



Rachel Hale Dicken

November 23, 1944 - June 14, 2020

Rachel H. Dicken, age 75, of Elizabethton, Tennessee went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at her residence. Rachel was born in Ft. Pierce, Florida to the late Ray and Eleanor Melson Hale. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, David Allen Hale.

Rachel was a homemaker, who was known as “Momma Rachel” to the children she babysat, which numbered over forty eight kids over the years. She was extremely well organized and had a servant’s heart. She was a member of Calvary Baptist for the past twelve years and was a bible based prayer warrior, always willing to lend a hand and say a prayer for anyone who needed it. Rachel taught Children’s Sunday School Class, children’s music programs, served as children’s director and also served at Hales Community Ministry, she also went to Belize and Peru on several mission trips. Rachel held women’s bible study at Lynwood in the Lynn Ridge apartment complex. Rachel also worked with the prison ministry in Roan Mountain. In total, she and her husband had totaled over forty years of ministry. Her husband, Buddy, served as a minister of music and the youth groups. She was a faithful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Rachel collected lambs, enjoyed cross stitching, reading and cooking for family and friends.

Those left to cherish and continue her legacy include her loving and devoted husband of 56 years and nine days, Buddy Dicken, of the home; two daughters, Tammy Dicken, of Greeneville and Michele Elliott and husband Jason, of Elizabethton; a son, Bobby Dicken, also of Elizabethton; a granddaughter, Sara Elliott, of Elizabethton; Lynn Delp Cribb, whom she thought of as a daughter and her husband Paul, of Winston Salem, NC; a brother, Daniel Hale and wife Martha, of White Springs, FL; and a sister-in-law, Beverly Johnson, of Elizabethton. Several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and special friends also survive.

A service to honor the life of Rachel H. Dicken will be conducted at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 in the Chapel of Peace at Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton with Reverend Ron Owens, officiating. Music will be provided by Reverend Gerald

Frederick, Mark Hale and Betsy Griffis. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM in the funeral home chapel, prior to the service on Wednesday.

The graveside service will be private at Mountain Home National Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to especially thank friends, family and church family who have shown their love and support to the family during this difficult time.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers, may make donations to Hales Ministries, 1301 Arney Street, Elizabethton, TN 37643.

Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website,
www.tetrickfuneralhome.com

Rachel and her family are in the care of Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton. Office 423-542-2232, service information line, 423-543-4917.

Cemetery

Mountain Home National Cemetery

53 Memorial Avenue Unit 117
Mountain Home, TN, 37684

Events

JUN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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211 North Riverside Drive, Elizabethton, TN, US,
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JUN **Celebration of Life** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tetrick Funeral - June 18, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ What a wonderful memory tribute to my sweet dear friend. I love you Rachel to the moon and back and will miss you very much.

Freda sims - June 20, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Such a beautiful tribute to your mom! God bless you Michelle and your family! It won't be long before we are reunited with our loved ones and friends never to be separated again! God bless you and comfort you till that blessed day when our faith becomes sight.

Patrick Barr - June 20, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ So sorry to just hear of Rachel's passing. Such a great Christian lady. We met at Eastside FWB food pantry when she drove other ladies there. We kidded each other about our football teams, and I called her the Gator lady. She had prayer with me several times during my late son's battle with cancer. Heaven has gained a saint for sure. RIP GATOR LADY.

Pete Taylor - June 17, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Rachael's passing, she was a classmate of ours at Dan McCarty High School in Ft Pierce. Prayers to family and friends. Cherish those memories.

Norma Padrick McGuire - June 17, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ We were sorry to hear about the loss of Rachel. When we moved to Tennessee from West Palm Beach, Florida, God placed you (Buddy) and Rachel in our lives to give us a piece of home. Although not at the same time, we had shared churches, the same neighborhood, and still share our WPB friends, the Permenter family. Rachel certainly had a loving servant's heart and a beautiful spirit.

Love,
Allan and Linda Hamilton

Linda Hamilton - June 17, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Rachel's passing. With her servant's heart, what shining example of how we should all strive to be. Love to you all!

Andrea Tall - June 16, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Barbara Clark lit a candle in memory of Rachel Hale Dicken



Barbara clark - June 16, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ What a wonderful lady Rachel was! I will never forget her and Buddy's kindness and care of my Mom, when she rented next to them at Harvey House. Her heart was always kind and we shared many a good story and laugh during those years. To all of you in this family, my and Terri's love and prayers. We know that the saying is true: "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

Bless you dear folks,
Dr. Kenneth Jordan

Kenneth Jordan - June 16, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Hale Dicken.



June 16, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ Richard And Lillie Fregosi lit a candle in memory of Rachel Hale Dicken



Richard and Lillie Fregosi - June 16, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Hale Dicken.



June 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ We will always remember Rachel's beautiful smile and her caring heart for others. She truly was a prayer warrior for so many lives she touched. We were blessed with her precious friendship and love and she will always hold a place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Buddy and the family.
Jerry and Sherry Freeman.

Jerry and Sherry Freeman - June 16, 2020 at 11:20 AM