



Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin

January 13, 1962 - March 27, 2017

Daniel (Tiny) Dean Rankin, age 55 of Knoxville, Iowa passed away on Monday, morning, March 27, 2017, in Knoxville.

A Celebration of life will start at 3:00 P.M., on March 31, 2017 with a prayer officiated by Bill McDonald. Family will be greeting guests until 6:00 P.M., open mic beginning from 5-6 P.M. to share memories at National Sprint Car Hall of Fame (2nd Floor) located at One Sprint Car Capital Place, Knoxville, Iowa. Sprint car apparel is welcome.

Tiny Was born in Knoxville, Iowa on January 13, 1962. Tiny was self-employed, his specialty was installing siding. He was an amazing son, father, brother, grandfather "papa", and friend. He enjoyed playing cards, bags, watching sprint car and NASCAR racing and spending time with his family and friends.

Tiny is survived by his three children, Jeremy Rankin (Sarah Kennedy, children; Blayton, Coultan, Karalee), Staci Rankin (Jamie Holmes, children; Braxton, Rilyn, Taylor and Kaylyn) and Daniel Rankin (child; William). His mother; Olive Rankin, seven siblings; Janice Fouch (husband Mike, children; Heather, Samantha, Silvia, and Laura (Cody, and children; Jackson, Kinsley, Remi, and Quinlyn), Jeannie Bachman (children; Cody, (child Kindley) and Luke), Judy Philben (husband Kerry, child; Kristen (Davey and child; Halle) Jackie Beaver (husband Robert, children Jocelyn and Jordan), Jennifer Norman (husband Joe), Darwin Rankin (child, Dalton), David Rankin (child, Kirstie) and many other family and friends.

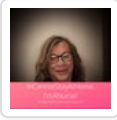
Tiny is preceded in death by his father, Donald Darwin Rankin.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the family for final expenses.

Events

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	National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum	
	One Sprint Capital Place, Knoxville, IA, US	

Comments



“ Sherrie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Sherrie Marshall - April 01, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ Staci, Jeremy, and Daniel,

We are sad beyond words at the loss of your father. There is a circle of caring all around you; it is made up of friends and family who love you and know how difficult this loss is for you. Although we can not make it tonight, please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

With love,
DMJ, Heather, Kaden and Kameron

Heather Agnew-Moore - March 31, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin.



March 31, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Larry And Steph DeVos lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Larry and Steph DeVos - March 30, 2017 at 08:35 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss.. Tiny was a great fun guy.. always had a smile on his face.. RIP Tiny..

Teresa Glover - March 30, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ Tiny will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. He was always fun to be with & anybody that ever met him couldn't help but like him. He was that kind of a guy. He pretty much liked everybody, not sure I ever heard him say a bad word about anybody. He would always take time to help anybody that needed it even if he really didn't have the time. RIP Tiny & GOD BLESS all of Tiny's family & extended family @ this very difficult time.

Wally Hopf

Wally Hopf - March 30, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ Tina Baldock-Hickman lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Tina Baldock-Hickman - March 30, 2017 at 01:37 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the friends and family of "Tiny". He was the kindest and brightest soul I've ever met. May he remain in our hearts and inspire us to share joy with all those that enter our life.
Joni Dahl

Joni - March 30, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ Charlie & Carolan Brooks lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Charlie & Carolan Brooks - March 29, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Olive and the entire Rankin family. Tiny always said hello with a smile on his face. Charlie says Tiny and he always got along. Tiny was well known for his work ethic, always doing a wonderful job for his customers!

Charlie - March 29, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ I have been going races in Knoxville from either Sioux Falls or my current residence of Minneapolis all 55 years of my life. I will never go again without thinking of Tiny and what fun he brought to the day or evening. He was always so willing to give you hand if you needed it and always took the time to how things were going for me. RIP Tiny and you will never be forgotten.
John Cozad

John Cozad - March 29, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ Tiny was one of a kind. He always had a friendly hello, hug, and kiss every time I saw him. Knoxville and Dingus won't be the same without him. R.I.P Tiny.

