



Hale, Desda Berniece (Rawle)

1929-2025

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Desda Berniece Hale, 96, of Decatur went to be with her Lord Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025.

Berniece, as all called her, was born Apr. 24, 1929, to Charles Franklin and Lottie Elizabeth (Smith) Rawle in Decatur. She was united in marriage July 13, 1947, to Joe Cody Hale in Decatur. Berniece retired after many years, working over 20 years for the Decatur Independent School District in food management. She was a Sunday school teacher for over 25 years at Fundamental Baptist Church. Berniece was a beloved, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to many who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lottie Rawle; her husband, Joe Hale; her brothers, Cortez, Jehu, and Randle Rawle; sister, Wanda Rawle.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Glenda Terrell and husband, Rodney; Connie Redwine and husband, Tony; her son, Ronnie Hale and wife, Tonya; her grandsons, Steven Terrell and wife, Jennifer; Rusty Terrell and wife, Amber; Cheyenne Redwine and wife, Meghanne; Laramie Redwine, Casey Hale and wife, Taylor; Cody Hale and wife, Crystal; her great-grandchildren, Reid Terrell and wife, Briley; Gage Terrell, Zane, Allie and Cassidy Terrell, Tyler and Hunter Hale, and Kylie and Kellan Hale, Cason and Carson Hale; sister, Maxine McDonald; sister-in-laws, Patt Spoede, Darlene Hale, and Lois Davidson; extended family members and a host of friends.

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