



David Dwight Hess

April 21, 1957 - August 6, 2024

David Dwight (“D’Moe,” “Whitey”) Hess, 67, of Hartford City passed away on August 6, 2024.

Dwight was born on April 21, 1957, to parents David and Barbara Hess, in Matthews, Indiana. He later moved to Upland, Indiana, and graduated from Eastbrook High School. He studied at Lincoln Tech to become a mechanic, specializing in German vehicles, and spent most of his career at Mercedes Benz of Fort Wayne.

He married his former wife, Kim (Huston) Hess, in 1986, moved to Andrews, Indiana, and is survived by their two children, Alyson (Jeremy Weiks) Hess of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Zen (Jessica) Hess of Waco, Texas, and three grandchildren (Emmalyn, Dietrich, and Penelope). He is also survived by his parents, seven siblings (Dan, Kirsten, Kerri, Kelly, Kathryn, Darrin, and Doug), and several nieces and nephews, and was preceded in death by his sister, Karen. He also leaves behind his beloved dog, Rufus (“Roofy”).

Dwight was a fan of classic rock and roll, the supernatural, and the great outdoors. You could often spot him out and about exploring by way of his giant orange tractor, four-wheeler, an assortment of old Mercedes Benz, his tiny red truck, or his trusty tricycle (almost always accompanied by Roofy).

Dwight was as supportive as they come, often helping family and friends with their cars, house projects, or other troubles.

Those who knew Dwight learned many lessons from him. Hardly anything is trash; just about everything has a future use if you think outside the box

enough. Music can never be too loud. Blew your car speaker? You can always replace it. Who cares if you know the right words? Make 'em up! Question and dissect everything. A curious mind keeps you sharp and means you're able to toss out fun facts during almost any thread of conversation. If you want to remember something, piece something together, or pause and revisit a deep thought later, it must be scribbled down on the nearest scrap of paper (and preferably taped on or near whatever object it relates to), else the thought may evade you forever. And most importantly, live as fully as you can, while you can.

The family has held a private service in Dwight's memory, and asks that, in lieu of gifts, donations be made to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (indianaNRF.org), which supports the preservation of the state parks and public lands that Dwight loved and would wish to see maintained for future generations.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of David Dwight Hess.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ My first husband (Skip Hutt) and Dwight went to Lincoln tech together. We did some crazy trips to DC for the great smoke outs in a Mercedes and then a VW lol I was just telling a story to friends last week and decided to search for him on FB I'm so sorry for your loss he was a very kind and gentle sole

robin - September 14, 2024 at 09:41 PM

GJ

“ Glad I got to know Dwight during our years at Eastbrook Jr. High. He was always smiling and was a little shy. I'll never forget the time he got hurt in basketball practice while we were running backward. I took off my T-shirt and wrap it around his head. He busted his head but he stayed calm, cool, & collect. Great guy! Dwight was blessed with a great Family whom I always admired. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Gary James - August 12, 2024 at 10:32 PM

CS

“ Loved going through school with Dwight, always had a big smile! Prayers to all his family. Carla Ferguson Stevens

Carla Ferguson Stevens - August 10, 2024 at 08:39 PM

CE

“ *Dwhite had the most infectious laugh! We had a lot of good times together as teens riding dirt bikes and hanging out together. Riding at Barney's as much as we could and working on our bikes between. He was a year older than me and sometimes he would swing by my house and pick me up so I wouldn't have to ride the bus. He had a 4x4 and when you rode with him you never knew when he would decide to drive off the road. I remember hitting my head on the ceiling once when all of a sudden we were sailing across a corner he cut through a field. My prayers go out for the family and friends. I have many fond memories of Dwhite!* ”

Clyde Ewbank - August 09, 2024 at 01:00 PM

RK

“ *Zen sending you peace and prayers - thinking of you and your family.* ”



RhondaBauer Kattau - August 09, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MS

“ *Our sympathy to the Hess Family. Zen & Preston had a lot of fun times when they were kids at the Hess property and Dwight was right out there with them. He helped me out a time or two with repairs on our BMW. Dwight was a kind and thoughtful guy. May he rest in peace.* ”

Marcia Smith & Family

Marcia Smith - August 08, 2024 at 04:51 PM