



## Reece G. Hales

July 11, 1954 - July 20, 2022

Reece Gilbert Hales, Jr., 68, of Delmar, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at his home.

He was born July 11, 1954, in Salisbury, a son of the late Reece Gilbert Hales, Sr. and Dolores Watson.

Reece spent his younger days around Delmar and attended school in Delmar before his family moved to Snow Hill. He opened Hale's Tree Service in Delmar in 1993 and operated it alongside his wife until retirement. He was a self-described "no nonsense kind of guy" who accomplished so much through hard work and self-determination. He was a lover of hot rods and old cars, a love he passed to his youngest son, and enjoyed watching his friends race occasionally at the Delmar drag strip. He also owned many boats and had a passion for bay fishing, especially with his family, who will treasure memories of trips to Crisfield to fish for rock fish, trout, and flounder.

He is survived by his wife of almost 29 years, Kelly L. Hales and their two children, Paige Hales Payton and husband, Matthew and Reece G. Hales, IV; sons from his first marriage, Reece G. Hales, III and Gary Scott Hales; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; sisters, Deborah Hales, Diane Evans, and Susan Hales; brothers and sisters-in-law; a special nephew, Eric Evans; and several other nieces and nephews. He is also survived by close friends, Carlos Ortiz, Joe Harris and Barry Byers; and his beloved family dog, "Bud-Bud."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny

Hales.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in memory of Reece to TidalHealth Behavioral Health Campaign by visiting <https://www.tidalhealth.org/about-us/donate>.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reece G. Hales*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Billie Jo lit a candle in memory of Reece Hales*



**Billie Jo** - October 25, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Kelly we are so sorry for your loss. Reece was a very nice man and a good friend. He will be missed.*



**Fred and Brenda Taylor** - August 09, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Kelly I'm so very sorry for your loss of Reece. Such a great guy and I know that he loved you. God Bless you all.*

**Scott Beach** - July 29, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *Kelly: I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man and a good friend. He will be missed by all.*

**Don Richardson** - July 29, 2022 at 10:21 AM

TL

“ *God Speed Reece.*



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**Todd Lowe** - July 28, 2022 at 02:11 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Tull Walsh lit a candle in memory of Reece G. Hales*



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**Kathy tull walsh** - July 27, 2022 at 08:18 PM

AM

“ *My dad and I send our prayers my dad was friends with Reece our prayers are with his family.*

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**abbey moses and Scott moses** - July 27, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Kelly and Family, So sorry for your loss. Knew Reece since the Seventies during the old racing days. Then renewed friendship when I moved to Delmar. Always ready and willing to help. He will be missed by all his friends.*

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**Bill Hopper** - July 27, 2022 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ *Reece was such a honor to meet!  
Paige and her husband Matt invited me and my boyfriend Zachary  
to a thanksgiving dinner with her family. Her father had taken us on  
a boat ride to go fishing such an amazing day!! he will be missed  
dearly*❤️

Summer M - July 27, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Sad!*

Carolyn Parsons - July 27, 2022 at 04:54 PM

ED

“ *Reece was a hell of a guy he will be missed by all those who he has  
ever met in his life. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Eric J. Dawson - July 25, 2022 at 12:36 PM

PD

*What a great man Reece and Kelly have been my friends a long time I  
remember watching the kids grow up prayers to the family .love you  
guys*

phillip Dinn - July 27, 2022 at 07:10 PM

SH

“ 🙏🙏 *Prayers for comfort and peace. One of my favorite memories  
with him... was that he taught me how to ride a bike... I fell and  
skinned up my knees and elbows and he picked me up and carried  
me to the side of the road ran in the house and came back out with  
things to clean my knees and elbows up and we ended up laughing  
because he covered my knees and elbows with a crazy amount of  
Band-Aids. He was a big part of my childhood adventures.*❤️

Susan Hales - July 23, 2022 at 10:18 AM

KB

*Praying for all of his precious family, may God give each one great peace! 🕊️*

**Kim booth** - July 23, 2022 at 07:29 PM

DR

“ *It saddens me to find out the Reece has passed I've known him since 1974 and although we didn't see each other a lot lately when we did run into each other it was always a pleasure to see him. By all standards and then some he was a good man, and I was proud to be a friend he will be missed tremendously. Rest easy my friend. See you on the other side.*

**Darrell Rathel** - July 23, 2022 at 09:11 AM

DD

*Bruce and I, Darlene detroy we're very saddened to hear of Reece's death. Our deepest sympathy to Kelly and her family*

**Darleneand Bruce detroy** - July 29, 2022 at 02:14 AM

DD

*Our deepest sympathy to Kelly and her family*

**Darleneand Bruce detroy** - July 29, 2022 at 02:16 AM

CB

“ *Reece you will be missed. I remember the first time I met you and Kelly at Delmar little league where my son Logan played with your son. The opening day when I pulled the team float and Paige brought that little pot belly pig to tag along with the team. Rest In Peace brother and God bless Kelly and the family in this time of grief.*

*Chuck Baldwin and family*

**Chuck Baldwin** - July 22, 2022 at 09:48 PM

KB

“ Kelly, John & I are so sorry for your loss and are praying that God will bring you comfort during this difficult time.

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**Karon Beauchamp** - July 22, 2022 at 08:47 PM

BJ

“ Billie Jo lit a candle in memory of Reece G. Hales



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**Billie Jo** - July 22, 2022 at 07:27 PM