



## David Eugene Hanks

October 29, 1949 - November 28, 2021

David Eugene Hanks, 72, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021, in Pilot Point, TX. David was born October 29, 1949, in Abilene, TX to Horace Eugene Hanks and Maxine E. Eastis. David married Margie Inez Snow on July 23, 1977, in Irving, TX.

David proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He continually served not only his country as a Marine from November 1, 1966, to May 1, 1970, when he was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant E-5 but also his community. After serving one combat tour in Vietnam, he returned to Abilene and became a Deputy Sheriff with Taylor County Sheriff's Department. He then joined the Irving Police Department on May 21, 1972. "Officer Hanks," as he was known to many, had the opportunity to serve in many positions of the rapidly growing Irving Police Department. He held positions as Irving's first K-9 handler, was a motorcycle officer, narcotics officer, patrol, SWAT, CID, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain. Jokingly, David always said the department couldn't figure out what he was best at, so they kept moving him hoping to find the right fit. David retired from Irving Police Department on January 28, 1998. David then served 13 years with Denton County Sheriff's Department as a reserve Sergeant. David was extremely proud of the men and women he had the opportunity to serve with; after over 41 years as a commissioned law enforcement Officer, he finally retired. But wait there's more, he then went to work for the City of Keller Police

Department as the 911 Dispatch NETCOM manager for five years.

David had a servant's heart and a tireless work ethic, but his true passion was enjoying time with family and especially spoiling his five grandkids who affectionately called him "Pop." David restored Corvettes and enjoyed RVing in his spare time and was known as the Redneck MacGyver. There was nothing he couldn't tear up and nothing he couldn't repair. If you ever met David it was said to be an encounter not just a meeting, we will never know all the lives he touched and the people he has inspired. We love David and will miss him greatly.

David is survived by his wife, Margie Hanks of Pilot Point, TX; son, Michael Eugene Hanks and wife Nicole of Pilot Point, TX; daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Lowry and husband Ryan of Corinth, TX; five grandchildren, Easton, Cason, McKenna, Callyn, and Merritt; father and mother in-law, Sonny and Betty Snow of Pilot Point, TX; brothers-in-law; Don Johnson and wife Diane of Pilot Point, TX, Shawn Kilgore and wife Sandra of Argyle, TX, and Marney Snow and wife Denise of Colleyville, TX; nieces and nephews, Trey Snow, Samantha Reinier, Cassie Snow, Ethan Kilgore and Zach Kilgore.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Horace and Maxine Hanks of Abilene, TX; and brother in-law Tommy Tucker of Coppell, TX.

Visitation will be held 6:30PM-8:00PM, Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. A funeral service will begin at 12:30PM, Friday, December 3, 2021, at Midway Church in Pilot Point, TX. Interment will follow at Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery in Mountain Springs, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations in memory of David to pancreatic cancer research or to helping people who been affected by this devastating disease at <https://www.pancan.org/>

You may also donate in memory of David's lifelong service for his country and community at the Irving Police Association. Mail your donations to P.O. Box 170877 Irving, TX 75017. You may also visit their website to view all their worthy causes that your donation will help fund at <http://www.irvingpoliceassociation.com/>

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery

Mt Pleasant Rd  
Valley View, TX 76272  
<https://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
[info@slaymemorial.com](mailto:info@slaymemorial.com)  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 12:30 PM (CT)

Midway Church  
9540 US-377  
Pilot Point, TX 76258

## Burial

DEC 3 (CT)

Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery

Mt Pleasant Rd

Valley View, TX 76272

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met David while carpooling with Margie to the University of North Texas in Denton. Margie was driving one morning and out of nowhere this motorcycle cop comes up behind us. David proceeds to tell Margie that she had been speeding, and of course she had not been, but I guess it was just a reason to pull her over to see her. I could instantly see the love he had for her and that love lasted forever. Since he was older, I always respected the wisdom that he shared with me through the years. He loved helping people and he had a huge heart. David was a gentle giant, who cared deeply for his family. He was a great son, husband, dad and Pops who will be missed immensely. Those Who Hope in the Lord Will Renew Their Strength ...They Will Soar on Wings Like Eagles Isaiah 40:31 Ride high, Dear David.

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**Kim Frit** - December 02, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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“ I drove out to see my Great Aunt Maxine (David's mom) when she was living on his property. My girls and I had a wonderful visit, talked about her recovery from all the things that were causing her issues and got some wonderful photos together. We then went out to the shed/barn and watched as David worked on things that needed fixing. He was always chatting about family and friends. He loved people so well. I always felt heard and wanted when I was around him. He had the gift his mom and aunts had. The Eastis grit. I didn't get photos with him that day because I always believed there would be more time for things like that. Cancer steals so much from so many. He was always smiling or looking serious about something he was working on. I will miss his wisdom, our Facebook messages and emails. He is yet another link to my history that is now gone too soon. Prayers to everyone who loved him. I love him so much.

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**Criztina** - November 30, 2021 at 09:22 PM

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“ I worked with David at the Irving Police Department. He was always professional, and I can honestly say I never saw him in a bad mood. You could always count on him to get the job done - anything that was assigned to him. The twinkle in his eyes made you think he knew something you hadn't caught onto yet! I considered it an honor to have worked with him.

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**Gloria Darnell Willingham** - November 30, 2021 at 09:08 PM