



## William Dean Nafziger

September 30, 1965 - March 16, 2017

NAFZIGER, Wm. Dean - Peacefully passed away, surrounded by family at the Grand River Hospital, Kitchener on Thursday, March 16, 2017, Dean of Waterloo in his 52nd year. Beloved son of Lewis and Idella Nafziger of Wellesley. Loving brother of Brenda (Bernie) Howorth, Lila (Mike) Tusch, Roger (Sharon), Stephen (Heather) and Grant (Juanita). He will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephews; Allison (Andy) Yantzi, Lauren, Kevin and Leanne Howorth, Amie (Alex) Weber, Melissa (Scott) Kelterborn, Courtney (Jon) Miller, Kristen Nero, Josh (Shannon) Nafziger, Jillian Nafziger, Jaime (Tom) Jacomen, Thomas (Alycia) Nafziger, Travis Nafziger as well as his 11 great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his nephew Jonathan Howorth and great niece Harper Miller. Dean was a long time and valued employee of Weber Supply for 33 years. He enjoyed his time as owner and operator of 'Shroom's at the St. Jacobs and Kitchener farmers markets. He valued his independence made possible by his community and the Independent Living Centre and by a wide circle of supporting friends. He valued time spent and friendships made at Chesley Lake. Friends may visit with the family at Wellesley Mennonite Church, 157 David Street, Wellesley on Sunday from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the church on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 2 p.m. Pastor Kara Carter officiating. Spring interment at Rush's Cemetery. Donations to Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region would be appreciated.

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# Cemetery Details

## Spring Interment at Rush's Cemetery

Hutchison Road  
Crosshill, ON (CA)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Wellesley Mennonite Church  
157 David Street  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

## Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wellesley Mennonite Church  
157 David Street  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

## Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wellesley Mennonite Church  
157 David Street  
Wellesley, ON (CA)



# Tribute Wall



“ *William Dean Nafziger*

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January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Ailes de la liberte', Dean.  
Heartfelt condolences to entire family.  
Mrs. Jennifer Kirkey and my husband, the late Robert Kirkey*

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**Mrs. Jennifer Kirkey** - March 21, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Dean back in the days when I lived in Wellesley...my parents owned The Shed restaurant and the Village Shoppe. After Deans accident Mary Jane Bast and I went to visit him in the hospital...he had such an indomitable spirit...charming the nurses and staff! He made us laugh so much on that visit. I ran into him again one night when he spun me around on his wheel chair...again he was just this incredibly beautiful human being filled with joy and light.*

*I wish you all peace love and healing...*

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**Sue Hart** - March 21, 2017 at 05:04 PM

JK

“ *Lewis and Idella and the entire Nafziger family - my sympathies to you - we have all lost a great friend in Dean. After reading all the memories, you get a feeling to just how independent Dean really was - he had friends everywhere he went. I will miss Dean greatly - he was always a VERY good friend to me - ever since we were really young at Chesley Lake.*

*Deano - hope you are running around up there like a crazy man! So sorry, I couldn't make it to the viewing or funeral - we were out of the country. Till we meet again Dean!!*

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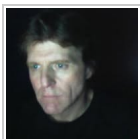
**Jane Weber Klugman** - March 21, 2017 at 01:31 PM

PS

“ *Thinking of you at this time with fond memories. Larry & Peggy Shantz (Zephyrhills Florida)*

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**Peggt & Larry Shantz** - March 21, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ *I worked with dean quite a while ago but he left a lasting impression with me, my deepest sympathy to the Nafziger family*

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**Chuck Graham** - March 21, 2017 at 04:27 AM

FV

“ *My deepest condolences to Lou, Idella and family. Although I have not seen or talked with Dean in many years, I often think of him. He and I spent time together years ago when he had his accident. I will always remember his positive attitude in life. He will always be remembered !*

*Fiona Venedam (Fiona Wilson - Elizabeth Wilson's daughter)*

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**Fiona Venedam** - March 20, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Dean Nafziger.*



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March 20, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ *We will truly miss Dean, his perspective on life, and his humour! There were always many stories and laughs shared when we got together. Although we can't be there today, know that there will be an emptiness in our hearts with Dean gone. The Chesley get togethers will always be missing someone now. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Nafziger family. Deepest sympathies, Scott, Wendy, Brianna & Tyson Wagler*

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**Scott Wagler** - March 20, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ *To the Nafziger Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of Dean's passing. May God bless you all.*

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**Lyle & Connie Jantzi** - March 19, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ *Corinna McWilliams lit a candle in memory of William Dean Nafziger*



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**Corinna McWilliams** - March 19, 2017 at 01:43 PM

CM

“ *What a beautiful soul we have lost but no doubt has moved on and is sharing his sense of humour and inspiration with friends and family on the other side. The difference now is he is walking freely with a giant smile and is able to greet those gone before us with no restraints or limits. I love him and I will miss him. I truly hope when I see him again we can walk together and he will tell me how freedom feels at last. You were one of the best Dean. I feel fortunate to have known you. Godspeed to you. Anything is possible now. Until we meet again. I'm sure you will have a joke to tell me when I see you again. Xoxo. My thoughts are with your family and the heavy loss they must be feeling now. God bless you all.*

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**Corinna McWilliams** - March 19, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Dean Nafziger.*



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March 19, 2017 at 12:16 PM

CZ

“ *My family and I would like to send our deepest condolences. I've known dean for over 20 years, he was a fixture in our family. Always welcomed with open arms in our homes, he ate with us, drank with us and had lots of laughs with us. You will be missed my friend. See you on the other side.*



*Cheryl Zivkovic*

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**cheryl theresa zizvkovic** - March 19, 2017 at 08:57 AM

CM

“ Thinking of all of you at this time and after. Worked with Dean for 10 years at Webers. Shared lots of laughs and will always remember him and that he always was in the greatest of spirits.  
Cassandra Mansfield ❤️

Cassandra Mansfield - March 19, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Dean Nafziger.



