## David Alan Zeek HAHS Class of 1968

David Zeek is a 1968 HAHS graduate and life-long resident of Hollidaysburg, a town he loved! After graduating, Dave began his career at the Water Works Department of the Hollidaysburg Borough, from where he retired in 2012.

Dave married Sarah (Myers) in 1982 and had two daughters, Rebekah and Laurah. Rebekah and husband Chad gave Dave and Sarah 3 grandsons, David, Matthew and Gabriel who were the light of their grandfather's eyes.

Laurah currently holds the title of 1st Runner Up with Ms. Wheelchair PA and adores her nephews and 2 dogs Lucy and Phoenix. Dave was a life-long member of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company where he acted as Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and the first PA state fire instructor, a position that led him to teach in the field at the Shanksville Flight 93 site. Dave spearheaded the "Santa Around Town" initiative with the fire department because he wanted to put smiles on kids' faces.

Dave belonged to Hollidaysburg Lodge #220 and the Jaffa Shrine where he was an usher and a member of the Road Runners. He was also an Auxiliary Police Officer for many years. Dave was a member of the Hollidaysburg First Church of God, and later the Bare Memorial Church of God in Roaring Spring, where he taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and served on the Church Councils, acting as President with the former Church. Dave was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni in 1988.

Dave was a very active and involved Hollidaysburg resident and he was determined to do his part to make a difference and make the town better. Anyone that knew Dave could tell instantly that he was a man of faith. He always preached, "God, family, work and free time" and he lived this each and every day. His three grandsons have said if they accomplish anything it is "to be like pappy". Dave was truly one-of-a-kind and is deeply missed by his family, friends and community. He will always be remembered as "Mr. Hollidaysburg." The David Alan Zeek Humanitarian Award was established by his family to honor his memory and legacy. The award is presented to a Hollidaysburg graduate and resident who is family and faith oriented and gives of their time and talents to help others.