



Richard Dale Hinkein

October 7, 1950 - July 28, 2025

Richard Dale Hinkein, 74, of Germantown, NY passed away Monday July 28, 2025 in Rhinebeck, NY. Born October 7, 1950 in Detroit, MI, he is the son of Richard C. and JoAnn (Scott) Hinkein.

Upon graduation from high school, Dale enlisted in the United States Army, honorably serving from 1968-1970. His career was with the United States Postal Service mostly in East Greenbush and retiring as Postmaster of Columbiaville, NY. Dale was an avid hunter and he loved attending car shows. He was notorious throughout Columbia County during the Christmas season as Santa Claus. His community involvement was extensive serving as Commissioner and member of the Germantown Hose Co #1., as well as Captain of the Fire Police. Dale was Past President and very active with the Germantown Alumni Association, attending every activity and banquet held. He was also a member of the Germantown American Legion, Germantown Sportsmen's Club and coach in the Germantown Little League. His enjoyment of softball was fulfilled playing in both the Germantown and Hudson Men's City League Softball Leagues.

Dale will be forever loved and remembered by his son Eric Hinkein, grandchildren Leah, Gavin and Laina, siblings Sandy Crisco, Janet Fowler (Ken), Vivian Jackson, Karen Hinkein, Randy Hinkein (Lisa), Paula Hinkein, Jerri Richardson (Randy), and Keith Hinkein (Traci). Dale is also survived by his uncle Ralph Hinkein, aunts Susie Scott and Gloria Ruman, sister in law Debbie McLean and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dale was predeceased by his wife Karen McLean Hinkein.

Visitation will be Friday August 1, 2025 from 3:00-6:00pm. Funeral services are Saturday August 2, 2025 at 10:00am. All services are from the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home 110 Green St. Hudson, NY.

Interment will be in Valley View Cemetery Germantown, NY. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Germantown Hose Co. #1 PO Box 331 Germantown, NY 12526.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

Germantown, NY

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

AUG 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ I remember dale from GCS through the years, remembered when his family moved to Germantown from Micjhigan in the early 1960's. I remember getting together at the GCS alumni. Just spent time with Dale at recent car show in Germantown on July 19th. Prayers and codolences to his son and family.

Steve Klawson 1968 GCS classmate.

Steven Klawson - August 06, 2025 at 04:00 PM

XF

“ Xavier Francis lit a candle in memory of Richard Hinkein



Xavier Francis - August 04, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TC

“ Dale was such a positive person in my childhood. A great friend to my Mom and Dad and always nice to me. I can't think of many who represented Germantown as well as he did.

Tara Cort - August 01, 2025 at 08:36 PM

PM

“ Patricia M Moskaluk lit a candle in memory of Richard Hinkein



Patricia M Moskaluk - July 30, 2025 at 09:03 PM

MB

“ *Richard (Dale to me) graduated from Germantown Central with my sister Judy Bartolotta-Arthur --I remember Dale at family parties over his high school years. He was such a wonderful individual. My sister Gloria Santacroce, John Margan and I enjoyed sitting together at the Alumni Banquet at Red's -- just a few weeks ago. So enjoyed chatting throughout the evening. It is with such sadness to hear of his passing -- hard to believe. To his entire family cherish memories -- they will last forever in your hear. God Bless. Mary Lou Bartolotta-Connolly*

Mary Lou Bartolotta-Connolly - July 30, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JA

“ *Words can't express my sadness. I will miss the phone calls. May you rest in peace my dear friend. God bless your son and your family. Much love.*

Judith E Arthur - July 29, 2025 at 09:23 AM

JA

“ *Judith E Arthur lit a candle in memory of Richard Hinkein*



Judith E Arthur - July 29, 2025 at 09:16 AM