



Mrs. Elaine Alma Behl Hale

October 16, 1930 - May 4, 2020

On Monday, May 4, 2020, heaven received another angel. Our mother, Elaine Alma Hale (nee Behl) passed away due to complications from cancer. She was 89 years old.

Mom was born on October 16, 1930, in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Her parents, George and Alma Behl, had seven children, four girls and three boys. Mom was their fifth child and youngest daughter.

She spent her first 21 years in Grand Forks and attended the University of North Dakota. During her college years, she taught school in a rural, one-room schoolhouse. Mom was the first person in her family to graduate from college, rare for girls in a farming community back in 1953.

Mom met Dad, Bob Hale, at the University, and they got married on August 21, 1953. Mom became a pastor's wife and homemaker. Mom and Dad had three children, Beth (1957), Bob, Jr. (1960), and Steven (1962). We lived in the Midwest until 1968, and then relocated to Baltimore when Dad, then a systems analyst, was transferred to Social Security Administration's home office.

Living in Baltimore County for many years, Mom became a very active volunteer in various roles at many places including Featherbed Lane

Elementary School, St. Lukes United Methodist Church, and later at Greater Baltimore Medical Center as a spiritual counselor. Mom was always a caring member of the community.

Mom and Dad had been happily married for 66+ years and they have seen their family grow. In addition to their three children and spouses, they have nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Over the years, Mom and Dad have also included many loving friends as family.

For the past five years, Mom and Dad have enjoyed living at Glen Meadows Retirement Community. It is comforting knowing that their new friends, neighbors, and staff will be there for Dad who survives Mom.

We are sad that Mom has passed, but we will see her again someday in heaven.

“I love you more!”

Elaine Alma Behl Hale beloved wife of Robert Lathrop Hale Sr.; dear mother of Elizabeth Joy Hale Lindsey (James Sr.), Robert Lathrop Hale Jr. (Janet, nee Rusen) and Steven Richard Hale (Susan, nee Pinkham); dear grandmother of Christina Agagnostopoulos Elliott (Adam), Theodora Rachel Anagnostopoulos Pestana (Marcos), James Lindsey Jr., Janine Hale Reter (Stephen), Justin Hale, Shannon Hale Gaylor (Jamie) Steven Hale (Patrina) Samuel Hale and Stephanie Hale; devoted sister of David Behl, Muriel Behl Folson and the late Yvonne Behl Johnson, Eleanor Behl Nelson, Elwood and John Behl. Also survived by twelve loving great-grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Please omit flowers. Memorials in her name may be made to Central Presbyterian Church 7308 York Rd. Towson, MD 21204, <https://www.centralpc.org/give> or Doctors Without Borders, <http://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org>.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm very saddened at the news of Elaine's passing. She was the babysitter for my cousin's children for many years. I had the pleasure of being in her company on multiple occasions and was always struck by her strength of spirit, kindness of heart and her pleasant manner. She was a true blessing to the children by being not just any babysitter. She, along with my cousin and her husband, led by Christ's example in showing the kids to be strong in their faith and to always do what's right. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Joanne Reese - May 06, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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“ The words you heard from Elaine's mouth, the fruit we saw in her life, were the overflow of a heart that had been deeply conformed to the image of Jesus. I had so many encounters with her over the years, and to use a really good biblical word, they were always edifying: it built me up. Couple that with a generosity of spirit, and you have someone that was a delight.

John Schmidt

John Schmidt - May 06, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ Aunt Elaine will be missed she was so kind and loving. Never a harsh word but caring and a smile. I got to see the one room school when I was young. So glad Elaine and Bob were able to come to Oregon and see them. We will all be together some day. May the family be comforted in all the loving memories of her.

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