



David Hertig

February 13, 1961 - February 13, 2007

Niagara - David D. Hertig, 46, a Wisconsin State Trooper, of Menomonie, WI formerly of Niagara, passed away on Feb. 13, 2007 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital at 10:30 am. He was born on Dec. 11, 1960 in Iron Mountain, the son of Donald and Marilyn (Leonard) Hertig.

David graduated from Niagara High School in 1979 and from Northwest Technical College with a degree in accounting.

David was a dedicated Wisconsin State Trooper for eighteen years. He was very proud of his work and knew the importance of it. He worked at Newton on Interstate 43, Highways 441, and 41 while living in Green Bay. He also worked in Marinette and Oconto Counties (out of the Wausau District) and lived in Crivitz. He then went to work in the Northwest region of Menomonie and Eau Claire, living in Menomonie.

He was a certified state fire arms instructor and professional communication skills instructor. He taught the State Troopers and the county and city police officers firearm safety at the state training facility in Tomah.

David had a passion for guns and hunting. He enjoyed hunting deer, elk, pheasant, and partridge. He went on many hunting trips to one of his favorite places, the Rocky Mountains. He also enjoyed horseback riding and making saddles.

David is survived by his father Donald Hertig of Niagara, his sisters Denise (Dan) Duke of Sobieski, WI, and Dani (Mike) Poquette of Iron Mountain, his niece Casey Poquette, and his nephews Josh Poquette, Aaron, Colin, and Ian

Duke, his uncle Harold (Sharon) Hertig, and many cousins.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Hertig in 2002.

Visitation will be Sat. From 9am-12 noon at the Premiere Center in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 12noon Sat. at the Premiere Center.

Rev. David Snyder will officiate and The Wisconsin State Patrol Honors System will have an Honor Guard.

Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Don't take your organs to heaven. Heaven knows we need them here.

Condolences to the family of David Hertig can be expressed online at www.tondinross.com.

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Heaven needed you more than I, we miss and love you dani*

Dani Poquette - sister - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *In Loving Memory!
God Bless you and your family. We miss you!*

Ailene Bitnar - Cousin - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Don and family, we are saddened by your loss and all of you are in our prayers. I feel bad we weren't able to pay our respects, but you were in our thought and prayers.*

Heidi Phillips and family - March 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *To The Hertig Family,
I was so very sorry to hear about Dave's passing. He and my husband, John Sackerson had spent many a coffee clutch at the back security gate of the Niagara Mill. John passed away only a few days after Dave, so this is the first time I have had to pay tribute to another great man, Dave.*

My prayers go out to you as you go through this hard time.

*Very Sincerely,
Karrie Lynn*

Karrie Lynn - February 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ When I worked for Oconto PD I'd see Dave several times a week. We'd have coffee together and he'd stop by the house once in a while. When he worked near Pembine I'd see him running radar on Hwy 8 while on the way to my cabin. He was a great guy and will be sadly missed.

Tom Shallow - February 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Don, Dani, & Denise We are very saddened and shocked to hear of Dave's passing. We were unable to attend the services, as we are wintering in BullHead City Arizona. However, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, and your families at this sad time.

Mike & Marion Bubloni

Mike & Marion Bubloni - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To Dave's Family: I had the distinct honor of going to NWTC with Dave and working with him at Shopko. He was always a very dear friend and I will cherish the time that I was able to spend with Dave. I will miss him very much! He accomplished so much when all odds were against him. I am proud to call him a friend.

To Dave: until we meet again my friend. I am sure you and Dad are smiling down on us! Love, Mike

Mike Van Eperen - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I am so sorry to here of Dave's passing. He was a good trooper and a wonderful person. I went through the academy with Dave as part of the 37th recruit class. He was an inspiration to me. His determination helped me to get through fifteen weeks of tough training and for that I am grateful to him. Although we were never assigned to the same post, I have had the opportunity to visit with him at various training sessions through the years and he always had the same great attitude that carried him through as a cadet. I will miss him. Thank you for bringing him into the world. Although his time on earth was short it was invaluable to all who knew him. God bless you all.

Toni L. Morrow - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Please know David is in our prayers.

Ted Rogers - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I was fortunate enough to troop with Dave when we were both over in D3. Last year we instucted PCS and Firearms together for members of the 54th recruit class. I can picture Dave's smile as if I just saw it yesterday. Gods speed Dave.

Les Mlsna - February 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I remember very well the day Trooper Hertig came to D3. I was his supervisor at the time. He came on board with a big smile, much enthusiasm and a positive attitude, all of which he shared throughout his career. When we learned that cystic fibrosis had advanced to a point of placing David in St. Vincent's hospital we were shocked. I used to pick Dave up in my cruiser and take him out on the job that he missed so much. He looked forward so much to those opportunities. When at a most critical time in the advancement of his disease he finally got the call to fly to Madison UW hospital for a Double lung transplant. I spent many days with the family in Madison and got to know them all very well. I also learned that this mild mannered smiling almost baby-faced man was in reality a "Chuck Yeager" of our time. i.e. he had "The Right Stuff" Faced with a high risk proposition a pioneering medical milestone. David was the first to receive a double lung transplant at UW Madison. And he stepped up to the plate knowing what was in store for him. This was serious business, and I can't but help to think that Courage, Guts and above all Faith brought him through. I'm certain that someone much more powerful and influential was guiding the surgeons hands and watching over David throughout this entire event. I could say much more but will close in saying, I never met finer people in my life as David and his family. and Pray that when my time comes I too will be judged in acceptance and will one day again see my dear friend and brother in our chosen field.
Charlie Janssen 2-18-2007

charles Janssen - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My condolences to Dave's family, you can be very proud of your Son, Brother, Nephew, Cousin etc. Though he had every right, he never felt sorry for himself and instead focused on the positives. In law enforcement it is easy for officer's to become cold and calloused by what they see on a daily basis, but not Dave, he continued to serve with compassion and treated people as he would have them treat him. In this world there are leaders that you have to follow, David was one that you wanted to follow. David met God face to face as he slip away from his earthly chains and God welcomed him into his Kingdom with open arms saying, "Well done my faithful servant come into the kingdom I have prepared for you" Well done DAVID! We will miss him deeply, we will miss his smile and encouraging words of wisdom and wit but because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we have the gaurantee that when we leave this earthly body, we will see him again.

David Lutze - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To all you my sincere condolences. I went to school with all of you and graduated with Dave and Denise and am grateful for their friendship. Dave was very intelligent and my lab partner in chemistry, which I benefited from since he carried the weight of the experiments we had to do. I had not seen him since graduation but looking at his picture I would have recognized him easily. He still had that shy, boyish smile. He had an obvious inner strength to have endured the physical challenges and yet achieve so much. He is an example of what we can do in this life if we are determined. He is remembered with love and friendship.

Corrina (Lantagne) Coon - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Hertig Family,

Thank you for the privilege of knowing Dave. He was so genuine that he was inspirational. You can be confident that before we knew he was gone the Angels met him and escorted him into the Kingdom Of Heaven.

*With respect, admiration and thanksgiving,
Bill DeGuire*

Bill DeGuire - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I was sad when I heard that Dave had passed away. I knew him because I work in the office at the State Patrol Academy. He will be missed. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Lori Beiswanger - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I did not know Trooper Dave Hertig nor do I remember ever meeting him. The fact that others of my ilk and kind speak so highly of him certainly leads me to agree he was a prime example of an employe in a law enforcement organization that is without peer in the nation. Please accept this sincere expression of my condolences and sympathy on your loss and on the loss of an exemplary public servant.*

Dennis G. Schroeder (Trooper, Retired WSP# 374)

Dennis G. Schroeder - February 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ TO DAVE'S FAMILY; IT WAS A PLEASURE TO TAKE CARE OF DAVE FOR ALOT OF YEARS AT THE HOSP IN GREEN BAY.WE HAD ALOT OF FUN PLAYING JOKES ON SOME OF THE CHOSEN FEW .I'LL REMEMBER THE DAY TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO BE A STATE TROOPER.HE HAS ACOMPLISHED MORE THAN I HAVE EVEN THOUGHT OF DOING.WE WERE SO PROUD OF YOU.REMEMBER YOU TOLD ME YOU WOULD NEVER GIVE ME A TICKET,PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHEN I GET TO HEAVE. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MARY BETH

MARY CENEFELT - February 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ We had the pleasure of getting to know Dave not through his work as a state patrol officer, but when he milked cows at our farm "in his spare time." He was the hardest working person we knew, and was such a pleasure to know and love. We all loved him just like he was part of our family. Till we meet again someday Trooper Dave! Love, Dave and Jessica VanDeWalle

Jessica VanDeWalle - February 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My condolences to the Hertig family. Dave started with the State Patrol the year before I went to work for District 4 at Wausau. Over the years I got to work with him and know him as a dear friend. No matter what life laid out for Dave, he was always up beat and positive. He will not only be missed by me, but also by the people of this state. God bless.

Dan Koehne - February 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sorry for you lose, we at District 4 Comm Center enjoyed working with him.....

Dick Schroeder - February 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dave before his lung transplant. I was one of the respiratory therapists that worked with Dave throughout the years. Dave became a very dear friend and role model. Dave's positive attitude and courage were always an inspiration to me. I will miss Dave's smile terribly, but I know he's not short of breath anymore. Take care, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kris Ostrander

Don, Dani, Denise, and Stacey - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I knew Dave when he worked in the Oconto area. I always looked forward to him stopping into the jail and sharing his stories or his many jokes. He will be truly missed at the Oconto County Sheriffs Department. God Bless.

C/O Mary Gilles - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dave was one of my instructors during my training period at the State Patrol Academy and he taught me many valuable lessons. He was an excellent trooper, instructor and even a better person. Dave's passing is a huge loss for not only the Patrol but the entire State of Wisconsin. Thanks Dave for all you did!

Matthew Johnson - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We were first assigned to work together at a boat landing during the spearfishing controversy in northern Wisconsin during the 1990s. Though I had met Dave earlier on, this was really my first chance to get to know him. He and I were assigned together to go into the crowd at a boat landing with a video cam. I immediately took a liking to this young Trooper. He was extremely upbeat, humorous and obviously loved being a State Trooper.

Over the years I was filled with respect for this young lad as he grew older and met the tremendous challenges life placed in front of him. He was ALWAYS up to those challenges and met them with a zeal and gusto most people never get to see in others.

I last visited with Dave on Feb 1 in Madison. He was yet again dealing with daunting challenges and none of his zeal and gusto had been lost from that first assignment in Northern Wisconsin.

We spoke of that assignment so many years ago and laughed together about the happenings. Dave spoke of hunting and what the upcoming year would hold for prospective trophy opportunities. Then he said, "Sarge, it's time for you to retire. I want your position in Wausau!" We laughed and I assured him he would have my strongest recommendation for my vacated spot.

It was very good for us to see Dave laugh that day. And that is how we will always remember him.

GOD SPEED Dave! And GOD, and Dave's family, Thank you sharing this "WONDERFUL" man with us.

Ray and Tammy Sondelski - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I am very sorry to hear about the lost of David.
With the illness, which takes time away from us, makes us hope to God that things will get better, but in the end, it does not get better and really makes us wonder after all the hope and prayers, why does it come to this?
I would like to share a scripture and hope you would understand more, because in a moment like this, this is all we can understand...
Ecclesiastes chapter 3.
After reading this and believing in this, this is more easier to understand. God has him now, but David will always be in our hearts and thoughts forever, for everyone who loved and knew him.
Or heard of him.
The Hill Family

Ron Hill - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ The Chippewa Co Sheriff Office would like to send our depest sympathy to the family of a true AMERICAN HERO. We need more people like Tpr. Dave Hertig to help keep the peace here in our country.
To the family and friends of Dave, take care and God bless.

D/SGT MIKE BITNAR - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ My sympathies go out to Stacy Bartels and Dave's family. I did not have the honor of meeting Dave but have only heard wonderful things about him. May he be at peace and may God's healing grace be on all of his family and friends.

Linda Kunkel - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Dave Hertig was a troopers trooper. He succeeded despite the odds he faced. We should be thankful that he showed us what true strenght is. My Ro prayers are with him.*

Ronald Disher - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I had the privilege of getting to know Dave and become a friend at the State Patrol Academy. Whether I was a student or a classmate, he was always easy to talk to and a pleasure to be around. Like everyone, I was shocked and saddened to learn of Dave's passing. Dave was a fine State Trooper and Instructor and a better man. He will certainly be missed. My condolences to the Hertig family.*

Jack McMahon - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *David, my cousin, my friend, my family. I'll meet you in Heaven some day. We can talk "shop" about all of our experiences as State Police Troopers. We can share the laughs that we got when excuses were made on the road by citizens that we had the pleasure of dealing with. :-) You fought like a true Trooper should until God called you. My seven year old daughter, Taylor, said, "Even God needs Troopers in Heaven to help fight off the evil soul of Satan!" God Bless your family in these times. Dani, Denise, and Don. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all. Your cousin, Trooper Ailene Bitnar, #920, Michigan State Police*

Trooper Ailene Bitnar - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I have only heard good things about Dave through his very good friend Stacy Bartels. I had the pleasure of meeting him briefly only once - what a pleasant man! My condolences go to Stacy and all of his family - I know he will be very missed.

Kristine Bierscheid - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I had the opportunity to work with Dave at the Academy over the years in several different areas of training, and have many good memories. My family has Dave and his family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless - The White Family
(Timothy/Angela/Lindsey/Cory)

Timothy J. White Ret. Sgt - February 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ It was my pleasure to be the chairperson of the hiring board for the Wisconsin State Patrol when Dave started his career with the state. Dave was one of those hired that I was continually proud of. At the time he was hired, he promised that we would not be disappointed if we hired him. His dedication, work ethics and job performance certainly kept that promise. The Wisconsin State Patrol has lost an exceptional person. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Michael Moore - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I did not know Trooper Hertig, but I would like to offer my condolences to the family. He obviously was a very loyal person.
Sincerely,
James S. Peterson Sgt. WSP #49 (retired)
Shawano, WI

Jim Peterson - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Thank you very much for the kind words and many prayers we have received over the years. Dave had so many wonderful memories and stories about his friends. We can't thank you enough for your support during this trying time. Remember to live life to the fullest and enjoy each moment. Dave Hertig Family

Don Hertig, Dani Poquette, Denise Duke - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Had the privilege to work alongside Dave when he was assigned to Marinette County and I was working for the Village of Crivitz. We shared a lot of laughs and I'll always remember Dave's extreme dedication to his profession. Godspeed Dave..."452 10-42"

Chad Nehring - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Dear Don,
I was saddened to see David's obituary in today's paper. I never met Dave but I know how proud you were of him when we talked over the years. Just want you to know I am thinking of you and your family. I'll always remember you as an excellent county board memeber and a member of the Health and Human Services Board. My sincere condolences.

Bob Jarentowski

Bob Jarentowski - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ My condolences to Dave's family, May you feel the comfort of God's presence in your loss. The Wisconsin State Patrol was better for Dave being a member. I remember Dave from his days with the Fond du Lac post.

Neal Sieglaff - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“*Dave Hertig was the embodiment of all that is good in those who chose to serve their fellow citizens. His dedication and loyalty to his profession combined with his pride in being a member of the Wisconsin State Patrol was obvious in his words and deeds.*

" A great deal of talent is lost in this world for the want of a little courage"-Sydney Smith

Dave showed all of us what courage looks like.

Doug Notbohm - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“*I've had the honor and privilege of working with Dave over the years. His professionalism, dedication and all around good-heartedness will surely be missed. He will forever be in my thoughts as a brother in the Wisconsin State Patrol.*

Brad Altman - WSP Madison - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GB

“*I got to know Dave over the years through in-services and his work at The State Patrol Academy. We were not close friends, however, he was part of the extended State Patrol family. I will miss those occasional encounters, and conversations with him. God bless.*

Gary Bauer - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I had the great fortune to be able to call David a friend. He was always easy to talk to and genuinely interested in what was going on in your world. He was a true friend and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends. Peace be with you.

Michele J. Martino - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I had only met Dave a few times but was impressed with his professionalism and character. Some of the "old timers" of my department knew Dave better and always spoke highly of him. My condolences to his family and may God Bless.

Sheriff Jeff Jaeger - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dave was more than a friend to us, he was like a son. He will be missed more than we can express. We will miss his campfire cooking and his tall stories about his hunting trips and the many times he would check on us to see if we were OK or need something done. I will miss the many hours we spent together making saddles for his "Luke". May your new trail be a happier one.

Jerry & Joan Jensen - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dave, was a very nice person. He was my supervisor at Shopko years ago. He always had a positive attitude. He will be missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kathy Heyrman - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ Dave was a great man that touched the hearts of many. May his spirit live on and may everyone remember how special Dave was. Peace be with him.

Nikki Oudeans - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Worked with Dave at Shopko many years ago, he left such a last impression on myself as well as many others we worked with. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He will be greatly missed by everyone he has touched over the years. Peace to my friend.

Terrie Gokey - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ David and I were good friends in our days at Marquette University. We were to be roommates until I got a job as a Resident Advisor. Still have great memories of those long past college days. Ran into him after our college days and joked with him, hoping some day he would pull me over on Hwy 43. My thoughts are with you

Gary Spielbauer - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear friend and neighbor from the days at Shopko. The memories of all the great times we had will live on. May you find peace in heaven.

James Wegener - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *I shared a cubicle with Dave while he was awaiting his heart/lung transplant operation. He was one of the finest people I've ever had the privilege to know. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all those close to him. He will surely be missed.*

Rich Flick - February 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM