



## David Merwyn Hartzell

August 17, 1946 - April 20, 2010

David (Dadjo) Merwyn Greco was born in Portland, Oregon to Geneva Conover and Terry Greco on August 17, 1946. He was legally adopted by his Stepfather Bob when he was around 12 years old, and became David Merwyn Hartzell.

He met and married his best friend MaryAlice Meredith. They wed on November 3, 1967. The following two years they had two children; David Robert Hartzell and Michele Bonnita Greco-Hall.

Dadjo loved coaching. He coached football, basketball and baseball but football was his passion. He coached football through the Boys Club of Albany, the Boys & Girls Club in Sellwood, Oakridge High School, Redmond High School, Portland Lutheran High School, Lake Oswego High School and Lewis and Clark College. He coached baseball through Babe Ruth Baseball.

He loved his grandchildren! Andrew, Alexander, Rory and Ryder. My parents loved taking the kids to the river to collect rocks. They enjoyed looking for heart shaped rocks because mom told the kids that heart shaped rocks are a message from Jesus that he loves you.

My dad enjoyed telling stories. He loved talking to people. He had many friends, I wish now that I could name them all. But I can't, so I will list a few:

Ken, Jack and Les, Rich, Al, Terry and Tim to name a few. My dad enjoyed family reunions with the Meredith family and teasing my Aunt's Ginny and Helen and gossiping (yes he loved gossip) with Uncle Bill. I think his favorite thing was making people laugh!

Dad passed over to his Lord on April 20, 2010. He is definitely missed on Earth. There was a huge celebration for him in Heaven. We will be reunited with him soon!

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Merwyn Hartzell*

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“ *Dave was a young man at heart and loved his grand kids very much. I will miss him..... Uncle Larry*

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**Larry Hall** - May 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave will always be remembered in our hearts. We are grateful for the many times he shared his home and family with us.*

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**Mark & Sue Funasaki** - April 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ No matter how long it had been since the last time we'd seen Uncle David and Aunt Mary Alice it was as if we had never been apart; he would greet you with a big hug, not a handshake.

*He was the Uncle you wanted to be around, that you migrated to. It was always fun to listen to his stories.*

*The love he showed for his grandchildren was so amazing and special. He had such a loving spirit about him no matter who you were.*

*I know there will be a huge void at the next family get together that we can never replace but I also know that we will always have and cherish the wonderful memories of Uncle David.*

*We love you Aunt Mary Alice and family, you're all in our prayers.*

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**Chuck and Dixie Hockema** - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ I love you Dave. I will keep your laugh and spirit close to my heart. You are the best example of a father and husband. The next time I go rock hunting I will pick a rock for you!

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**Helen Hockema** - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My favorite guy to talk trucks, fishing and guns with. Secretly, I too love gossip! Will miss those times with a great brother-in-law.

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**Bill Hockema** - April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My Uncle Dave meant the world to me and my kids. Shortly after I left the Marine Corps My wife, two boys and I moved to Portland Or. While we were there, Uncle Dave, Josh, Rob and I did a lot of fishing, I cherish the time we all had together fishing on the Willamette River. This was all brought to mind as I watched a movie last night “The River Runs through It”. I also thought about what I learned from my uncle while I lived there. Uncle Dave taught me to be patient with friends and family and to love them like every day was the last.

*I think the one thing we need to ask our selves at the end of the day is, is the world a better place because of my actions? Do the people I care about know I loved them?*

*Uncle Dave if you're the one asking these questions, the answer is a resounding YES!!! We are all better people because of you. The people you have taught, coached and raised are better for knowing and learning from your wisdom and from the example you set. I know God told you the day you closed your eyes here and opened them in heaven “Rest well in paradise, good and faithful servant”.*

*Uncle Dave when were done with our walk here on earth we will see you soon.*

*Love Michael*

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**Michael Gomez** - April 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dave was a wonderful brother-in-law to me and uncle to my boys. He will always be remembered with great thoughts and smiles as he was truly loved by us all.

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**Jan Gomez** - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ We remember Dave and his humor, the joy he had when telling the stories and adventures of his life, and his smile. When we were at Dave and MaryAlice's home we felt like we were family, always welcomed in with a hug and a soft chair to have a chat. Eric especially liked talking "shop" with Dave, who was a business man with lots of good advice and input.

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**Eric, Aaryn, Grace and Liberty Peterson** - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM