



David Dale Hanlon

July 31, 1955 - September 18, 2014

David Dale Hanlon, 59, of Crown Point, passed away Thursday, Sept 18 surrounded by his loving, hymn-singing family. David is survived by his parents, Rev. John and Katherine Hanlon who were holding his hands as he slipped away peacefully. David is survived by five siblings, Rev. Judy Hanlon (Glenn Richards), Becky (Jim) Dunham, Maribeth (Michael) St. Aubin, Steve (Karen) Hanlon, and Deborah (David) Hunt. David had 17 nieces and nephews. David is also survived by 13 great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother, John "Bill" Hanlon.

David attended Valparaiso Nazarene Church where he also drove the parking shuttle bus to bring worshippers to church and Sunday school. David demonstrated his Christian faith by welcoming everyone onto the bus with his joyful smile and genuine laughter.

David was a bus driver for more than 30 years. He drove Porter Township and Boone Grove school children who called him "Mr. Dave." David had an excellent safety and attendance record. David also drove charter busses around the United States, including presidential campaign staff during the 2008 election year. The Secret Service detail commended David for his excellent driving. He also drove a group of students to Washington D.C. in 2008 for the president's inauguration. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, David drove a bus to New Orleans, LA to aid in the evacuation of stranded

people.

The medical staffs at Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL; Golden Living Center Fountainview Place in Portage, IN; St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart, IN; Pinnacle Hospital in Crown Point and Vitas Hospice all showed great compassion in caring for both David and his family since his accident in April. The family is very grateful.

The family will celebrate David's life Sunday, September 21, 2014 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Visitation is from 1 – 4 p.m. David's cousin, Rev. Hugh Duncan, a missionary with Convoy of Hope will officiate the funeral service at 4 p.m. Burial will be Monday at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville.

Donations in David's honor can be made to Convoy of Hope, www.convoyofhope.org.

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

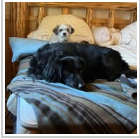
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *My son and I are so saddened by the loss of Mr. Dave. He was my sons bus driver on bus 11 for kindergarten and part of 1st grade. Mr. Dave was an excellent bus driver and always greeted my son and I with a smile every morning. My heart goes out to him and his family and may he rest in peace.*

Samantha Batson - September 22, 2014 at 07:40 AM

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“ *At this moment, words pretty much escape me...Dave was my buddy...he drove our band fans from Valpo to Chicago many times. He was so professional and kept his cool under pressure. We grew to talk a lot of family and friends. Dave was so down to earth, a really nice man who wore a big smile. Thank you Dave, for your loyalty, dependability, your warmth and your friendship. I will miss you... My heartfelt condolences to all his beautiful family and friends...much love and respect.*

Merry Lorenz - September 21, 2014 at 01:42 AM

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“*Dave was the ultimate bus driver. I rode his bus on several occasions for charter trips in the past few years. Dave was a great driver, he always knew where he was going and greeted people with a smile. He could navigate one way streets in Chicago with cars parked on both sides like it was a walk in the park. Talking to Dave before or after a trip it was obvious he loved his job and the people he transported. Most of all the students he drove on field trips. I only knew Dave for a short time, but his good-hearted nature really showed in the way he interacted with people. His smile and laughter were always welcoming on trips. My condolences to his family and friends. Rest in Peace Dave.*

Beth Neilson

Beth Neilson - September 20, 2014 at 11:32 PM

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“*Dave was the sunshine in my classroom at CPHS. This was many years ago, in the early 70's when I first came to teach there. After graduating, he would sometimes walk down Main Street to visit with us, even helped us decorate our Christmas tree a few times. We would often see him eating dinner at Pappa's Restarant and he always stopped by to say "Hello". Dave was a totally kind and caring person.*



Janelle Haack

Janelle Haack - September 20, 2014 at 12:21 PM