

## David L. Hanks

May 27, 1931 - September 25, 2023

David Hanks, 92, passed away on September 25th, 2023 peacefully with his family by his side. He was born on May 27th, 1931 to Merle and Mary (Hanna) Hanks. He married Josephine (Back) Hanks. They later divorced and David married Alice Wilkerson Hanks on September 19, 1970 and she preceded him in death on July 24th, 2016.

David is survived by his two sons David M. Hanks and Olivia of Sandoval, and John McConnell and Anita of Metropolis, IL; four daughters Alta Monical and Gary of Alma, Kathy Owens and Dewayne of Odin, Mary Hanks of Sandoval, and Barbara Davis of Centralia; one brother Mark Hanks; three sisters Carlan Thomas, Joann Logue, and Marilyn Blankenship; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Alice, his ex-wife Josephine, brother Scott Hanks, sister Roberta Carpenter, grandchild Michael White, and great grandchild Luke Hanks.

David started his work career early, at the age of 9 by working on a farm. He worked at Teamsters 520 for over 30 years as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He was the past Mayor of Sandoval and long time Village Trustee. He was a member of the Lions Club, a past president and secretary for numerous times for over 40 years he participated. David was also a member of the Volkswagen Club, and was known as the Volkswagen Man of Sandoval. He was awarded the Platinum Bug Award by the American Motorworks in Effingham. David was a member of the Odin First Christian Church.

Per David's wishes, private family services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Luke's Gift, Kaskaskia Scholarship Foundation, and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Hanks family. Online condolences can be made on the Funeral Home website [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com), or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Tribute Wall

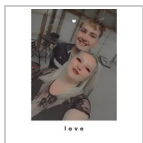


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David L. Hanks.*



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October 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Michael Schroeder lit a candle in memory of David L. Hanks*



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**Michael Schroeder** - September 27, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Jeanna Winegarner lit a candle in memory of David L. Hanks*



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**Jeanna Winegarner** - September 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Mary,  
So sorry for your loss.*

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**Lora Grose** - September 27, 2023 at 06:11 AM

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“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of David L. Hanks*



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**SHERI ROBINSON** - September 26, 2023 at 08:00 PM

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“ *I have many great memories of David Hanks, my step dad for the past 54 years. I was on the Blackhawks basketball team at Sandoval High School, and he was present at all the home games to cheer me on. He taught me how to do maintenance work on my motorcycle and my cars. He was a provider for all his family. I think at one time everyone in the family owned a VW. 😊 Anita had a VW bug when I met her and between semesters while I was attending SIU-C, I converted it to a bug-pickup truck in the “garage”. When I enlisted in the US Army, he purchased a 1966 American Motors Rambler, put in a different transmission (3 on the tree) and I drove it to my duty station at Ft Lewis, Washington. Took me four days to drive it there, about 2,365 miles. He would work construction all day then come home and work in the garden, and he always had a good garden, even as of late. The garden work turned into the garage work, and we all benefited from both. When I started in the engineering work, he wanted to know what projects I had going on. I would get ball caps from vendors and made sure I always had enough to bring one to dad. It was hard to watch his health decline so rapidly these last couple years. I’ll never get it all said in this short paragraph: I will just look forward to talking projects and discussing weld jobs when we meet after this life is over.*

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**John McConnell** - September 26, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Hanks.

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