

# Obituary

Elsa Mae Hale, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 16, 2024, in Paola, KS, at the age of 100. A member of The Greatest Generation, Elsa Mae Wilson was born on October 18, 1924 to Frank and Janie Wilson on their family farm, in Henley, MO. She was the youngest of two daughters, and shared a special relationship with her sister for over 80 years. Known fondly as Elsie Mae, she met her future husband, Earl, shortly before he left to join the efforts of WWII in 1941. Moving to Illinois, she graduated from Downers Grove High School in 1943, and then worked for Western Electric for a few years before moving back to Missouri. During the war, her courtship with Earl blossomed through letters that traveled the world, and they were married on November 10, 1945 - just 9 days after Earl was discharged from the Army. Having three children, and very dedicated to her family, Elsa happily took on the role of Room Mother at their school. She was also a longtime member and advocate of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), American Baptist Women (ABW), and her beloved First Baptist Church of Stilwell. Whether a camping trip with her family, a cross-country drive to Alaska, or a long flight to Australia, Elsa certainly loved to travel. Throughout her life, she was fortunate to visit a handful of countries, most of the United States, and an abundance of new cities and towns. Elsa was predeceased by her husband of 39 years, Earl Hale; her sister, Adola Staley; her son, Norman "Ed" Hale; and her granddaughter, Diana Koch. She is survived by her children, Richard Hale and wife Carol of Paola, KS, Carolyn Jennings of Lee's Summit, MO, and daughter-in-law Marsha Hale (Norman) of Olathe, KS; as well as two grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Elsa will be greatly missed by all who knew her; remembered for her supreme generosity, fierce love for her family, delicious homemade pies, and her lifelong devotion to Jesus Christ.

  
**Dengel & Son**  
Mortuary - Crematory



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## In Loving Memory Of Elsa Mae Hale

*October 18, 1924 ~ November 16, 2024*



*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name's sake;  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff  
they comfort me;  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord, forever.*

*In Memory Of  
Elsa Mae Hale*

*Date of Birth*

*October 18, 1924*

*Entered Into Rest*

*November 16, 2024*

*Funeral Services*

*2:00 PM, Friday, November 22, 2024*

*Dengel & Son Mortuary - Louisburg Chapel*

*Louisburg, Kansas*

*Officiating*

*Rev. Jessica Henks*

*Music Selections*

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

*"No Night There"*

*Honorary Pallbearers*

*Nathan Foster ~ Benjamin Foster*

*James Foster*

*Final Resting Place*

*Spring Garden Cemetery*

*Eugene, Missouri*