



Clarence Hale Ham

September 22, 1929 - December 6, 2020

Clarence Hale Ham went home to be with our Lord and Savior on December 6, 2020. Born in Shirley, Arkansas, the family moved to Texas where he attended Brackenridge High School and San Antonio College. He served in the US Army from 1954 through 1962. Two of those years were in the US Army signal Corps and he spent 16 months in Japan. He is the past owner of Ham Distributing Company (formerly Ham Candy Company) which was started by his father in 1937 and was one of the oldest candy wholesale distributors in the state of Texas.

Hale was a 53 plus year resident of the Town of Hollywood Park where he served as a city councilman. He was President of the Northwest San Antonio Lion's Club and President of the Texas Association of Tobacco and Candy Distributors, the first San Antonian in 37 years to hold this position. Often known as "the Candy Man", his company was voted Candy Distributor of the Year by the National Candy Distributors of America. He was also a long-time member of the San Antonio Executive Association and served on the Board of Directors.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Hale loved all sports, especially football. He played baseball, softball, and boxed in The Golden Gloves in high school, while later coaching little League Baseball. Golf was his passion, and he achieved 3 hole in ones at three different courses, all after the age of 70.

In his leisure time, Hale loved travelling the world with his family, exposing them to magical places like Switzerland and Brazil, plus historical sights all over the United States. Closer to home, he enjoyed spending time water skiing with his kids at their LBJ lake house, or fishing in Rockport and Port Aransas.

Hale was the ultimate animal lover with real Dr. Doolittle-like qualities. Often, he would come home from the ranch with injured animals, where he rehabilitated everything from baby deer to skunks, raccoons, and even a hawk with a broken wing. He also loved horses, with a special attraction to Paints. His devotion to his many dogs over the years was evident in the length of their long spoiled lives. His warm heart and compassion for people and animals is unsurpassed.

Most importantly, Hale was a family man. Though he was dealt some very unfortunate circumstances, losing two wives to long battles with cancer and spent months on end in hospitals, he never once missed any of his children's events, whether it be a football game, horse show, band concert, gymnastics, or track meet. He was at every single life moment for his children. For this and many other reasons, he was blessed to have three loves of his life. His first wife, Helen Caldwell, his second wife, Kay Baker and his partner and constant companion for the last 30 years, Leyla Hernandez affectionately known as "Chiquita". Leyla's love and care kept him young and vibrant, and she is one of the reasons he lived such a long, fruitful life. Her children, Miguel, Kena and Leylita treated him as if he were their own father, and the family is eternally grateful.

Through all his trials and tribulations, Hale was first and foremost a devout Christian. He could often be found watching Billy Graham Crusades, the early ones being his favorites. It is this profound faith, coupled with his incredibly

selfless life led on this earth, that he most assuredly heard, "Well done, good and faithful servant", just prior to being showered with love from family, friends, and a menagerie of animals. God rest your soul, Daddy, there will never be another.

Preceded in death by his father, John Henry Ham, mother, Lois Jackie Ham, brother, John Ham Jr., beloved wives Helen Caldwell Ham and wife Kay Baker Ham,

He is survived by his loving partner, Leyla Hernandez; his son, Brian Ham (Beth); daughters, Beverly Rodriguez (Tony) and Barbara Glass; brother, Ben Ham (Sharon); grandchildren, Bodie Rork, Amy Rodriguez, Stevie Lahti (David), Chad Rodriguez, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 6:00pm – 9:00 pm (masks required). Due to COVID restrictions, a private funeral service will be held on December 21st with a more joyous celebration of life when it is safe to honor him properly. In lieu of flowers, you may consider a donation to the American Cancer Society, which took the lives of his wives, and is currently affecting our very loved immediate family members.

