Our community was shocked and saddened to hear of the news that Mr. David M. Hinkle had passed away on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. For those of us in the Shenandoah Valley, Dave touched our lives through many different venues.

Dave taught World Geography and Social Studies while at Page County High School. He was also the Varsity Football Coach and retired at the end of the 78 football season.

After retiring from education, Dave began a career as the owner of a real estate firm in Elkton Virginia, an Associate Broker with Hess & Miller in Harrisonburg, Century 21 Professional Auction & Realty, Coldwell Banker Panorama Realty in Luray and Coldwell Banker Funkhouser Real Estate in Harrisonburg. On his Coldwell Banker Funkhouser business card, it stated that Dave was Massanutten Realtor of the year 1998.

Mr. Hinkle first served on the Shenandoah Town Council from January 1997 to June 2003. He joined the council again in 2012. Dave was on the following Committees; Streets & Public Property; Police, Safety & Judicial; & Personnel. He was reelected in 2016 and his current term was set to end in December 2020.

Dave was a member of Citizens For Shenandoah. This group merged with Shenandoah Heritage Center where Dave served as President.

Mr. Hinkle was in charge of organizing the town’s annual Memorial Day Festival and Parade over the past 20 years.

You could always see Dave’s smiling face at the registration table during the Shenandoah Heritage Center’s monthly Cruz In events on First Street.

“Dave led the way.” Said Shenandoah Town Manger Juanita Roudabush. “He was involved in many aspects for many years. Everyone will miss Dave, he was a big part of our community.”—Shelby Mertens, Daily News-Record.
Our hearts are heavy and sad. There are no words for how much Mr. Hinkle meant to all of us and how much he done for our community. We will truly miss one of our most dedicated customers. We pray for comfort for his family and everyone involved in this Tragic accident! RIP Mr. Hinkle our little diner will daily miss your smile! -- Rudy's Diner Facebook page.

Dave Hinkle wasn't a good man. He was a GREAT man. Every time he saw me he would go out of his way to talk to me about things in town. Most of the times conversations were around tennis, Memorial Day events or experiences in coaching sports that he would share with me. Once he thanked me profusely for coaching his granddaughter, Alexis, in tennis and what that experience had meant to her. His kinds words inspired me to continue trying to be a positive influence in a challenging world that is changing rapidly around us.. He was a great leader in our town and I'm sure I'm not the only one that appreciates all he has did for our community. -- Kirk Comer.

I have known Dave for 40+ years, going back to when he was a teacher and Coach at Page County High School. While I was taking pictures around town, Mr Hinkle always saw me and gave me a big smile as I was about to take his picture. Many of us had the pleasure of sharing a table with Dave at Rudy's Diner. I saw him at Rudy’s on numerous occasions. He would always join me at my table and we would chat about the recent or upcoming events in town.  
-- Amos Thomas

Sheriff Cubbage and the Page County Sheriff's Office would like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Shenandoah councilman, Dave Hinkle. We are grateful to Mr. Hinkle for his service to the community over the years and are sorry for the loss to the citizens of Shenandoah. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. God bless. -- Page County Sheriff's Office.

The town of Shenandoah is remembering Dave Hinkle. The councilman was hit and killed by a vehicle while crossing the street on Tuesday night.

People who knew Hinkle remember him as a hard worker who was loved by the community.
"He was instrumental in a lot of things in Shenandoah, he always had the best interests of the town at heart," Douglas Randolph, manager of Rudy's Diner, said.

Fellow councilmember Charles Jenkins was on town council with Hinkle for a number of years. Jenkins said Hinkle loved eating at Rudy's Diner.

"He loved going to Rudy's Diner, he always hung out there," Jenkins said. "He loved the community spirit of that."

Rudolph said Hinkle came to the restaurant daily, almost always for breakfast. He also said Hinkle was a gentle giant.

"Always smiled, always found something good in life to talk about," Rudolph said. "He was just an all around good guy."

Jenkins said Hinkle was the driving force behind the town's annual Memorial Day festival, and that it was important to Hinkle to honor veterans. "Honoring anybody who's paid the ultimate sacrifice in our community," said Jenkins.

People in the community say Hinkle will be missed.

"Anything that happened with the town, he was all for it. So all in all, we lost a good strong leader in our town," Jenkins said.-- Hannah Hall, WHSV February 14, 2019.

Dave’s Obituary

David M. Hinkle, 79, of Shenandoah, VA, passed away on his wedding anniversary, Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Dave was born September 16, 1939, in Pottsville Pennsylvania, and was
the son of the late, Paul C. and Laura Elizabeth Moyer Hinkle.

Dave graduated from Davis & Elkins College in 1961 and received his Master's in Education from James Madison University. He began his teaching and coaching career in Goochland County, Virginia where he met and married the love of his life, Betty Ann Jennings on February 12, 1965, who preceded him in death on April 4, 2014. He was a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Elkton and attended Mt. Lebanon Church in Shenandoah.

Together they moved to Lewis, Delaware, Port Charlotte, Florida, Hampton, Virginia and finally to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley where he continued to pursue his passion for mentoring youth through education and coaching at Page County, Robert E. Lee and Amelia High School. After retiring from education, Dave began a career as the owner of a real estate firm in Elkton Virginia, an Associate Broker with Hess & Miller in Harrisonburg, Century 21 Professional Auction & Realty, Coldwell Banker Panorama Realty in Luray and Coldwell Banker Funkhouser Real Estate in Harrisonburg.

Dave was a true “people person” with his forever smile and easy spirit. He leaves a legacy of civic duty to the community he so proudly called home as a member of council for the Town of Shenandoah for eleven years, serving as president of the Shenandoah Heritage Society and head of the town’s annual Memorial Day Festival for over twenty years.

He is survived by his son, David “Chris” Hinkle and wife, Cindy of Stanley; daughter, Lori Hinkle Barth of Luray; sister, Kay Hinkle of Martinsburg; two grandchildren, Zachery and Alexis Hinkle and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, John W. “Jack” Hinkle.

The family will be receiving friends and family from 5 to 8 pm at Kyger Funeral Home in Elkton on February 22, 2019.

Reverend James B. Martin Sr. will conduct a memorial service at 2:00 pm on Saturday,
February 23, 2019, at Page County High School.

Interment will be private at Coverstone Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shenandoah Rescue Squad.

Obituary as listed by Kyger Funeral Home Harrisonburg Va.

http://www.kygers.com/obituary/david-hinkle
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Absent. Present. Tardy. Football coach and World Geography teacher Mr. David Hinkle calls roll

In the Social Studies classroom as well as on the football field, Coach David Hinkle gives instruction. Page 40 in The Page 77 Yearbook.

Varsity football team picture, page 61 in The Page 76 Yearbook.

Instructional Soccer in the Page 77 Yearbook.
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Varsity football coach Dave Hinkle encourages senior team members Steve Robertson and David Young on the sideline before sending them back into the game. Page 33 in The Page 79 Yearbook.

As the clock ticks off the exhausting seconds, Coach Dave Hinkle and team celebrate their victory over Central, 10-7. Page 34 in The Page 79 Yearbook.

Varsity Football Team Picture. Page 34 in The Page 79 yearbook.

Dave's business card: "Massanutten Realtor of the year 1998."

This T-shirt was a fund raiser for Citizens For Shenandoah. Dave was a member of this organization.
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Dave sitting at the Cruz In Registration table on First Street.

Dave attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for Matties Soft Serve on July 7, 2017.

Dave, Nancy Karnes & Karen Etter Giron at Community Picnic at Big Gem Park October 5, 2014.

Dave at Family Fun Day at Shenandoah Speedway September 20, 2014.
Dave greeting cyclist, while Mayor Lucas looks on, during the Shenandoah Time Trial July 26, 2014.

Dave and Nancy Karnes on front porch of Stevens Cottage during Memorial Day luncheon May 28, 2011.

Rudy’s Diner, Dave visited the diner almost every day.
Dave was the driving force behind the town's annual Memorial Day Festival & Parade.