



Jack D. "Elmo" Kashner

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A memorial service for Jack D. "Elmo" Kashner, 52 of Newark will be held Saturday January 5, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Newark High School Auditorium, 314 Granville Street with Gus Andrews officiating.

Mr. Kashner died Tuesday January 1, 2013 at Newark Kindred Transitional Care. He was born April 9, 1960 in Oxford, Ohio to the late William C. and Martha Ann (Callander) Kashner.

He retired from the Newark City School System in 2010 with 31 years of service. During his employment he drove school bus, served as a custodian and a cook. He was a member of OAPSE, AFSCME Local 190. He was a certified Bus Driver Trainer and taught Bus Safety during Safety City. He drove many band, athletic and choir groups to their activities and was an active supporter of their endeavors. Jack was an excellent cook and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by two sisters, Kay E. (Steve) Hickman of Pickerington, Mary (Bob) German of Hanover; brother, Thomas R. (Monica) Kashner of Marne; sister-in-law, Diana Kashner; nieces, Dr. Lisa Ghiloni of Houston, TX, Sarah (Dr. Eric) Tomich of San Antonio, TX, Stephanie (Brian) Glancy of Newark, Jenifer (Quinn) Schaller of Hebron, Jamie Lewis of New York, NY; nephews, William "Herk" (Deanna) Kashner of Newark, Nathan Kashner of Marne, Tyler (Heather) Hickman of Cleveland, Pete German of Hanover, Tim German of Hanover, Vince German of Hanover, Andy Lewis of Pataskala; several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, William R. Kashner and nephew, Jeremy Ghiloni.

Calling hours will be observed Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Newark High School Auditorium.

The family requests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, Fine Arts or Athletic Departments at Newark High School.



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SH

Sheryl Hayes posted:

Although it was 11 years ago, I remember the strong, yet gentle 'Elmo'. Taking care of him was a joy as well as an honor. When his memory came across my feed, I knew that I wanted to share my story again. I am sure that he is watching over us all. Blessings to his soul. Sheryl Hayes MSN BSN RN

December 31 at 12:56 PM

SM

Sheryl Hayes Msn Rn posted:

The memory of "Elmo" helps me to remember that life is short. Love ,live, and enjoy it when you're able. His smile and energy helped empower me to be a better nurse as well as a better person. I thank Goodness that our paths crossed. To his family, I pray that your hearts are full of joy and happiness of the wonderful memories you shared. Peace to you.

December 30 at 3:00 AM

GE

Greg Evans posted:

Jack was type of guy who was concerned on how you were doing ? He was a cheerful guy to say the least which the world needs more of. I remember when lois passed away Jack was able to comfort family in a unique way . Great character person !

January 8 at 3:36 PM

MH

Michael Hammond posted:

My sympathy and prayer of Gods comfort to Jacks family. I went to Utica school with Jack & we grew up in the same neighborhood so I knew him for many years. I admired his dedication to Newark City Schools.

January 7 at 4:14 AM

DS

Danielle (Billy) Simpson posted:

i remember riding the bus everyday to middle school and he would always have something funny to say to everyone, made us kids laugh but was always serious about his job made sure we was all safe. he will always be in our hearts and prayers. rest in peace elmo.

January 6 at 12:51 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Kashner Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Jack will be remembered for his love of Newark Schools and his happy larger than life personality. Our thoughts are with you. Gary and Carol Vermilion

January 6 at 7:02 AM



Casey Rauzi (Skidmore) posted:

Elmo was my bus driver in high school and always teased me and made me laugh. He was so kind and fun to be around!!! To his family and friends my deepest sympathy. He will be greatly missed.

January 5 at 7:25 PM



Mike Jacks posted:

I'm sorry to hear of Jack's passing, man he was a great person, so fun to be around and laugh with, he never missed a Newark football game that I can remember & loved the band. He was always in my family's talk for years. He will be deeply missed. Thanks Jack for all the great memories.

January 5 at 1:19 PM



Patty (Farris) Congrove posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I worked with him at Newark City Schools back in the late 80's. He was a dedicated and professional Bus Driver. But he also was a good person.

January 5 at 1:00 PM



Julie Abbott posted:

There will never be another like Jack "Elmo". He will be greatly missed. I feel honored to have known him. This route has ended, we've safely arrived now your next route begins and last for eternity. Goodbye....memories will be forever treasured.

January 5 at 9:17 AM



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KP

Kay & Nancy Powers posted:

I finished my Education with Newark City Schools before Jack started working with NCS. But I did get to meet him and from that one time meeting him he never meet a stranger. RIP Jack

January 5 at 9:08 AM

TJ

Tj posted:

You will be missed my friend

January 5 at 8:32 AM

WM

Wally Moran posted:

rip

January 5 at 8:30 AM

CO

Connie posted:

MAY YOUR CANDLE SHINE FOREVER IN EVERYONE HEART MISS YOU MY DEAR FRIEND

January 5 at 8:29 AM

SS

Suzi Sforza posted:

I always said that the school bus garage would never be the same without Jack! I drove school bus 25 years with Jack and he was the light of our lives there! He added so much to my life during my 25 years as he did hundreds of other lives he touched during his lifetime. You are going to be soooo missed Elmo! But, I know that you are happy and transporting people safely around heaven! Love You!

January 5 at 8:11 AM



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BF

Bob & Nancy Frost posted:

Jack, was such a good guy, and all that has been said about him is so true. Jack was also a humble soul, that probably never realized how much he impacted the lives of his friends, coworkers, and families and the hundreds of children he transported through the years. Bob and I were lucky, we knew him through family. We always enjoyed it when he would stop to see us here in MTV. They are enjoying his good humor up in heaven as I type this. He was one in a million.

January 5 at 7:07 AM

JJ

Jeff Jacks posted:

To Mary and family, My deepest condolences to you. Jack was always a great friend throughout the years to my family. His character and heart could not be matched. He will be missed by all.

January 5 at 5:11 AM

RP

Randy Paul posted:

So Sorry to hear of Jack leaving far too soon. I remember fondly the great times we all had together growing up in North Manor.....those days are cherished memories and Jack's spirit will forever live in those memories. To the Kashner family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May our Lord grant you comfort and May He Take Jack into his Loving Arms. The Pauls (Jerry, Dolly, Lynda, Tim, and Randy)

January 5 at 4:27 AM

PW

Pat Wieber posted:

Had a great visit with Jack last month. He has been a great friend for many years. I would always ask him "what's the scoop" and he would chuckle and say "well let me tell you". I will miss seeing his smiling face around the schools. His concern and cares for all children he transported and came in contact with will never be forgotten. We have lost a very caring, dedicated employee. Rest in peace, my friend.

January 5 at 4:13 AM

AA

American Heart Association posted:

May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

January 4 at 11:36 PM



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KF

Kathleen Fortman posted:

Jack so loved taking bus loads of 6th graders up to Camp Ohio each week for R.E.E. He was such a cheerful force for those nervous, excited kids coming to camp. He even helped the high school kids with the unloading of luggage. ~ My favorite memory was him dropping off the NHS counselors one snowy morning, then sharing that it would still be a week all the kids would never forget; and he wanted to hear all about it when he came back up on Friday. Elmo was a wonderful, warm energy that was infectious! He will be missed!!

January 4 at 8:09 PM

JG

Judy Garrison posted:

I remember the potluck lunches we would share at Miller , the Plays & Concerts at the High School , the lunches that we shared together we other friends too . The ELMO CHRISTMAS TREE I made for you , that you kept up all year long , but what I will remember the most is the friendship that we've shared for years . The dedication that you gave throughout the years to all the many passengers that rode on your bus and all the support you have shown for Newark City Schools was & is awesome. Thank you for being my friend, & I will greatly miss YOU !!!

January 4 at 7:27 PM

NG

Nhs 1982 Graduate posted:

Elmo is what he always said to call him. When you think of the Newark City buses you think of Elmo. He may have retired, but he was still apart of NCS. Fly high Elmo we'll miss you.

