



David Allen Hosner

March 3, 1955 - January 4, 2021

David Allen Hosner died peacefully on January 4, 2021 after a long, courageous battle with Crohn's Disease, followed by an insurmountable fight with gastric cancer. David lovingly entered the heavenly gates with his wife Patsy, his stepmother Tenna, friend Silvia Jones, and pastor Kelly Shushock by his side.

Born on March 3, 1955 in Carbondale, IL, David was a true friend to all. He graduated from Blacksburg High School and Ferrum College and attended Virginia Tech majoring in Forestry. As a young man, David learned the electrical trade, wiring many homes in Blacksburg, including his own. He was employed by Virginia Tech for 41 years working in various positions in the Facilities Department. David was a life-time member of the Blacksburg Fire Department, serving for a total of 48 years. He was also a member of the Blacksburg Rescue Service, serving for 12 years.

David greatly admired his father John Hosner. In fact, John's military service in World War II led to a fascination with all things military, especially World War II stores. During his youth, David and his father John spent many hours fishing, hunting, and working together outdoors. In John's later years, David was often his father's sidekick helping him to break (John's wife) Tenna's "rules."

David loved his roots, spending almost every summer at his mother Irene's family farm in Ewing, IL, with his late grandfather Rolla Neal, late uncle Bill Neal, cousin Charles Neal, and most of the Neal relatives. He would often go to Missouri to visit the Hosner side of the family too.

In 1990, he married Patsy and spent the next 31 years with his partner in life mowing grass, riding horses, traveling, and just spending time together. They were true soulmates.

David was proud of his many accomplishments, especially his son Jason who now lives in Berlin, Germany. Although they were not always together as Jason grew up, David always supported Jason in his many endeavors.

David enjoyed riding his quarter horse, Penny who Patsy often referred to as his "mistress." He also tinkered with a 1972 Super Beetle that he rebuilt in the mid- 1990s swearing that it would be up and running any day and this time you would not smell like exhaust if you rode with him.

In addition to Patsy, David is survived by his son, Jason and his husband Frédéric; his mother Irene Hosner (Gilbert, AZ); stepmother Tenna Hosner (Blacksburg); sister Angela Serody (Houston, TX); niece Sara Serody (Houston, TX) and nephew Dylan Serody (New Orleans, LA); many cousins and friends (including Charles and Barbara Neal of Ewing, IL); and beloved animals Elvis (shih tzu) and Penny (quarter horse). He is predeceased by his father John F. Hosner. David loved and cherished them all.

The family wishes to thank the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department for their faithful friendship and support; the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Paris Mountain Stables (Rick & Elizabeth Hyde) for providing David with a final visit with his dear Penny Rose; Good Samaritan Hospice (especially Gwen Spangler); Dr. Jerome Goldschmidt and Dr. Tony Ringold and their staffs; the Kennedy Avenue neighbors, and Pastor Kelly Shushock for coming out of retirement to help us through David's final journey on earth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department or the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad. Due to COVID restrictions, a celebration of life will be held in September 2021.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Patsy Hare lit a candle in memory of David
Allen Hosner*



patsy hare - January 24, 2021 at 10:37 AM

LG

“ *I was very saddened to hear of David's passing. We were close friends in our high school and college days. Even though I haven't spoken with David for quite a few years he still continues to have an impact on my life. He recruited me to work with him doing electrical work during our summer breaks and today I still do house wiring as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. He was also influential in getting me into the Blacksburg Fire Department's "Junior Squad" where the first aid training and experiences came in handy while raising my two sons. There is no doubt my life is better by knowing David and I will be praying for his grieving family.*

Larry Grissom - January 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM

BS

“ *To Patsy and the Hosner family
I am sad to hear of David's passing. I worked with David for some 18 years at Virginia Tech. I have pleasant memories of that time. We could all follow David's lead in being gentle and kinder souls. Sending healing thoughts and prays.
Bill Shrader*

Bill Shrader - January 08, 2021 at 05:26 PM

GF

“ It was sad and disappointing to learn David lost his courageous battle with cancer. Charlene and I always appreciated meeting with David and Patsy at the University Club. David always give us a big welcome as soon as we entered the facility. I met David many times on the Virginia Tech campus and we always enter into a pleasant conversation. David was a caring and loving gentleman. The joy and happiness he brought to everyone who knew him greatly exceeds the sorrow of his loss.

George Flick - January 08, 2021 at 03:43 PM

SM

“ David was gentle and kind and an encourager. I enjoyed my interactions with him very much. Bless you Patsy as you grieve his loss.

Sharon Myers

Sharon Myers - January 08, 2021 at 02:12 PM

JA

“ I didn't have the opportunity to meet David but I heard he's a great guy, my condolence to his family. I pray that God comforts you in this difficult time, and may his soul rest in Perfect Peace.

Joshua

Joshua Akanmu - January 07, 2021 at 05:14 PM

FM

“ David was a truly kind and gentle man. he always exhibited good manners and a smile . I am blessed and proud to have had a friend such as David. A loyal BVFD member.

Florence Montgomery - January 06, 2021 at 09:57 PM

RJ

“ It is so sad that I heard about David. He worked for me for quite awhile at Campus Exxon. He surely will be missed. Ron Jancso

Ronald A Jancso - January 06, 2021 at 02:54 PM

JE

“ David was a kind, gentle soul. I will miss my friend. Patsy, may the Lord bless you and keep you in your time of sadness.

Jim Earp

Jim Earp - January 06, 2021 at 09:51 AM

DC

“ Hosie will miss u a lot good friend and coworker for 22 yrs always laughing and picking on each other nobody ill miss more love you goober

Donald crawford - January 06, 2021 at 06:13 AM

KR

“ Kay Robinson lit a candle in memory of David
Allen Hosner



Kay Robinson - January 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM

AW

“ David was always thinking of others. One of my memories was as you all were leaving our house, David said "Andrew, you might look after those trees near the house." I appreciated both his expertise and concern. We will miss him and his kindness.

Andrew and Mindi

Andrew Walker - January 05, 2021 at 07:39 PM

LC

I am grateful that Bill and I met you and David many years ago. I often think of the University Club dances when we would all gather. I can see David dancing now . Angels unite.

*In love and peace,
Linda C.*

linda claussen - January 05, 2021 at 08:57 PM

EB

Ron and I loved talking with David at the different gatherings. We use to love your Easter Egg hunts. David was so easy to talk to and made everyone feel at home. He was a kind soul. I am sure he is talking with his Dad in heaven. God bless you and keep you close. Elaine and Ron Belay

Elaine Belay - January 06, 2021 at 12:24 AM

RS

“ Rosemary,Larry&Ruby Sheppard lit a candle in memory of David Allen Hosner



Rosemary,Larry&Ruby Sheppard - January 05, 2021 at 07:26 PM

SB

“ *What I remember most about David was he always had a smile on his face. He immediately made me feel like we were long time friends the first time I met him. Thanks, David, for your kindness. Rest Easy.*

Stephen Ball - January 05, 2021 at 06:27 PM

MS

“ *David was such a kind soul and someone we so enjoyed spending time with. He and Patsy always made everyone feel special but he was the one that was so special. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to Patsy, Teena, and his entire family and many friends. Martha Ann and Charlie Stallings*



Martha Ann Stallings - January 05, 2021 at 05:28 PM

CL

David always had a Smile. His love for Pasty showed on his face. He will be missed by many. As his kindness will never be forgotten. RIP my friend 🙏

Charlotte Linkous - January 05, 2021 at 06:53 PM