



## Ruby Nell Hale

December 20, 1931 - August 17, 2014

Dateline: Godfrey

Ruby Nell Hale, 82, died at 9:08 a.m. Sunday, August 17, 2014 at her home in Godfrey. Born December 20, 1931 in Dalhart, Texas, she was the daughter of Dewey and Edna (Pettit) Babb. She married Russell J. Hale on December 27, 1949 in Alton. Together they owned several Amoco Service Stations in the area. During the 1960's Mrs. Hale owned the first health food store in Alton called Hale's Natural Foods. She was the originator of the Illinois Pure Water Committee, a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and was very active in the Alton Toastmistress Club. She was an avid reader and writer. A compassionate and generous person, she also enjoyed talking with people and loved kids. She was a Christian woman and a member of the First Christian Church in Alton for over 50 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her husband preceded her in death on April 7, 1996. Surviving are twin children, Mary Ann Karrick (Dan) of East Alton and Mark A. Hale of East Alton, two grandchildren, Sara Baggio (Nick) of Godfrey and Scott Bechtold (Jamie) of Jerseyville, four great-grandchildren, Emma and Eli Baggio, and Grace and Stella Bechtold, one brother, Gary Babb (Delores) of Woodward, OK, and a sister, Loretta Haney (Roland) of Spearman, TX. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Charlie Babb and a sister, Ethel "Tex" Wickenhauser. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday,

August 21, 2014. Jim Johnston will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 760 Washington Ave., Alton, IL 62002.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Ruby was the best Aunt one could hope for. She was funny and very compassionate with people and animals. She sent me a birthday card every year for most of my life and always wrote about her days in Texas. She reminds me of my mother Tex Wickenhauser and makes me smile at the memories.

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**Dan Wickenhauser** - January 19, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ *Ruby Nell Hale*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ruby Nell Hale*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. When I think of Ruby I will always remember the good times we had in Toastmistress Club - her speech "The Nose Knows" was most memorable.*

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**Marilyn Stewart** - August 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, sorry to hear about your mother. I am in Va so won't be able to make funeral. My prayers are with you and the family.*

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**Jean Choat(frohock)** - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Gary and Fran Gordon has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Gary and Fran Gordon** - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Ruby was a good friend many years ago when I lived in Alton. She will be remembered.

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**Ann Weigler** - August 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ RIP Aunt Ruby. You will remain in our Hearts for all Eternity.

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**Charles & Norma Wickenhauser** - August 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your in our prayers .

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**Tammy Dorris** - August 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM