



Danny Lee Hillis

September 20, 1945 - May 15, 2006

Danny Lee Hillis

60, of Emmett Township died Monday May 15, 2006 at home.

He was born September 20, 1945 in Port Huron, Michigan the son of Harold and Ila Hillis.

His marriage to Marion Johnson of Goodells was January 23, 1970 in Yale.

He was 1964 graduate of Yale High School.

Dan served his country with the U. S. Army from 1965-1967.

He was employed by Detroit Edison as a power plant operator for 33 years.

He was active in the Utility Workers Union of America Local #223 and was a former chairman of the Greenwood and Marysville power plants for many years until his retirement in June of 2003.

Dan enjoyed hunting, horseback riding, playing pool, and sports of all kinds.

He managed his sons little league baseball teams for many years and never missed any of his sons football and basketball games through four years of high school.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Marion of 35 years are 2 sons and a daughter-in-law Jason and Rachel Hillis of Emmett, Craig Hillis and fiancée Stephanie Trogden of Avoca; 3 grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, and Ryan Hillis of Emmett; his father, Harold Hillis of Emmett; brother and sister-in-law, David and Barb Hillis of Greenfield, IN, 2 sisters and a brother-in-law Karen Thorne of Ft. Gratiot, and Linda and Dave Bugajski of Wales; mother-in-law, Eileen

Johnson of Kenockee; longtime friends Denny and Verna Roy of Yale; 26 sisters and brothers-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Ila Hillis; sister, Susan Keillor; and brothers-in-law, Russ and Bruce Johnson, George Jacobson, and Jerry Neaton.

His family honors the memory of Dan and invite you to visit and share Wednesday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Emmett, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Paul Czarnota, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Kenockee Cemetery, Kenockee Township.

Pallbearers will be Trevor and Jared Thorner, Philip Parrish, Denny Roy, Jr., Sean Quain, and Jason LaMay. Honorary pallbearers will be Dennis Roy Sr. and Ed O'Wczarski.

Memorials may be made to the "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
10828 Brandon Road
Emmett, MI 48022
(810) 384-1338

Tribute Wall



“ I just found out about Danny and wanted to tell you how sorry I am. I know there is little anyone can say at this time to make things any easier but I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am in North Carolina or I would be there. If there is anything I can do in any way please know that I am here for you!##imported-begin##Kathy Kretschmann##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 11:55 AM



“ Dear Marion & family,
Larry & I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. May you find peace in your heart knowing he is in a better place with our Lord.
Sincerely,
Larry & BJ Sharpe
2206 Cheyenne Avenue
Lawton, OK 73505##imported-begin##Larry & Bette Jo Sharpe##imported-end##

May 18, 2006 at 08:22 AM



“ Dear Marion,
We are so sorry to hear about Danny and send our prayers and love to you and your family. We will always cherish the fun times we all had at Greenwood Power Plant hayrides, euchre parties and dances. Danny was always, always smiling and was a true friend! We will miss him dearly.
All our love and sympathy to you,
Bob & Peg##imported-begin##Bob & Peggy Cooley##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 07:50 PM



“ Our prayers are with you##imported-begin##Frank Giamportone
Blairsville Ga.##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 04:15 PM



“ It has been a long time, but I remember how Danny always seemed
to be right there when I pulled into the Goodells fairgrounds. He
never hesitated to jump right in and help me get my horse out of the
trailer. You couldn't help but smile when he was around. My
thoughts and prayers are with you; I'm so sorry for your loss. Love,
Amanda##imported-begin##Amanda Mack##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 02:23 PM



“ Marion, boys and family, we want you all to know you are all in our
prayers. Danny was a swell guy, with a great smile that will surely
be missed. Sincerely the Krosnickis##imported-begin##George and
Sharon Krosnicki##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 02:10 PM



“ Danny was at our house in Avoca many, many times when I was
growing up, and was a good friend of my sister, Linda, and cousin
John Chandler. He always was welcome, and we loved to have him
come. He was a shot in the arm, as they say, and always made you
feel good. He will be missed by the Brooks family. I am a breast
cancer survivor, and am grateful for every normal, dull day, so I feel
his death from cancer. His death came too, too soon.##imported-
begin##Judy Brooks McGinn##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 09:11 AM



“ Marion & Family,

Danny was a special soul here on this earth. It was a pleasure to know him and we wish the family peace and fulfillment in the days to come.##imported-begin##Lory Jean & Ed Roberts##imported-end##

May 17, 2006 at 09:10 AM



“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time.

Rick & Marilyn Carr##imported-begin##Rick & Marilyn Carr##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 04:59 PM



“ Dear family and friends of Danny,

Danny was one of my very best friends in the class of '64. He watched over me and cared for me. Though I have rarely seen him since we graduated, I will always love him and cherish the memoirs. God bless you all.

Linda Brooks##imported-begin##Linda Brooks##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 01:54 PM



“ Dear Marion: Our hearts go out to each of you at this time of sadness. We loved Danny - he was our pal from high school & before and considered him a very dear friend. His smiling face will be missed.##imported-begin##Cheryl Deneweth & Bump Chandler##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Marion & Boys,
I wanted to take a minute to tell you how I felt about your Dad. Coming into a family as large as yours was sure overwhelming! Dan always greeted me with his big, beautiful smile & welcomed me warmly. I will always remember him fondly. Thinking of those fun times at the Avoca Edison hall, him standing there with Jerry Neaton, Jerry Werthman & Bill Parrish. He will be missed by many. My heart & prayers are with you all.

Love,

Angela##imported-begin##Richard & Angela Mahon##imported-end##

May 16, 2006 at 01:29 PM