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Martin D. “Hoagie” Furnish, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, August 19, 2017. He was born on December 2, 1942 in New Albany, IN, son of the late Richard and Justine (Martin) Furnish.

Hoagie was best known as the Shrine clown who loved to entertain children (and adults). He is a Past Master of Jefferson Lodge, No. 15 AF & AM in Lewes, DE and was Past Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. He was also Boss Clown of Nur Shrine Clowns of Wilmington, DE and President of the Mid Atlantic Shrine Clown Association. Hoagie was a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington. Hoagie loved his motorhome (Ava) and would camp anywhere, anytime. He and his stories will be dearly missed by many friends and family.

He leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Eileen Furnish; his four children: daughter Tina Clendaniel and husband, John; son Dean Furnish and wife, Sheila; daughter Cheryl Mills and husband, Greg; and daughter Becky Huling and husband, Mark. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.


Graveside services will be held on Thursday Aug. 24, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Henlopen Memorial Park, 28787 Lockerman Road, Milton, DE.

Friends may call on Wednesday evening from 6-9PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where masonic services will be held at 7:30 PM.


In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Hoagie’s memory to Shriner’s Hospital for Children, 3551 North Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19140; a cause near and dear to Hoagie’s heart.



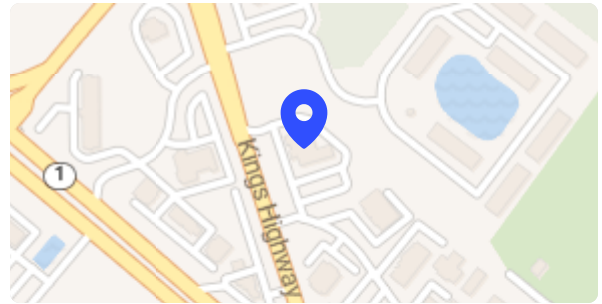
Friends May Call

 **Wednesday**, August 23, 2017

 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**


16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



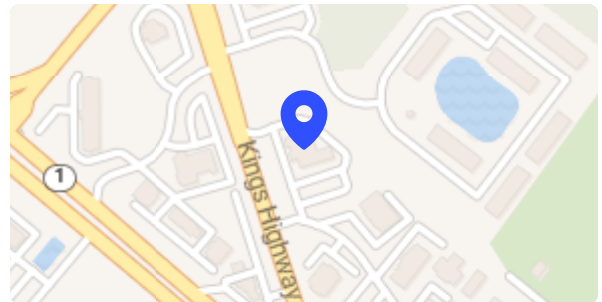
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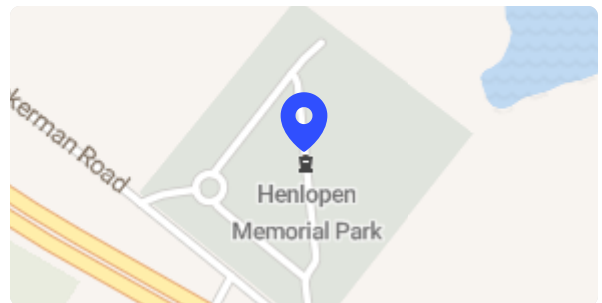
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 28 at 5:44 AM



Robert Myers posted:

Martin looked (and acted) like Elvis Presley when I was 9 & 10 years old attending Mrs. White's 4th then Mrs. Ingram's 5th grade classes and my family lived in the First Baptist church parsonage on Kings Highway in Lewes. Martin lived in a trailer home with his pleasant parents on the other side of a farm for retired sulky-trained bay thoroughbreds with its lane that connected our house to his. He and his beautiful girlfriend (she looked like Audrey Hepburn) would take me, maybe as a practice kid, to Rehoboth Beach where we'd stroll the boardwalk. He was the best older brother though we weren't related. It was the favorite place I lived growing up. Ellen and I visited Lewes in 2019 when my sister-in-law's play was being staged and I drove that farm lane to the little park with the brown trailer. I didn't knock for some reason, and now I know he wouldn't have answered the door. My thoughts are with Martin's family.

February 1 at 4:52 AM



Judy & Lisa From Becky's Salon posted:

Mrs. Furnish and family.....We are very sorry for your loss. I only met Martin (Hoagie) once. We had a great conversation about his new scooter. He explained to me how much he liked it and that it was able to be taken apart and he was able to transport it in the motor home. He was happy because he was outside in the fresh air and sunshine. We shared a laugh or two and I was on my way.

August 25 at 4:05 PM



Judy & Lisa From Becky's Salon lit a candle in honor of Martin.



August 25 at 3:46 PM



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Allen & Diana Riley lit a candle in honor of Martin.

Eileen, sincerest sympathies to you & all the family. Many memories to cherish forever of all the good times shared with Martin. May God Bless you always. Allen & Diana Riley

August 25 at 3:48 AM



Nancy Evans posted:

heartfelt sympathies and love from The Evans family

August 23 at 6:04 AM



Jodi Cabrin lit a candle in honor of Martin.

All of our memories of Hoagie bring huge smiles to our faces. He truly was one of a kind. He will be missed by everyone he ever meet!!!lustrious Sir Tom Carney & Jodi Fried

August 23 at 5:40 AM



Angela King sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Furnish family.

August 23 at 3:41 AM



Naomi Rickards lit a candle in honor of Martin.

Eileen and family, My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Naomi L Rickards

August 22 at 9:20 AM





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John W. Dean II posted:

Tina & Family,I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.John W. Dean IIMilton, Delaware

August 22 at 3:07 AM



David & Cathy Joiner August 22 at 7:22 AM

David&Cathy Joiner send sincere condolences to Martins Family. David remembers he and Martin playing the guitar together in a school play ,when they were young.



Susan Fisher lit a candle in honor of Martin.

Eileen and family,Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your husband, father, and grandfather.I've known Martin since we were teenagers, he always enjoyed camping and making people laughSusan Fisher

August 21 at 12:59 PM



From Cheryl's Family At Bennett Elementary sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Furnish family.

August 21 at 11:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Furnish family.

August 21 at 8:05 AM





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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY
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REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The text 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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