



David "Ned" E. Hillis

November 2, 1944 - October 16, 2017

David E. "Ned" Hillis, 72 of Zanesville, passed peacefully at 4:26 AM, Monday, October 16, 2017, at the Oaks at Bethesda following a lengthy illness. He was born Thursday, November 2, 1944, in Zanesville, the son of Loren E. "Doc" Hillis and Sarah (Richards) Hillis and was a former member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Dave served his country as a veteran of The United States Army during the Vietnam War in the Mortuary Division. Dave, along with his brother Jim, were second generation owners of the Hillis Funeral Home where Dave became involved in the funeral home at a very early age with his father. After graduating from mortuary school he joined the funeral home as an embalmer and funeral director. He remained active until his retirement in 2013 as co-owner and was an active member of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association and Ohio Embalmers Association.

Dave was also actively involved in the Zanesville Community giving his time and talents to many local organization including; past president of Zanesville Jaycees, member of Zanesville Noon Rotary, Muskingum County Health Department Board of Directors and Treasure for the Campaign Levy. He served as Chairman of the Zanesville Board of Zoning Appeals and was a long standing member of the Knights of Columbus # 505, Eagles Lodge # 302, a Life Member of VFW Post 1058 and was a volunteer with Genesis

Healthcare. Dave loved to cook and entertain. He will always be remembered for his yearly holiday parties and his mad skills at euchre, a game he immensely enjoyed. The Hillis Family would like to thank the staff at the Oaks of Bethesda and Genesis Hospice for their compassion and quality of care given to Dave.

Dave is survived by his brother: Jim (Sue) Hillis of Zanesville; two sisters: Ellen Hillis of Zanesville and Carol (Ed) Ferguson of Chelan, WA; a special niece: Dee Ann Mell of Zanesville, along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dave was preceded in death by a sister & brother-in-law: Kay & Bill Mell, niece: Kelly Hillis, great niece: Madison Paul and great nephew: Shawn McFerren.

Friends may call from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a Christian Vigil will be held at 8:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Thursday, October 19, 2017, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 955 East Main Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Martin J. Ralko as celebrant. Dave will be laid to rest next to his parents in Mount Olive Cemetery with the United States Army, VFW Post 1058 and American Legion Post 29 conducting full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice and Palliative Care, 713 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. To sign the online guestbook or to leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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Prayer Vigil

OCT **18**. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church
955 East Main Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - October 18, 2017 at 01:08 PM

JH

Awesome Video. Great photos & love the music!!!

Jeff Hardwick - October 19, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ David "Ned" E. Hillis

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

SL

“ *Deepest Sympathy to David Hillis family. God Bless David.*

shirley Labaki-Burton - January 26, 2018 at 12:24 PM

TS

“ *Our prayers and deepest sympathy to you all at this time in losing David. You are in our prayers and consider yourselves hugged! Tom and Helen Smith*

Tom and Helen Smith - October 20, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Dave's passing...Cindy, B&B Livery*

Cindy Webster - October 19, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Jim & family my condolences to all of you, I visited with Dave in Vietnam and sorry that I did not keep in touch with him. Your parents and both you and Dave had a great influence on me and my career path in Funeral Service and I have never forgotten all of you.*

John Love

John Love - October 18, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. Mr Dave Hillis to me was quite a gentleman Enjoyed his presence during many of our funeral services relating to Greater Apostolic Church--Pastor Terrence Brown*

Terrence E Brown - October 18, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ 81 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - October 18, 2017 at 11:35 AM

BB

“ *Barb And Dave Bell lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis*



Barb and Dave Bell - October 18, 2017 at 10:40 AM

TK

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to the Hillis and Mell families. Uncle Ned was truly a special man and very loved!*
Tricia Ritchey Kidd

Tricia Kidd - October 18, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *Tim Thompson lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis*



Tim Thompson - October 17, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David "Ned" E. Hillis.*



October 17, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Ned and I went through school together. He was a friend and a special person. Peace my friend in the arms of our loving God.*

Teena Vigus - October 17, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Fraya Frampton lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis*



Fraya Frampton - October 17, 2017 at 07:24 AM



“ *My most sincere condolences to the family. I have so many wonderful memories of Ned. I spent many happy hours with Carol and Ned and the Hillis family. Memories that I will always cherish.*

Fraya Frampton - October 17, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ *I knew him for years as me n my dad would take care of the lot. He will be miss. I know what it is like to loss someone close my dad past in july*

Chancy paisley

Chancy paisley - October 17, 2017 at 07:09 AM



“ *Nancy Labaki lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis*



Nancy Labaki - October 16, 2017 at 10:50 PM



Prayers for the Family...so sorry for your loss....He was always a gentleman, kind and caring.

Nancy Labaki - October 16, 2017 at 10:51 PM

CK

“ Chris and Mike, Kelly and Karin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David "Ned" E. Hillis.



Chris and Mike, Kelly and Karin - October 16, 2017 at 09:59 PM

MC

“ I will always remember Ned as a hero to me. He was the next older cousin and I always looked up to him. As a kid, the summer vacations that my brother David and I spent in Zanesville will always remind me of some of the best times of my life. Chris and I are praying for peace for all the Hillis family. God Bless.

Mike & Chris Callahan

Michael Callahan - October 16, 2017 at 09:51 PM

MC

“ Michael Callahan lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis



Michael Callahan - October 16, 2017 at 09:42 PM

JH

“ Jeff Hardwick lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis



Jeff Hardwick - October 16, 2017 at 08:33 PM

LS

“ Jim, Sue, Ellen, Carol,
What a great guy! Always enjoyed talking with him at the Health Dept. I'm sure you all have wonderful memories.
Sincerelywith prayer,
Lynda and Jim Sharrer

Lynda And Jim Sharrer - October 16, 2017 at 07:39 PM

TH

“ One of the nicest guys I ever met during a time when I was dealing with so much loss in my family but he helped me plan my baby brothers service and he knew that day was very emotional for me because I had to accept that Kelley would be walking to another life soon. Thanks for caring and the day of the service he made sure it was what Kelley wanted. Dave was also a good friend for years with my brother Mike, hopefully they are conversing now about the good ol days...
RIH



tracey hale - October 16, 2017 at 02:09 PM

RK

“ Raymond Kennedy lit a candle in memory of David "Ned" E. Hillis



Raymond kennedy - October 16, 2017 at 11:13 AM