



Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale

May 3, 1939 - December 4, 2025

Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale of McRae, Arkansas went to be with her Lord and Savior Thursday December 4, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was born May 3, 1939 in Wynne, Arkansas along with her twin sister Daisy Jean Wilson to Ivy Edward and Hattie Bell (Wolfe) Callahan. Her family has taken care of her in her home, along with caregivers and hospice staff since April 2023.

She is survived by her brother Jerry Callahan of Wynne, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Jimmy Callahan of Velvet Ridge, Arkansas, and by her twin sister Daisy Jean Wilson of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

She married the love of her life Jesse Leroy Huddleston on September 8, 1957. They were married 38 years. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1996. She was also preceded in death by her son Jesse Leroy Huddleston Jr., a daughter Julie Christina Huddleston, her son in law Samuel Leland Kirk, and a grandson Dacoda Alan Goodman. She is survived by three daughters Patricia Ann Moser (Rickie) of Batesville, Arkansas, Laura Regina Kirk of Beebe, Arkansas, and Vicki Renea Brooks (Danny) of Searcy, Arkansas; six grandchildren Lori Green (Tim), Tony Bressie, Daniel Brooks (Megan), Tasha Boozer (Bryan), Steven Bressie, and Jessica Bartholomew (Christian); 16 great-grandchildren Alyxis, Alex, Aidyn, and AJ Green, David, Samuel, Isaiah, and Abigail Jane Brooks, Codie Goodman, Presley Boozer, Cylie Goodman,

Brenlee and Bradley Boozer, Colten, Hudson, and Lilli Anne Bartholomew. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, a special sister in law Mona Rea Davis of Beebe, Arkansas and brother in law Robert Huddleston of Forrest City, Arkansas. A special friend, Twyla Land.

She married John Theodore Hale on February 26, 2011. They were married 10 years. He preceded her in death on May 4, 2021 and also by a step-daughter Lisa Renea Hale Blair (Steve). She is survived by three step-children Sandra K Hays (Ricky), Diana Hale Landis (Eddie W.), and John T. Hale Jr. (Jayme); six step-grandchildren and eight step great-grandchildren all of Judsonia, Arkansas.

Jane loved the Lord Jesus and the Lord's church and was a faithful servant. Her daily life was a witness for Christ. She spread the news of Jesus to those she encountered. She loved to laugh and carried the joy of the Lord with her. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren immensely. She was present at every event, big or small, until it was physically no longer feasible. She also loved her animals and was a "dog mom" through and through. Ashley and DeeDee were her "babies" and companions for 16/17 years and Rosie for eight years. She exemplified Christ's love by forgiving easily, loving unconditionally, and giving to those in need. She was a homemaker while raising her family. After her children were grown she worked at White County Medical Center in dietary and at Riverview schools where several students looked to her as a surrogate "Mamaw."

She was known by "Mama" to her girls, "Mamaw" to her grandchildren, and a follower of Christ to all of those who knew her. Her Bible was very well read, and she was a powerful prayer warrior. Everyone who knew her, knew love.

Visitation will be at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy, Arkansas on Saturday December 13, 2025 from 5-7 p.m. The Funeral will be held at South Heights

Church of God on Sunday December 14, 2025 at 2 p.m with interment to follow at White County Memorial Gardens.

The family would also like to honor and thank our precious caregivers and the hospice staff who became like a second family, also to her granddaughter Jessica who was one of her primary caregivers, and always by her side and also grandson Daniel who helped with her care along with their spouses. She was able to be cared for at home due to their care, compassion, sacrifice and love for their Mamaw.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

South Heights Church of God
1131 S Main St
Searcy, AR 72143

Interment

DEC 14 (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 13, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Gary And Anita Duncan lit a candle in memory of Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale



Gary and Anita Duncan - December 15, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ Vaya Con Dios! (Go With God!) †††††
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Jesse Anthony Bressie - December 13, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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“ *Eastside Pentecost Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale.*



Eastside Pentecost Church - December 12, 2025 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Cara Butler and Andrea Land purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale.*



Cara Butler and Andrea Land - December 12, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Jane "Callahan" Huddleston Hale.*



December 09, 2025 at 05:06 PM

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“ I always remember Aunt Jane as a loving and caring person. She let me stay with them the first time I went to Arkansas to meet the family. She was always so kind.

My fondest memory is when we had a family reunion, November 2022. Her dementia was taking its toll. She leaned over to me and said she had something to say. I got everyone's attention and she commenced to preaching. She didn't hold back. She wanted everyone there to know the Lord and told them how they could. Vicki later told me that that was the most she had said clear and concise for a long time. When it is a part of you there is no hiding it.

I will miss you but I'm so glad you are dancing with your Lord.

Susan Huddleston - December 08, 2025 at 04:34 PM