Leslie VanderLinden - March 29, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ Brenda Horman lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Brenda Horman - March 29, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ Tiny was so upbeat and positive when he sided our house a little over a year ago. He did a Great job, he always had a smile on his face and pleasant to be around. We were so saddened by the news....prayers to all of you in this very difficult time
Suzie and Doyle

Suzie Rankin - March 29, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ where do i start? Tiny and i were friends growing up. We were Jr. league bowlers together, coworkers at HyVee, men's bowling league teammates, city tournament bowling partners (Tiny loved to bowl). We "scooped the loop" a million times with the stereo cranked and the windows down! We drove push trucks together at the race track. We were race fans together. He liked Sammy and i liked Wolfy, but we got past that. :-) Tiny and i were also brothers-in-law for many years. During those years we played countless games of Pitch, Spades and pool together. We made trips to D.M. for siding, and a few trips to Missouri for beer. Tiny and i shared a LOT of great times together. If you got bored when you were with Tiny, something was wrong with you! There was always something to do. Those memories always have been, and always will be special to me. Even though we went our separate ways after Jan and I divorced, Tiny would always greet me with a big smile and "Hey Dish, how the hell are you?" Then we'd stand and talk about the good ol' days for while. That's what a true friend does. That's what Tiny did, each and every time. I'll miss that. I'll miss him.

Steve Dishman

Steve Dishman - March 29, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ Erwin And Staci Sanders lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Erwin and Staci Sanders - March 29, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ Theresa Stuchel Hoover lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



theresa stuchel hoover - March 29, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ There are things in life that we do not understand. This sadly is one of those things. Tiny was always glad to see you. He always greated you the same way, a Hug a Kiss and a Smile, he would end the same way but add an I love you. I'll miss you old friend. I pray that you have found peace.

Diane Knox Richards
And Toby Richards

diane - March 29, 2017 at 06:13 AM



“ Kayla Davis lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Kayla Davis - March 29, 2017 at 03:19 AM



“ Tiny was one of the first persons I met when we moved to Knoxville from California in 1977. We always saw him on weekends cruising the strip. We always saw tiny at the races and when he was Co owner of dingus. Over the last 40 years knowing Tiny, he was always a good friend. Worked with him at dingus for a few years also. He will be missed, races and dingus just won't be the same. RIP Tiny Rankin .. My Condolences to Tiny's family.



Connie Carter Stegman - March 29, 2017 at 01:41 AM



“ As a child I remember going to "The Rankins" on Saturday mornings while our Moms had coffee Tiny would give us rides on the back of his motorcycle back when the family lived on Attica Road. He was always good to all of us girls, I'm sure we drove him nuts! Looked out for his sisters for sure. He always had the best cars, car stereos and threw fun parties! A good guy. RIP My sincere condolences to his family.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Fridlington

Elizabeth Dea - March 28, 2017 at 11:55 PM



“ Yes, those are great memories! I miss those simple days. Thank you for reminding me of those times. Best to you and your family. Jennifer Rankin Norman

Jennifer - March 29, 2017 at 01:00 AM



“ thank you Beth your comments and memory are precious Tiny will be missed daily Best always Jackie Rankin Beaver

Jackie - March 29, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Steve Petersen lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Steve Petersen - March 28, 2017 at 10:50 PM



“ Nancy Squires-Meyer lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Nancy Squires-Meyer - March 28, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ Race nights will never be the same without my weekly smile, hug, and "hi doll" from Tiny.

Nancy - March 28, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Jeremy.



Missy Siddens - March 28, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ Going to really miss seeing your welcoming smile and laughter when we come to Knoxville . You would go out of way to make sure we were always ok and do anything you could to help us out when we were there. RIP Tiny
Trevor Green family and 4s race team

trevor green - March 28, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Judy, Kristen, Kerry, Davey, and all of your family. There really are no words to say that can help right now but Tiny was such a wonderful guy! I didn't see him often lately but every time I did it was like no time had passed. My biggest memory with Tiny is that when I was a freshman in high school, those of you that remember our lockers were on the 1st floor of the old junior high and the 7th graders were on the 3rd floor...well Tiny and Bobby Lee just kind of started putting things in my and Lori Hodges's locker as they didn't want to walk all the way upstairs. Needless to say within a week they never went back to the 3rd floor and Tiny and Bobby were our "locker partners" the whole year! It was a good time...RIP Tiny and I will see you on the other side....

Sherry (Hiemstra) Buchmeier - March 28, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ Always smiling!! Super sweet guy... you will be missed by many. RIP Tiny!

Melissa A Woodhouse - March 28, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ Had many good times with Tiny years ago. RIP ol buddy

Greg Weldon - March 28, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ Theresa Green Riseley lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Theresa Green Riseley - March 28, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ Ronette Baker lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Ronette Baker - March 28, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ Kelly Wadle McDonald lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Kelly Wadle McDonald - March 28, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ You were such a good guy and always so much fun to be around. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Tiny.

Kelly Wadle McDonald

Kelly Wadle McDonald - March 28, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ Olive, Jan, Jeannie., Jackie, Judy, Jennifer, David and Darwin and also Tiny's children and grandchildren, and many more family members and friends so sorry for your loss.

