

Obituary for James "Jim" Edward Hale

James "Jim" Edward Hale, age 88, of West Fork, Arkansas, passed away on January 29, 2024, at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born on April 20, 1935, in Mineral Springs, Arkansas, to Samuel D. Hale and Estele (Burriss) Hale. Jim joined the United States Army and served during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, he served as a Squad Leader with the 2nd Platoon of Company "A", 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor as well as the Purple Heart for actions at An Bao, Binh Dinh Province on May 5th, 1968. He retired from the Army after 22 years. In 1973, he moved to West Fork from Fort Knox, Kentucky. Jim worked for the city of Fayetteville and retired from there twice. He regularly attended and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Hale; parents, Samuel and Estele Hale; and grandson, James Garrett Campbell. Jim is survived by his children, Brent Watson and wife Ginny of Oklahoma, Annette Kyles and husband Brooke of Rogers, Arkansas, Margaret Kyles and husband Kevin of West Fork, and Carol Keen and wife Jessica of West Fork; bonus daughters, Michelle Keen of Westville, Oklahoma, and Laura Blossom of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Joe Campbel and wife Laura, Gabrielle Christophersen and husband Glen, Daniel James Watson, Paul John Watson, Christina Watson, Jason Kyles, Kevin Kyles and wife Andrea, Matthew Kyles and wife Shawna, Robert Kyles, and Nikalia, Lee; great grandchildren, Meica Lee, Quentin Kern, Olivia Kyles, Layla Kyles, Aniyah Kyles, Juliana Kyles, Elijah Keen, Dorien Kyles, Gavin Kyles, and Calvin Kyles; and great great grandchild, Magnolia Lee.