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Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Private Funeral Services will be on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Bill Shockley officiating. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North with U.S. Army Honors. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Clarence Hale Ham*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 20, 2020 at 08:02 PM

WC

Just thought about the old Ham candy company my father used to go to on Saturday mornings and load up his truck for the next week. I remember Benny and Hale and the office people there. Sorry to hear of Hale' s passing but we are all going there someday. It was great to know them back in the 50's when the company was on S Flores st. Great to hear and read the notes from family and friends. Thanks bill curd dad was Willie curd.

William curd - March 08, 2024 at 09:56 AM

LL

“ To Hale's Family,

I just found out about Hale's passing. My sister Lisa, who lives in Boerne, sent me the link. He was a good friend of my mother's, Arnette Accetta, from the time he leased hunting rights I think on her ranch property years ago. My mother passed in 2018, so I am sure they have shared many good laughs together up in heaven. I remember when we were young we would get a box of candy from Hale that was always appreciated. The last time I saw Hale years ago was when I was visiting my sister Lisa and we stopped by Hale's house and I was blown away with all the deer that were just walking around in Hale's neighborhood. He was a very nice man. You could always hear the smile in his voice.

Best Wishes,

*Linda Accetta Longhofer
Tucson, AZ*

Linda Longhofer - February 13, 2021 at 06:11 PM

MI

“ *Deepest sympathies Barbara and family. I so wished I would have known him - what an amazing life he had and what a great inspiration I know he was to many. Prayers :)*
Misty & Brian Brust

Misty - December 22, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Clarence Hale Ham.*



December 18, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Hale Ham.*



December 17, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Hale Ham.*



December 15, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Beverly Rodriguez - December 14, 2020 at 09:35 AM

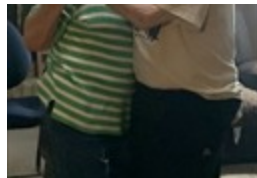
SS

“ Beverly, Tony and Family, I am so very sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved Father and Grandfather. May all of the precious memories that you hold in your hearts bring you comfort and peace. Love and prayers, Sheila Sim

Sheila Sim - December 14, 2020 at 08:53 AM

KW

“ I really enjoyed meeting and talking with Mr. Hale “The Hammer” Ham. In the short period of time I got to know him, I realized he was such a special guy and I know he was so loved by his family. Ms. Leyla really loved and cared for him. He had the most beautiful, sincere smile. My thoughts are with all of you.



Kristi Svane Bellingham, WA - December 13, 2020 at 04:25 PM

BH

“ 27 files added to the album Memories Album



Brian Ham - December 13, 2020 at 12:02 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Beverly Rodriguez - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM

GH

“ *George and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we will pray for the whole family and because of our age and Covid we won't be able to attend the viewing, but will be there with you in spirit. Love, George and Lynda Harris*

George and Lynda Harris - December 12, 2020 at 10:20 AM

BG

Thank you so much George and Lynda! We certainly understand the Covid situation and appreciate your prayers. I love and miss your entire family so very much. Love, Barb

Barb Glass - December 15, 2020 at 02:10 PM

AZ

“ *Dear Barb and Family,
You are a special friend Barb, and though I did not know your Dad
the stories you told us at the dog park made us feel like we knew
him and i certainly would of loved to go to a football game with him,
just like i did with my Dad.
But for now:*

*Two smiling eyes are sleeping
Two busy hands are still
The one you loved so deeply
Is resting at God's will.
May he always walk in sunshine,
God's love around his glow.
For all the happiness he gave you,
Only a few will ever know.
It broke your hearts to lose him
But he did not go alone.
For part of you went with him
The day God call him home.*

Mike and Ann Ziegler

Ann Ziegler - December 11, 2020 at 06:29 PM

GW

“ *I will always remember Hale as a good and faithful friend. We had
so many wonderful times together golfing, fishing, trips to Vegas,
and the Alaskan cruise. I will miss him and always cherish his
friendship. George Wesch*

George Wesch - December 09, 2020 at 08:48 PM