I remember you so much Tiny as a child. Always polite and a smile and always a loving boy. RIP

Kay Beeler - March 28, 2017 at 05:15 PM



“ Tiny had a heart of gold, he would do anything for any one, he was always fun to be around, he will be missed by many. RIP my friend

Sharon Ethell Wallace - March 28, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ This was very sad news to receive. I will not hear the voice behind me saying hello Momma Norton and the kiss on the neck when I go to Dingus now. Steve and you did some crazy things and I would have to yell at both of you. Be careful on golf cart rides because I can't save you both just yet. Olive, Judy, Betty and family sooo sorry for your loss. We will miss him. Rest In Peace Tiny and I will see you soon.

Nancy Norton - March 28, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ Pam Jones lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Pam Jones - March 28, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ You were always smiling no matter what and it made me smile. You will be missed everyday You are in great hands now God's Hands and we will have another shining star in our Heaven. R.I.P.until we all meet again

Pam - March 28, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ Dick and I are so sorry for your loss.

Dick & Kathy Huyck - March 28, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ I lived away for 20 years and every time I can back he would say hi to me and make me feel welcome. Super guy to know. Thoughts and prayers to the family.
Ryan Marshall

Ryan Marshall - March 28, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ Rest in Peace cousin. I will cherish those childhood memories. I will be thinking about Aunt Olive and all my cousins during this sad time.

Michelle (Shelly) Beeler Parks.



Michelle Parks - March 28, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ Melissa Garcia lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Melissa Garcia - March 28, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Barbie Yowell With Sincere Condolences lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Barbie Yowell with sincere condolences - March 28, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin.



March 28, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ Phyllis Chambers lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Phyllis Chambers - March 28, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ Nancy Stanton lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Nancy Stanton - March 28, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ Linda(Sage) Carter lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Tiny" Dean Rankin



Linda(Sage) Carter - March 28, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ Such a great person that was always willing to lend a hand, had a smile, and one of the friendliest people Ive known. May you rest in peace.

Leticia Hutchison - March 28, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ I WILL REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT TIMES WE HAD AT THE BOWLING ALLEY
TINY GOT ME STARTED COLLECTING BEER CANS WHEN I WAS 10 YEARS
OLD THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD FRIEND MIKE KELDERMAN

MIKE KELDERMAN - March 28, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ Sending prayers and hugs to the Rankin clan. May you find comfort in knowing that your hometown community mourns Tiny's passing along with you. Tiny was loved by so many. May God keep you close in his loving care.

Jennifer (Roozeboom) Schmidt

Jennifer Schmidt - March 28, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ I have many happy memories of Tiny, but one stands out in my mind most as an indicator of what a good guy he was. The winter my husband passed was brutal with tons of snow. Twice I looked out to see Tiny blading the drive. He waved, smiled, and drove away both times. It was just what he did. Will miss his smile and sense of humor.

Kristen Kennedy - March 28, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ My Condolences to the Rankin family. Tiny was one of those unique people that still fill memory of growing up together. He was a heck of a good person. We grew up, went to school together, and worked together. Rest in peace sir.

J.C. Kirkwood - March 28, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ Oh Tiny!!! So many great memories with you! You always had a smile on your face and made sure everyone around you was taken care of! Remember that time during Nationals you were pushing me down the street in a grocery cart and it flipped! You didn't know whether to laugh or cry! We both ended up laughing our butts off! Life got busy and 10 years passed since I seen you, I walked into Dingus and our conversation started like we just seen each other yesterday! Gonna miss you! May you R.I.P.

Amanda Fee - March 28, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ I will remember our many talks about our children and about life. You were a great friend to everyone and a loving father to your children. Knoxville will not be the same without you. I will miss you forever

crystal Stevenson - March 28, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ Just so unbelievably sad

trevor green - March 28, 2017 at 07:39 PM



“ Hardly ever seen him without that smile. One of those guys you could count on no matter what and always put his friends' needs above his.

Kevin Kincaid - March 28, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ Tiny and I were on the same pee wee baseball team when we were both 7 or eight years old. At the end of practice one day Tiny told the coach to throw him a FAASST ball! Coach rared back and sent one right over the top of Danny's glove and right into the tip of his nose!!! POP-shattered that nose that quick! Coach had to take him to the hospital in his 69 dodge super bee!! Tiny only got back to the team near the end of the season and he took the jokes and ribbing about his nose like a champ-but he made sure to tease the Coach about the stains on his back seat-and blamed the coach for the whole thing! We will see you soon, Tiny!

Doug - March 28, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ Our sincere condolences go out to the Family and Friends of Tiny Rankin. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Ben - March 28, 2017 at 04:53 PM