Father John's Family! Love Carol Ed Asendorf

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**Carol Ed Asendorf** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Father John's passing. We often worked with him here at Ft. McCoy as a substitute teacher. He was loved by both staff and students. I had the privilege of attending a healing service at which he officiated. My mother was in the hospital at the time and his Christian kindness was a great blessing to me. We will miss seeing him from time to time. God bless you all. I take great joy in the thought of him standing before his Lord and Creator and hearing "Well done".

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**Theresa (Terie) Weaver** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He will be so missed by all the staff and students at Belleview Elementary. I believe he touched each one of us here in some way, weather it was his funny jokes, dressing up for different occations and just his smile walking through the campus. John was an awesome person.

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**Teri Nelson - Belleview Elementary** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Margaret, Sara and Michelle, You are in our thoughts and we are sorry for your loss. Your husband and father was a very nice and kind person. His sense of humor could brighten the day. Our deepest sympathies go to you all at this sad time. Prabha and Kiran Govindswamy

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**Prabha and Kiran Govindswamy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Margaret & Daughters, Please accept my deepest condolences. John was a joy to know. Certainly too young to leave you. I know you have some very good memories to share. I pray for you all and for you to find peace with the Lord's decision to take John now. Love and prayers to all. Joan

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**Joan Caton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our heartfelt thoughts go out to Margaret, Sara, Michelle and Family at this sad time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our memories of John would fill this up a hundredfold which we will treasure forever. There has always been mischief, mayham, fun and laughter whenever we were all together. He will always be in our prayers and thoughts, and we are only one phonecall away. Fondest love and deepest sympathy, From Donnie (Brother-in-Law), Mary (Sister-in-law) and Amanda (Niece) xxxxxx

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**Mary, Don & Amanda Macmaster** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ An Ode to a Special Uncle Oh where to start, an uncle, a friend or a complete lunatic, All three to me, come on now you take your pick, You taunted me all my life and you've now bowed out without even a penguin fight. we've loved and laughed all through the years and now you've left me in floods of tears, Birthdays lived in constant fear is it a Penguin, a sauce bottle - oh what this year!! A blonde in a dress or popping out of a cake oh the list is endless but oh what a state Not one to miss a party oh no not at all Always the centre of attention thats for sure Our Loss is Heaven's gain Please behave and dont be a pain!! Our Pantomine Dame you'll always be In my heart locked tight and I hold the key Good night, sleep tight Uncle John Love Always

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**Angela & Richard Braid and famly** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ My most heart felt sympathy for you all at this time of great sorrow. I really don't have the words to tell you how very much Fr. John has meant to me, if it were in my power to take the pain of you loss all on me I would happily do that for you. As always I am Your servant and willdo anything I can possibly do to help you at any time. Yours in Christ, Greg

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**Greg Koon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Margaret & Family, Father John's time with us was a Blessing both spiritual and personal. His brand of Christianity combined joy and duty; compassion and discipline and love of the Lord. We are grateful for each moment we spent with him. Our prayer's are with you at this time and always. Lovingly, Marg & Tom Brahmey

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**Marg & Tom Brahmey** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences to Margaret at the sad loss of John. We will miss his comments and jokes from the pulpit here in Grappenhall. May he have joy in the company of God. The Web.

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**St Wilfrids Web (UK)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Fr John was a very special man. He always had a twinkle in his eyes and a great smile. Fr. John will be missed by many.

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**Sally DeValerio** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Margaret, We were stunned and greatly saddened to hear of John's death. The news came just as we were preparing our Lent Lunch on Thursday 31st March. The whole congregation will be informed tomorrow at our 10am Eucharist. Just two weeks after John preached so wonderfully for us. Please note my new Email address. Love Malcolm & Miriam - and ALL at St Wilfrid's. XX

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**Malcolm & Miriam kelly At Grappenhall Warrington** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Sara, As soon as I met your your Mum and Dad all those years ago, they made me feel so very welcome and a part of the family - such lovely people. I was so very sorry to hear of your Dad John's passing as he, like your Mum, is in my heart. Your Dad was very funny, very wise and very warm. I will never forget your Dad's homily at your wedding - so full of wisdom and heart - just like him. You, your Mum, your sister and family are all in my thoughts. Love,  
Sarah Waterson

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**Sarah Waterson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Dear Sara, Our deepest condolences and blessings go out to you, your sister, your mum, and your whole entire family. Your father was one in 7 billion - a unique, warm, kind, funny, caring, faithful, wonderful person, whose humor and goodness shone through each time he smiled. His deep faith, benevolence, and inspiring words as Father John undoubtedly touched the lives of hundreds of people all throughout his life, not the least during your wedding ceremony. What a proud Father of the Bride he was! Your father made the world a better place just by being in it. Add to all this, the fact that he and your mum have raised two absolutely fabulous women who are citizens of the world and also make the world a better place just by existing, and you have the magical recipe for a life beautifully lived. Young though he was to leave so soon and unexpectedly, there is no way that one could say that his life was not yet complete. He had already achieved so very much - and the founding of his church is just one small reminder of all his accomplishments. And his service to his country as an officer of the British Navy was a gift to all democracies the world over - no small feat. What a man - what a true gentleman. He lives on in you and Michelle, and in his grandchildren... the twinkle of his eye will go forward from generation to generation, ever onwards... no doubt about it. I was completely shocked by the suddenness of your father's leaving this world, and I pray that your great memories of him can comfort you in some small way. Your dear mother has always been the perfect match for your dad - such a lovely, noble, kind lady, and so sweet, and ready to laugh along with his jokes. What a precious family you have. I know you and Michelle miss your dad terribly, and I can only imagine how hard this time must be for all of you. We all know it is part of God's plan to have Father John with Him now, instead of on Earth - and we know that Heaven has gained a new, smiling, witty, clever angel to keep the others on their toes. How these things can happen all of a sudden will always be a mystery to us mortals, but angel John now knows the secrets and lives free eternally with God. Somehow, knowing that makes this time a tiny bit more bearable. Our prayers and our love go out to you during this trying time. With love and deepest regrets, Nina and David

**Nina & David Martin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Rest in peace John, you leave behind a beautiful family that are a testament to you. A light has gone out in the universe without a warm light like you. I met you once but what an impression you left as I always looked forward to meeting you again. If God wills it, I'll see you again in heaven! To his wonderful family, I am so, so sorry for your loss. The world has lost a beautiful spirit too.*

**Suzanne & Malcolm Forward** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ *So sad you are no longer with us Uncle John, I am so glad I got to see you one last time before the wedding, RIP and love always xxx*

**Hannah** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Uncle John your leaving us has left such a big gap in all our lives. The memories are too many to mention, some of them we are only just coming to terms with after all these years! The laughter, smiles and tears - both happy and sad, are just part of the picture we hold of you. From earliest memories to major events in our lives you were there in some way with a joke, costume or ode. Phil and I still have the ones from our engagement and wedding all those years ago. Aunty Maga we wish we could be there with you now but unfortunately circumstances prevent us. Just know our love is there to strengthen you. Sara and Michelle words can't put across how much we know how much you miss your dad. We grew up together, so we got to share him with you. Our love goes to you as well. Uncle John RIP. Heaven is certainly in for entertainment now.*

**Allison, Phil, Daniel, Gareth and Melissa** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *I would like to express my sincere and deepest condolences to the family of Reverend Hale. He was a wonderful neighbor in the community who made my husband and I feel very welcomed as new residents. Now that he is at peace, may God bless the family and guide them through this difficult time.*

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**Joseph and Olivia Varanai** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM