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School bus door kills driver

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A HAPPY-GO-LUCKY Territory school bus driver, described as a favourite with students, has been crushed to death by a bus door in a horrific, freak accident.

The driver, 59-year-old Neville Lampray, had been working and travelling around Australia with his partner Nina. The accident happened at Alice Springs on Sunday night.

Cobb and Co Alice Springs manager Wayne Thompson said Neville had been driving school bus route three \_ the Ilparpa Road circuit - before he died.

Mr Thompson said: "He was always very full of life and happy-go-lucky - he was one of those guys that always had a smile and was fun to be around."

Mr Thompson said Mr Lampray had a great rapport with the school students who travelled on his route to and from school.

Mr Lampray is survived by his partner and three children.

Mr Thompson said: "Right now, it's a case that we will wait for the coroner's report and Northern Territory WorkSafe to investigate.

"We will be holding a memorial service once all the arrangements have been made."

Mr Lampray's body was found on Christmas Eve morning by a co-worker at the Elder Street business.

Police media reports stated: "Inspectors at the scene believe Mr Lampray may have died on Sunday night and his body may have stayed trapped in the door until the workmate arrived the next day."

Northern Territory WorkSafe will investigate the matter and a spokesman said the highway coach had been taken off the road until investigations were complete.

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