March 19, 2017 at 07:50 AM

DB

“ My thoughts are with you the fine Nafziger family at this sad time. Dean lived life fully and with vigour. Big hugs from an old ILC friend from years gone by. In case I don't get out to Wellesley to see you all. Hugs from Dianne - the KOB puppet lady.



Dianne Boston-Nyp - March 19, 2017 at 05:59 AM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Deans family and may you rest in peace Dean. I will never forget you and all of the many laughs and tears we shared together you are and will forever be in my heart always...Remember all of are fun times singing together and laughing and i will always keep them close to my heart and you will be missed always. Love you forever and always...Debra Hiuser

Debra Hiuser - March 18, 2017 at 08:30 PM

CR

“ My deepest sympathy to Lewis, Idella and the entire Nafziger family. Wow Dean! I wasn't expecting to have you leave so soon! I was really looking forward to cook you dinner in your new place! My trips home to Ontario will never be the same! Every memory of you is a happy one!!! Your wit and humour and genuine friendship, your spirit and positive perspectives are one of a kind! I will deeply miss you! You are a huge part of my heart! I love you Dean! PEACE!

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**Caralee Roth** - March 18, 2017 at 05:02 PM

JE

“ To the Nafziger family So sorry to hear of Dean's passing Our thoughts and prayers go with you Frank and Jean

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**JEAN ERB** - March 18, 2017 at 04:15 PM

DG

“ To the Nafziger family we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Dean we have many memories from Chesley Lake and as well worked with Dean for over 26 years at Weber. He was a man with strong will and determination and was always trying something new to make a better way in life. In the days and weeks ahead as everyone adjusts to the new normal and that our creator has a bigger plan and one day we will all understand it.

*Dale & Barb Gingerich*

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**Dale Gingerich** - March 18, 2017 at 02:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Dean Nafziger.



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March 18, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ To everyone in the Nafziger family you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We are away and unable to attend our good friend Dean's funeral. We will miss Dean very much! It's hard to believe he is really gone.

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**stephanie roth** - March 18, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *“My Brother From Another Mother” is what you always called me. It was a phrase that stuck with us throughout the years, likely because there was a lot of truth to it. We were like brothers. We didn't always agree with each other yet always there for each other. Our intertwined family backgrounds, late night bbq's, wheelchair off-roading on local bike paths, our shared love for Mennonite potlucks, checking out the scenery at the St. Jacobs Market together. All these things and many more will be greatly missed. I always admired your drive, determination and fight for independence. The Rick Hansen fundraising events that wouldn't have happened without you. R.I.P. “Bro” a part of you will always be with me. See you on the other side.....*

*Best Wishes & Condolences to the entire Nafziger family. You had an awesome son, brother, uncle & great uncle in “Deano” My thought & Prayers are with you....*

*Larry Boshart - Waterloo*

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**Larry Boshart** - March 18, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of William Dean Nafziger.*



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March 18, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *St. Jacobs Farmers' Market purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Dean Nafziger.*



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**St. Jacobs Farmers' Market** - March 18, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Deans passing. You were a amazing family, showing love and support . May Gods peace surround you at this difficult time.Sorry we can not attend.Merlin & Norma*

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**norma lichty** - March 18, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ *My sympathy to the whole family, especially Brenda and Lila, for losing a brother. May God comfort you. "We know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade" from the Message.  
Audrey Henderson (née Bender) in Angola*

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**Audrey Henderson** - March 18, 2017 at 07:16 AM

LG

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Gary and Linda Giesler

linda/ gary giesler - March 17, 2017 at 08:59 PM

KV

“ Oh Dean I am so sad to hear you have been taken from us so soon. I will never forget all the good times and working for you at the mushroom stand. One of my best memories with you was swimming with you in florida and getting lost trying to find our way to the pub that we never got to go to. My condolences to the Nafziger family we all lost a great friend. Rest in Peace Deano!

Karla V - March 17, 2017 at 08:05 PM

KF

“ I am very saddened to hear about Dean. His humour & devilish grin will be missed by many. Condolences to the entire Nafziger family. Miss you already Deano.

Karolyn Fournier - March 17, 2017 at 04:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Dean Nafziger.



March 17, 2017 at 04:41 PM

AN

“ Dean, we will miss you in our backyard when we have parties and having Dianne bring you plates of food home. You were an amazing friend to her. May you rest in peace and have fun with my Mom in heaven.

*Anna Acheson*

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**Anna** - March 17, 2017 at 04:13 PM

DM

*RIP Dean Love and support. The Campbells Doris Leisa Gerg and Caron*

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**Doris Michalik** - March 18, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ Deano! Geez man, Saturdays at the market just isn't going to be the same. I was really looking forward to Dean moving into a house much closer to me. You will be dearly miss brother. Rest in Peace.

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**Joshua Nicholas** - March 17, 2017 at 03:36 PM

LM

“ There are no words! You will be deeply missed Deano!! Our condolences to the entire family! With Love Tony and Laurie McCauley

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**Laurie McCauley** - March 17, 2017 at 02:36 PM

FH

“ Futher-Franklin Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of William Dean Nafziger



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**Futher-Franklin Funeral Home** - March 17, 2017 at 01:03 PM