



Craig Alan Hale

April 12, 1953 - August 24, 2025

JENSEN FUNERAL HOME, MOMENCE

Craig Alan Hale, 72, of Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday, August 24, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, IL.

Craig was born April 12, 1953, in Gary, Indiana to Lavonia and Claude Hale. He graduated from Grant Park High School in 1971 before serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He married Sharon McKinstry on December 7, 1972, in Grant Park, Illinois.

Craig was employed for nearly 30 years for the Illinois State Department of Mental Health in the Transportation Department. After retiring, he continued driving school buses for 17 years. He also attended Kankakee Community College evening classes for many years and received multiple associate degrees.

He enjoyed mechanics work, doing various projects around the house, building and utilizing computers and software applications, and was a passionate Green Bay Packers fan.

Craig is survived by his wife, Sharon of 52 years of marriage. He was the

father of four children, Michelle Hale of Findlay, Ohio; Michael Hale of Mesa, Arizona; and Justin Hale of Wauconda, Illinois. He has three grandchildren, Jake, Rachel, and Nick. He also has several great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother Lavonia and father Claude, and one son Craig Claude Jr.

A devoted father, grandfather, uncle, and friend; Craig will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His memory will live in the hearts of his family and friends.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Jensen Funeral Home, 203 N. Locust Street, Momence.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home, Momence
203 N Locust St.
Momence, IL 60954

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Craig was a hero to me growing up and he had so much love for his wife and kids from the time we all fit in a Honda Civic and I mean all of us sharing Michelle Mike Craig and Justin and Craig sr and me brought us to the dairy Queen love to you all

Martin Smith - August 29, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Alan Hale.



August 28, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CR

“ Craig was a great person, always willing to help others. I enjoyed working with him at St. George school. Prayers for you Sharon and your family ❤️🙏



Connie Roberson - August 27, 2025 at 09:51 PM

DK

“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Craig Alan Hale



Darcy & Donn Kane - August 27, 2025 at 07:32 PM

ES

“ *Mr. Hale was my daughter's bus driver at St. George School. He was such a caring man and always looked out for her. It was nice to speak with him each morning and then I learned that I went to high school with his son, Craig. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Eric Sadler - August 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Craig you bring a Light so great to the world that even though you have gone your Light remains.
Your life was a Blessing,your Memory is a Treasure,you are Loved beyond words and Missed beyond Measure.
Friends for over 50 years
Michael and Joanna Eubanks*

Michael Eubanks - August 26, 2025 at 06:20 PM

EM

Craig you are going to be missed had a lot of laughs over the years just a good friend and brother in law we both helped each other over the years going to miss you until we meet again.

Ed McKinstry - August 27, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JB

Craig was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He will be sincerely missed. Our sincere condolences to Sharon and all his family.

Jean Baxter - August 27, 2025 at 08:24 PM

MD

My son was nervous on his first day of kindergarten. He was getting on a strange bus, without his mom and dad, to go to a new school for the first time.

He was nervous.

The bus pulled up, he was the only one at the stop waiting, with his mom and me.

The door swung open, and he took a step back in reservation.

"Hey Kyle, good morning!"

His nerves were gone, but that memory Craig gave us that morning will live with us forever.

Mike Duffy - September 01, 2025 at 09:43 PM