



SFC (Ret) Jered Maurice Hale

January 17, 1968 - October 31, 2025

Jered Maurice Hale, 57, of Waynesville, MO, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Jered was born on January 17, 1968, in Nuremberg, Germany, to Iris and Jack. As the son of an Army officer, he moved every couple of years, with stops in Germany, South Korea, Virginia, and Nebraska. He graduated from Bellview West High School in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1986 and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

It was in Waynesville that Jered met the love of his life, Jena Laughlin, in 1991. He liked to tell the story of Jena first approaching him while he was working at Pine Steak House. It was so loud in the room that he nearly missed his chance. Fortunately, they developed a friendship that evolved into a loving relationship and ultimately marriage on October 9, 1993. Over the course of their 32-year marriage, they supported each other through deployments, career changes, and the joys of raising children.

He held multiple jobs over his career, most notably with the Waynesville Police Department and the Missouri National Guard, where he deployed twice as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Outside of work, Jered was a master hobbyist. He loved discovering something, researching it, and then diving in. If you can think of it, chances are he had a stint practicing it: scuba diving,

woodworking, meat smoking, beekeeping, raising dogs, hunting and fishing, fireworks, photography, and more. More than any job or hobby, Jered would often say that his greatest achievement was being a father and grandfather.

Mr. Hale is survived by his wife: Jena Hale of the home; four children: Ryan Kelley (Amelia) of St. James, MO, Sara Ren (Eric) of St. Charles, MO, Dr. Jacob Hale (Mackenzie) of St. Louis, MO, and Jace Hale (Izzy) of St. Joseph, MO; six grandchildren: Peyton, Ryder, Charlie, Henry, Teddy, and Harrison; mother-in-law: Marvelle Laughlin of Waynesville, MO; sister-in-law: Jana Keeling of Waynesville, MO; several other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

To his family, Jered was more than a husband and father; he was the resident storyteller and comedian. His humor, advice, and presence will be remembered and cherished through the stories that his loved ones will now tell in his absence.

"Remember, no man is a failure who has friends." - Clarence from It's a Wonderful Life

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025, in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

A time of reflections, remembrances, and fellowship will be held following the graveside service at the Mt. Gibson Baptist Church of Waynesville, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in memory of Jered Hale to the Waynesville R-VI School District Snack-in-a-Pack and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St.

Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM.

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Of Waynesville

Tribute Wall



“ *Thank you for your service*



Odell Nicole - December 04, 2025 at 06:28 PM

CE

“ *Rest in peace*



carleen Nana's sweet Elf's - November 06, 2025 at 11:30 AM

LE

“ *Jena and Family, I'm truly sorry for your loss. I'm praying for God to bless and comfort each and everyone of you.*

Leslie Edwards - November 06, 2025 at 09:15 AM

LE

“ *Leslie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jered Hale*



Leslie Edwards - November 06, 2025 at 09:12 AM

CE

“ Cheryl Engle lit a candle in memory of Jered Hale



Cheryl Engle - November 05, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DM

“ Debby (Johnson) Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Jered Hale



Debby (Johnson) Myers - November 04, 2025 at 07:52 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 04, 2025 at 02:08 PM

JC

“ *Jered had the ability to keep positive and stay smiling throughout some of the worst places and situations. His ability to uplift the people around him was an immeasurable asset, and just one of the great qualities he brought to his military service.* ”

Josh Crowell - November 04, 2025 at 01:36 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Jered Hale* ”



Marge Scott - November 04, 2025 at 08:58 AM

CS

“ *I'm heartbroken to hear about my cousin Jered. I have so many fond memories of us at grandma's house when we were kids. Peace and love to his family.* ”

Carol Simmons - November 03, 2025 at 07:45 PM

EA

“ *Earl & Michelle Arnold lit a candle in memory of Jered Hale* ”



Earl & Michelle Arnold - November 03, 2025 at 07:41 PM

SH

“ *Jered was a kind person who will be missed. My friend of many years and my dad police partner. Our prayers are with your family.* ”



Suemarie Covert Herron - November 03, 2025 at 06:42 PM

 Jax
Welborn

“ *He will be missed. We are out of town on Wednesday but send our condolences.* ”



Jax Welborn - November 03, 2025 at 05:56 PM

WA

“ *William Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jered Hale* ”



William Anderson - November 03, 2025 at 05:10 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Jered Hale* ”



Pamela Cox - November 03, 2025 at 03:08 PM