January 4 at 6:58 PM

CB

Chad B posted:

i will miss u elmo u was a great coworker and a great friend to work with a ncs bus garage we had a lot of fun at work and i will never forget that day when u showed me how to wash a school bus to make it look like a brand new school bus thank u for been my friend and a great school bus driver to it was a great 10 years working with u and hope u are up in the sky driven that great big yellow school bus with ur great big smile and and bless elmo family and friend

January 4 at 6:45 PM



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KS

Kathy Sherman posted:

I will miss you my friend, I will miss our lunches and our talks. You were the most kind hearted person, and you left a legacy in the way you not only drove the students of Newark in that yellow bus, but by the way you treated each child. You will be the brightest star in heaven! Goodbye my friend, love ya always

January 4 at 5:56 PM

GH

Greg & Cindy Huffman posted:

We offer our deepest sympathy on the loss of your brother and uncle. May you all find comfort in your many happy memories. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 4 at 4:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jack may have left us from this world, however he will never be forgotten and his spirit will remain with us forever. What an amazing man who always had a smile and truly cared about many. Watch over us, Elmo - we'll always be thinking of you!

January 4 at 3:58 PM

LS

L Streit posted:

To One~"Best of the Best"~Elmo! Thank You for training me when gettin my CDL & makin me be one of the Best of the Best!! May You enjoy even more now driving that School Bus thru the paths of heaven!! Will miss ya Jack!! Blessings to All Elmo's Family!!Laura Streit

January 4 at 3:19 PM

CW

Chris Walpole posted:

Jack will truly be missed.

January 4 at 2:56 PM



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Neil Snelling posted:

Hi Kay and Kashner family. So sorry to hear about Jack's passing. He's one person I knew that followed his childhood dream and that was to be a school bus driver. I still remember him as a kid riding his bike in North Manor, playing "school bus". He took his dream as a kid and his spirited personality and used them to be a positive influence to many.

January 4 at 1:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

may your candle shine forever

January 4 at 12:34 PM



Joyce Anderson Fromm posted:

My condolences to Jack's family. Jack was a great friend of our family and will be greatly missed. So glad we were able to spend time together at my brother's wedding last year. I will miss that large laugh and big heart!

January 4 at 12:28 PM



Kim Spinazzola-Ross posted:

My deepest condolences to Jack's family. He was a very kind person. Newark High School, Class of 1988

January 4 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

To Elmo's family, may God be with you all, he will be driving the bus in HeavenHack was a wonderful friend

January 4 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sad to hear, Jack was a great guy and the kids loved him. He will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family.

January 4 at 8:13 AM



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DG

Diane Green posted:

I will always remember Jack speaking at a board meeting to say that the kids needed professional drivers like himself to transport them to school and events, instead of sub-contracted services. The key word was professional. He elevated the role of bus driver to a profession, not just a job. Elmo always put the kids' safety and needs first. His bus safety lessons were probably the first time the kids encountered a driver and a bus. He also drove tourists at the Atlanta Olympics. He was a very thorough summer custodian. He even subbed as a food server after retirement. He has helped make Newark Schools a great place. He will be sorely missed.

January 4 at 8:12 AM

CL

Connie Loughman posted:

Rest in peace my dearest friend. you will be missed but never forgotten. i will always remember our field trips together. you always had a smile on your face and will never forget that smile and your laugh. sorry i didn't get to tell you goodbye. loved you my dear friend. BE AT PEACE NOW

January 4 at 7:48 AM

SK

Stan K posted:

Jack made riding the bus fun for all and many of us continued to ride his bus after we had our drivers license. He will always be remembered.

January 4 at 7:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jack will be missed by a lot of people in Newark. He was a good man. Mable Broughton

January 4 at 7:13 AM

VR

Vickie Reynard posted:

Jack will be missed a lot. We grew up in north manor together and sure had a fun childhood he was always making us laugh. Great friend.

January 4 at 6:56 AM



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PH

Patty Hall posted:

Tom (Monica) and Kashner familyI just loved Elmo! He gave his all to others through his infectious personality. When I was an employee at Carpenter Oil Company, he would bring the bus in for fill ups ... we would always say, "here comes Elmo"!! What a delightful soul who is probably dancing through the streets of heaven right now with all the kids right behind him!!

January 4 at 6:21 AM

KW

Kathy Williams Roy posted:

Kay, so sorry to hear about your brother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 4 at 5:15 AM

PG

Pam G posted:

I also remember when he was involved in the Babe Ruth series, he would drive a bus over to the airport and pick up teams,he will be missed.

January 4 at 5:04 AM

RJ

Renee Jewett posted:

Tom I am so sorry for your loss. If your brother was anything like you, he was a good man. Prayers to you and your family.

January 4 at 4:13 AM

TB

T Bailey posted:

Jack, it was an honor knowing and working with you. Thank you for your dedication to the kids. God bless your family with comfort.

