



## Leonard C. Hale

March 7, 1929 - November 3, 2021

Leonard C. Hale, 92, of Lexington, Kentucky passed away Wednesday, Nov 3, 2021 at Baptist Health Hospital in Elizabeth, KY. He was a faithful and loving husband of the late Rosie L. Hale. Leonard was born on March 7, 1929 in Jessamine County, KY. To the late Thomas and Florida Hale, He was a faithful and loyal member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Lexington for 75 years where he served on the Trustee Board. He was the owner of Hale's Cleaning Service, Inc. for 60 years where he took pride in building a successful business in the community. The Urban League featured "Blacks in Lexington Oral History Project" at the Louie B. Nunn Center at UK on July 12, 1978 featuring an interview with Mr. Hale. On Feb 10, 2012, the Lexington Herald Leader published a two page article on his business and impeccable service he provided his clients.

Mr. Hale, was a dedicated member of Ismid Temple 110 of Lexington where he served as a Past Potentate Advisor and 33rd Degree Mason. He was a WWII Veteran serving in the Army and Navy. Leonard was a distinguished and honorable man. He was a role model to all who met and knew him. A patriarch of the Hale family. He had such a pleasant demeanor and loved and cherished his family and friends. He was always willing to help everyone and loved to support his community. Preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Florida Hale; Siblings; Grace B. Hale, John H. Hale, Hattie M. Davis, Drucilla H. Miliner, Walter R. Hale, Thomas J. Hale and Sylvester Hale. He leaves to cherish his passing, three daughters; Linda (Odell) Smith, Christine

Hale and Wateetah (James, deceased). One adopted son; Deante (Samesha) King and their 3 daughters; one Godson, George Brown Jr. (Kentucky State Representative District 77), Grandchildren, Dr. Odell Smith (Twalla), Leonard Smith, Allan Smith, Nichole McNeil, Joseph Carter Jr, Ursula Simmons, Christopher Carter, 11 Great-Grandchildren. His Siblings; Mattie F. McDaniel, Christine C. Carten (Buford) and Geneva H. Bailey (Willis) along with a host of other relatives including nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation on Friday, November 12, 2021 at Smith & Smith Funeral Home , 11:00am -1pm with Funeral Services to follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Lexington Cemetery

833 W. Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40508

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Smith and Smith Funeral Home  
340 East Third Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
(859) 255-6273  
<https://www.smithandsmithfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Smith & Smith Funeral Home created a ZOOM in memory of Leonard C. Hale*



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**Smith & Smith Funeral Home** - November 09, 2021 at 12:54 PM

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“ *God bless you Mr Hale! Thank you for your love and friendship! My cousin Odell Smith, Sr and your daughter Linda, were husband and wife. Thank you for attending my Mom, Christine Christian’s, services as well! Go with God! As Linda joins you now... Rest in Peace ....*  
*Cousin in law*  
*Ms Beverly Christian and Family 2026*  
*Memorial Day*



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**Beverly Christian** - May 25 at 09:31 AM



“ *Leonard C. Hale*

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February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM

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“ *Denise Davis lit a candle in memory of Leonard C. Hale*



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**Denise Davis** - November 12, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ *Mr. Hale, ONE OF THE BEST!*

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**Barbara Hamilton** - November 12, 2021 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Barbara Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Leonard C. Hale*



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**Barbara Hamilton** - November 12, 2021 at 09:59 AM

MM

“ *Have remembered Wateetah for all these years since high school and so sad to run across you in reading of your fathers passing. Peace be with you and yours.  
Madelyn Hooper Millard*

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**Madelyn Millard** - November 10, 2021 at 05:07 PM

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“ *Sending prayers and flowers of love to the Hale Family. Sincerely  
Sylglenda Smith Saziru & Family*

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**Sylglenda Smith Saziru** - November 10, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard C. Hale.*



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November 10, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy and sincere prayers for the family.*

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**Valinda Livingston** - November 10, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Cindy & Marty Takacs lit a candle in memory of Leonard C. Hale*



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**Cindy & Marty Takacs** - November 09, 2021 at 01:49 PM