



## David H. Hamley

November 4, 1940 - December 18, 2024

David H. Hamley, 84, of Rostraver Township, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in Penn Highlands Mon Valley Hospital. A son of the late Paul A. and Florence (Williamson) Hamley, he was born in Pittsburgh on November 4, 1940.

David was a member of Fells United Methodist Church, the Monessen Amateur Radio Club (his radio operator call sign was K3PRR), and the PA Trolley Museum since 1960, serving as President, Vice President, and Trustee. David had a degree in engineering from the University of Pittsburgh (1965) and worked for almost 50 years as a design engineer at Bombardier Transportation with a specialty in train control/safety systems. He loved bicycling, cycling several thousand miles a year.

Survivors include two sons and daughter in-law, Michael A. and Carrie Hamley of Greensburg and Revs. Scott D. and Sharon Hamley of New Florence; five grandchildren, Joshua, Araina, Andrew, Catalina, and Carolina. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley I. (Wright) Hamley on January 28, 2022, and by his brother and sister-in-law, Donald W. and Irene Hamley.

There will be no public funeral services. Donations in his memory may be made to the PA Trolley Museum ([pa-trolley.org](http://pa-trolley.org)). Arrangements have been

entrusted to Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc 700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, 724-929-5300. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com).

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“*Dave was such a great friend to each and every one of us. The visits to his house in Belle Vernon and Rostraver would last hours on end. He would set a slide projector up and would share his trips with us that he took back in the 60's,70's and 80's. We always loved listening to his stories about the adventures and industrial railroads he documented.*

*Our friendship grew and Dave became such an inspiration to us where he left off preserving small locomotives. He did an incredible amount of research on so many industrial locomotive builders. His previous trips inspired our preservation trips. Dave donated several parts of his research collection to our Museum that we will always treasure (Plymouth Locomotive, Baldwin Westinghouse, Brookville and H.K. Porter). The chats on the phone always brought a smile to us and kept us talking days after. He was a wealth of knowledge that made such an impact.*

*We are attaching a picture of a fond memory that was a surprise visit to Dave back in Nov 2023. We happened to be moving a small Cranberry Bog locomotive and brought it to his house!! He never had a locomotive at his new house before so this was a first. He also never seen one of these Cranberry locos before and his smile lit up the room. I said, Dave you inspire these projects and finding something Dave didn't know about was almost impossible.*

*You will be missed and will always be a special part of our museum family.*

*Pete Jedlicka*



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**Pete Jedlicka** - January 01, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ David was a great friend, even long distance. We began our acquaintance having both worked for Bombardier; he in "da Burgh", and me in Kingston, Ontario. We worked together on the deployment of a European switch technology that we both knew was unlikely to catch on and shared our candid thoughts. It wasn't long before we were swapping railfan stories and personal ones as well. David had a mind like a steel trap. His memory for detail was remarkable as we shared both personal and rail-related anecdotes. We stayed in touch by email and phone regularly for at least the last 20 years, having met in person only a couple of times. I will miss his wit, kindness and intelligence not to mention hearing his voice at the other end of the phone. Godspeed David. You will be missed by many and any of those whose lives you touched. Blessings.

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**Douglas J. Fear** - December 31, 2024 at 09:40 AM

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“ Dave will be sadly missed. He was such a fund of Trolley & Railroad history unlike anyone that I have ever met. I looked forward to him checking in on the Thursday Night Railfan Net each week to answer many people's questions. Nearly three months ago Dave invited our group to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum and guided part of the tour. I captured some of his presentation on video where Dave can be seen starting around 16 minutes into this video.

[https://youtu.be/\\_3oaWD3BPsU?feature=shared](https://youtu.be/_3oaWD3BPsU?feature=shared)

*I would like to thank the Hamley family for sharing Dave with us while he was here. His knowledge and passion for railroad and other machinery was unrivaled.*

*Curt McCormick  
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**Curt McCormick** - December 20, 2024 at 05:05 PM