



William Donald Hanna

August 5, 1971 - October 26, 2021

William D. Hanna, a resident of Madison Heights, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the age of 50. A son of the late Clifton Hanna and Christine Riggs, he was born on August 5, 1971 in Detroit.

William attended Hazel Park High School before starting his career in floor maintenance. After working for Oakridge Markets for 34 years, he joined Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. William was particularly proud of this career choice because he had to overcome smoking in order to work at the hospital. Dedicated to his profession, he never called in sick. William married the love of his life, Shannon (nee Strong), in October of 1994 at St. Justin's Catholic Church in Hazel Park.

In William's hands were always cans of Monster, Diet Mountain Dew, and Guinness. He appreciated fine cigars. William was only quiet until you got to know him, and then you could never get him to quiet down. He could make a joke about anything and anyone, pushing people's buttons until they broke out in laughter. William went on virtual adventures with the Bathory Hordes, an online gaming community for Dungeons and Dragons. He was passionate about console and computer games.

William was a sentimental man. He loved his family above all else. One of his favorite things was hanging out late into the night, talking with his family over

a few drinks, having a good time and listening to old songs. William's memories were often accompanied by music. Reliable and selfless, William stood up for what he believed in. He will be remembered as a good person who was loved dearly by his family.

Beloved husband of Shannon, joined in love for 27 years. Loving father of Amber (Nicholas) Smith, Rachel (Kyle Thompson) Hanna, and William Hanna. "Papa Hanna" to Makayla Budry, Piper Smith, Tessa Smith. Treasured brother of Debra (Shawn) Wellbaum. Dear son-in-law of Kathleen and the late Jerome G. Strong, and grandson of Barbara Montgomery, the late Wilfred and the late Theresa Riggs (nee Guimond). Best friend of Joseph Corsetti. William will also be missed by his Godchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

A memorial visitation for William will be held on Wednesday, November 3, from 4:00 until 8:00 pm with a memorial service at 7:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks East of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
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Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Willam was the best brother Inlaw that I ever had. He was an amazing man good father wonderful husband. He always had worked nights but always made it to every single party or family event, no matter how tired he was. He will truly be missed and always loved*

Terry Strong - November 03, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



November 03, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MC

“ There aren't words to let you know how sorry I am about the loss of Will. Will was one of the most dependable, reliable, hardest working, nicest humans in this world. He was also there to lend a hand, and never shied away from hard work. Will was my husband's right hand man, he was always there whenever my husband needed his help, no matter what he was asked to help with. You could also rely on Will, and could count on him to do the job, and do the job right. For me personally, Will stepped up to do something no person should ever have to do after my own father's death, but Will did not hesitate, and it just shows how selfless of a man Will was.

Will took pride in anything he did. He was a perfectionist, whether it be putting up stock, doing floors, pool furniture at the owner's house, or literally any job he had before him. Will would never just let something subpar slide. If someone messed something up, Will would inevitably fix it the right way. I was lucky enough to know Will, and see him often, as I would tag along to Oak Ridge with my husband all the time. Will is also my birthday buddy, I could always count on a birthday text from him on our birthday (if me and my husband weren't already at the store). Every time I went into the store, you could always count on him with a monster in hand, a cardboard box that he had perfectly rigged to hold his monster can without tipping on the cart. You could also count on the fact that if you went down the cake aisle, you would see that the pineapple upside down cake box was indeed upside down on the shelf - a little "thing" he did. When I would be helping the guys doing the floors, Will was always my source of knowledge/my teacher, because he had patience and wanted to make sure I was doing it right, even though I hate "Susie" the vacuum! I much preferred to be "Subway girl" and make the guys sub sandwiches - NO ONIONS for Will! There are so many good memories of Will, I wish I had a better memory to remember more, but Will always was and always will be a great memory in mine and my husband's life. There is no words that can express how much I wish he was still here, but until we meet again, rest in peace. I know how proud you were of your family, and your love for them, as you spoke about them every time we saw you.

Shannon, Rachel, and Willy - I am truly sorry for your incredible loss and wish you peace in this difficult time. I am forever grateful to call Will a friend.

Meredith Corsetti - November 02, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



November 01, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



November 01, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



October 31, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



October 31, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Nathan M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



Nathan M. - October 30, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



October 30, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Tom, Dan, Stacie, Amy, Jason & Kids purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Donald Hanna.*



Tom, Dan, Stacie, Amy, Jason & Kids - October 30, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JC

“ I met Will almost exactly 17 years to the day when I started doing maintenance work at Oakridge and they bought the Hoover road store. Little did I know we would become such good friends. When I took over all the repairs for the stores, he became the go-to guy that never turned down extra cash or work. He was always ready to help build the multiple flower tents every year, or power wash meat departments, paint lines in parking lots (crooks) or do whatever job the owners could think up that they wanted done that required more than just me.

Will was a very trusted and loyal Oakridge employee, as he was the only person I took to the owners private homes and other businesses. I really felt bad when my wife found him a position at Beaumont doing floors as I could tell Will knew a big chapter of his life was coming to an end working at oakridge, but after the first week he was beaming with pride as he kept getting complimented on his work refinishing the floors of the hospital. He just couldn't figure out how everybody couldn't do the same job. I reminded him we did floors for Oakridge and not everybody takes pride in floors like we did at "The Ridge". We knew if it wasn't perfect at Oakridge one of the owners or managers would see it and call us out and make us fix it, so better to do it right the first time than have to listen to somebody complain about it.

We did a lot of other crappy jobs together and not going to lie, we frequently bitched, pissed, and moaned while doing them, but we got them done and had pride in them until somebody inevitably fu**ed them up (which was usually pretty quick).


There are so many stories from the last 17 years, there isn't enough room on the internet. I know he was very proud of his kids. He always said Rachel reminded him of his mother, working in the medical field. There was was no denying him and Willy were two peas-in-a-pod. He was so proud of Willy going to MSU this fall. Don't get me started on flamingos, I hope there are lots in heaven, just because, if you know then you know.

Until we meet again- rest easy AL.

-Joe Corsetti


Joe Corsetti - October 29, 2021 at 07:48 PM

SH

“ *William, You have been the love of my life for over 32 years. You are the best husband and father a woman could ever dream of. I cannot believe that this is real. I have no idea how I’m going to get through this, I cannot imagine a world without you in it. The pain is unbearable, my heart is absolutely broken. I’m at a loss for words, just numb. I will love you forever and ever until we meet again* 

Shannon - October 28, 2021 at 03:47 PM

RA

“ *My dad was the most selfless person I have ever met. His love was unconditional and unlike any other. I will forever miss seeing him drinking his monster energy drinks and having a tall glass of Guinness beer. I’m proud to be able to call you my dad and grateful for all of the good times we shared*  *Love you and I will miss you forever!*

Rachel - October 28, 2021 at 02:14 PM