January 4 at 3:30 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Tom,Kay,Mary and the families,So sorry to hear about Jack.. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this special time..I remember our childhood days growing up in North Manor and riding the bus to school..He was always having fun. He will be missed by all of you and everyone that knew him..RIP in Jack...Maralou Lyons

January 4 at 3:00 AM



Charlotte Hart posted:

To Elmo's family I would like to say how sorry I am for your loss. Elmo has a very kind and loving heart and was very giving of his time. He dearly loved the students and Newark City Schools. Elmo never missed coming to see me in my office at the bus garage before he would leave for the day. I enjoyed our conversations and his belly laughs. He will always be missed but I will never forget him.Goodbye my friend,Charlotte HartNewark City School Printshop

January 4 at 2:50 AM



Lina Mcknight posted:

Jack was one of the most dedicated workers that I hve ever had the pleasure of working with. Lina

January 4 at 2:50 AM



American Heart Association posted:

May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.

January 4 at 12:49 AM



Sheryl Hayes posted:

It is with great sadness I heard just today about my favorite patient going to the Lord. I prayed for him, cared for him and although he is now gone, I will always keep a special place in my heart for him. God Bless his family for always being supportive and strong for him when he couldn't be strong for himself. I love you 'Elmo'. Thank you for reminding me why the Lord guided my path to be a Nurse.

January 3 at 6:09 PM



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AM

Alexis Mollica(Mcpeek) posted:

I am very sorry to hear about Elmo's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I can remember him picking me up for my first day of elementary school. I was so scared to ride the bus and to leave my mom and dad. He opened the door of the bus with a smile and I remember feeling at ease. From that day on ha remembered my name every morning and welcomed me with his smile. Thoughts & prayers.

January 3 at 5:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

RIP Elmo!

January 3 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Jack. As a band director in NCS, I always loved getting Elmo's bus, because I knew the kids would be good -- they loved him and never wanted to make him mad! I enjoyed getting to chat with him on the way to our events. My sincere condolences to the family. I'll miss you, Jack. Diana Wightman, director Liberty MS Band

January 3 at 4:43 PM

DG

Darlene Gorman-Gilkison posted:

Jack, my dear friend, I cannot believe you are gone. We shared so many fun times and laughs over the years as co-workers and the best of buddies. So many great memories. You were the best! The lives you have touched over the years is tremendous. The kindest soul anyone would ever want to meet. Heaven is surely a better place with you "at the wheel". Love you with all my heart! Prayers and hugs for all of your family.

January 3 at 4:30 PM



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RL

Randall Lamb posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He safely drove the Pride of Newark band to hundreds of events during my 28 years as their director. I fondly remember how much he enjoyed coming down to White Field for the Newark Marching Band Invitational. He would bring along a cooler and climb to the top of the stadium and stay the entire day. I know I speak for literally thousands of Pride of Newark alumni, parents and boosters in saying "We will miss you Elmo." My wife and I extend our thoughts and prayers to your family.

January 3 at 2:27 PM

DS

Don & Shirley Fee posted:

Kashner family, We are so sorry to hear about Jack. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

January 3 at 1:05 PM

MH

Melissa Hieronimus posted:

I remember when I was in elementary 25 years ago, he was the best bus driver! I was not on his bus but always wanted to be cause he was known as the "fav" of all the students. I'm so sad for the loss of such a wonderful man that did so much for the NCS system. He will be remembered for all his love and good deeds by many!

January 3 at 12:58 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will never forget Elmo - always smiling & joking with the kids. He certainly loved his job & will surely be missed.

January 3 at 12:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary, Bob and Boys, We are so sorry to hear about Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless, Love, Terry, Sis, Jeremy, Kayla and Paxton Hill

January 3 at 11:45 AM



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Anonymous posted:

He was my bus driver in elementar school and I have never forgotten him. He was one of the nicest, most caring authority figures I have ever encountered; even as a little kid I knew how special and caring he was. RIP to one of the good ones.

January 3 at 11:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

An imposing figure for sure, but he had a heart of gold, an infectious laugh and was a good friend. Hopefully he knew how many life's he touched.

January 3 at 9:16 AM



RR posted:

Jack loved being a school bus driver/trainer and was dedicated to his students. Rest in Peace Jack

January 3 at 1:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jack by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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