



Stanley Winston Hale

September 19, 1944 - June 18, 2026

Stanley Winston Hale, 81, of East Ridge, Tennessee, passed away on June 18, 2026.

Born on September 19, 1944, Winston was the only child of James Durrant Hale (J.D.) and Georgia Faye Swanson Hale. He grew up in East Ridge and spent nearly all of his life on the same block, a testament to his deep roots and love for the community he called home. He was a graduate of East Ridge High School.

Winston was employed throughout his working years by several local businesses, including Miller's Department Store, Ringgold Dodge, Earnest Holmes, and Custom Sheet Metal.

A lifelong racing enthusiast, Winston enjoyed drag racing in his younger years and maintained a passion for motorsports throughout his life. He was also dedicated to coaching girls' fast-pitch softball, a role he cherished for decades.

Winston was well known for his impressive collection of NASCAR die-cast memorabilia and his fondness for the M&M's promotional characters.

Though his family circle was small, Winston was blessed with a devoted chosen family. He shared many happy years with his longtime companion, Sandy Wood, and treasured her family as his own. He was also grateful for the friendship and companionship of his loyal neighbor and friend, Harry Mackey.

He is survived by his daughter, Tami Hale Bogat of Salem, Oregon; and his two grandsons, Jordon Bogat of Seattle, Washington, and Denver Bogat of

Portland, Oregon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by many dear friends and loved ones who held a special place in his heart.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made in Winston's memory to Samaritan's Purse.

Winston will be remembered for his loyalty, his love of racing and softball, his unique collections, and the friendships he cultivated throughout a life well lived.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home Wilson Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe Ga.