

Dick Hanson Driver of the Year 2009

City driver Dick Hanson has been a familiar face at Wilson Lines for the past 19 years. He grew up in Turtle Lake, WI and originally considered becoming an agriculture teacher. He enrolled in a 1-year ag short course at UW-Madison, where he spent the coldest winter of his life. Dick decided ag was not for him, and in 1968, he became a company driver working for Paul Frandsen at Midwest Coast for 11 years. Then he became an owner-operator with Overland Express and later, for Transport America. In 1990, Dick wanted to come back to work for Paul at Wilson Lines, but first needed to sell his Peterbilt. Wilson Lines agreed to buy it from him, even though all the rest of their trucks were Kenworths. He was a Chicago driver for 8 years before deciding to become a city driver. He says, "30 years sleeping in a sleeper is long enough!"



Dick and his wife, Ruth, live in Baldwin, WI. They have two grown children and five grandchildren between the ages of 1 and 5. Dick enjoys fishing in the summer and spending as much time as he can with his grandchildren. He also does a lot of yard work in the summer and envisions having a garden someday when he has more time.

He enjoys working for Wilson Lines and driving a truck because every day is different.

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Dick has driven in all 48 states (except Louisiana) and and Canada, and is proud to have driven 37 years with no accidents. His favorite place to drive is Northern Minnesota, He likes it because "it is quiet and there is not much traffic."