



Robert J. Neely

January 22, 1923 - January 29, 2015

Robert Joseph (Bob, Bobby Joe) Neely, 92, a resident of rural Grantsburg, Illinois, passed from this life Thursday, January 29, 2015. Mr. Neely is survived by his wife, Sharon, (nee Bremer) Foss Neely.

Mr. Neely was born in Marion, Illinois on January 22, 1923 to Ralph and Lanta (Brush) Neely. He was the beloved grandson of the late Honorable Rufus and Emma Neely and the precious nephew of the late Bertha Otey, Horace Neely and John Neely.

Mr. Neely graduated from Marion High School in 1940. Following high school, Mr. Neely worked for the FBI in Washington, D.C., where he met his late wife, Lois LeMay Neely. While in Washington D.C., he took courses at George Washington University and Georgetown University. He graduated from St. Louis University in 1950 and later became the Metro Division Manager for State Farm Insurance Agency. In 1955, he completed his academic studies with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri Law School at Kansas City, number one in his class, as well as, a member of the prestigious Order of the Bench and Robe. In 1960, Mr. Neely moved his young family to Marion, Illinois where he opened his private practice. Mr. Neely served as the Massac County State's Attorney from 1969 to 1972. In 1972, he moved his practice to Metropolis, Illinois and then to Vienna, Illinois, in 1993, where he has practiced law as a true servant to all until the present time. Mr. Neely practiced

law for no other reason than that he loved the truth; he loved serving others, and he truly gave himself to the needs of anyone and everyone through his wisdom and legal practice.

In many ways Mr. Neely has been a father to all. A true man of virtue, Mr. Neely was always concerned about the well-being and care of others. He offered his guidance and wisdom to all he met, and when it came to supporting his neighbor, his generosity truly knew no limits. Whether it was assisting sick friends, providing counsel over coffee at Jumbo Restaurant, finding jobs for those in need or just providing a listening ear for any reason at all, Mr. Neely was always eager to be that friend, that presence of truth, love and fidelity. Mr. Neely was an avid outdoorsman. He had a love for the joy of hunting, running and spending time in the outdoors.

Recently, Mr. Neely said that "there is one thing a person can always count on, and that is laughter. You must always remember to laugh," and he certainly did just that. Mr. Neely loved to tease and had the most beautiful, from the depths of the heart, laugh which invited all others to join him in his love for joy. Mr. Neely truly lived a full life, and the world was blessed and is better for the grace given in the gift of his life. After 92 years, God finally rewarded Mr. Neely with the sight of Him who is Life and called him to Himself. Mr. Neely's love for truth, virtues, and his laughter still ring in the hearts of those who know him. They raise us to gratitude for having been blessed to have loved and known so great a man. Let us pray together for the repose of the soul of Mr. Neely, that his love for truth, fidelity, service and joy may bring him to the fullest and eternal presence of the joy in Christ, that he may hear what all who knew him proclaim in God: "well done, my good and faithful servant, come enter into the joy of the Lord."

Mr. Neely was united in marriage to Lois LeMay Neely on February 24, 1944 and is the father of Joseph Neely, Marian Neely-Carlson, Susan Casey and William Neely. Mr. Neely was married to Sharon Foss Neely in 1971 and

became the stepfather of Cathy Foss Rolfe and Nikki Foss Joyner. He is the Grandfather to Katherine Neely, Diana Stewart, Anna Casey, Neal Casey, Matthew Meeks, Michael Meeks, Sister Brigid Mary Meeks, Kendra Joyner, Chuck Rolfe, Bo Rolfe, Ashley Joyner Doctorman and Adam Joyner. In addition, he is the Great Grandfather of four children.

A Memorial Service were held Thursday evening, February 19, 2015 at 7PM at the Bailey Funeral Home. Father Tom Barrett officiated.

The family received friends from 6PM-7PM Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St, Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert J. Neely*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *The Neely Family*

*Sorry to hear of the passing of Attorney Neely.
God bless you and comfort you!*

*Betty J Sims, Great-Granddaughter of George Neely who was a
brother to Judge Rufus Neely*



Betty J Sims - February 20, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ *Condolences to the family for the passing of a great loss to the legal community, whose legal reputation was that of honor and integrity and service to others. So sorry for your family's loss, but take comfort that he is with the Lord in a better place.*

Amanda Byassee Gott, Attorney at Law

Amanda Gott - February 20, 2015 at 03:59 PM

KR

“ Bob married my mom's twin sister, Sharon when Susie, Nikki & I were in Jr High. I started at 'the farm' most week nights & Bob would drive us to school everyday on his way to the office. He drove that yellow & black Blazer back then, I don't think he ever let of the gas once we got on the hard road & the 3 of us girls never took a breath til our feet touched the asphalt when we got to school! I sat in the back seat right behind him so I could see the speedometer very we'll! 70 mph from top of New Columbia Bluff to stop sign at school on Catherine St!!! And yes, it thot it was so very funny to scare us girls! He thot we were so silly. Looking back, it was pretty funny & he got a big kick out of it. 😊

Kim Young Randolph - February 12, 2015 at 11:07 AM

PL

“ Patty Durall Lynn lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Patty Durall Lynn - February 11, 2015 at 02:05 PM

PL

He was a fine man, and will be missed by many. Marian, my heart goes out to you and your children. You were blessed to be able to spend so much time with him and be with him at his passing. My love to you all.

Patty Durall Lynn - February 11, 2015 at 02:07 PM

KS

“ My Dad, Ralph W. Stowers and Bob Neely were close friends for many decades. I owe Bob more than mere thanks could ever express - every year of my life from my 19th year of life have been Bob's gift to me. With love, Kurt Stowers

Kurt Stowers - February 05, 2015 at 09:04 PM

MS

“ *Michaela Schneider lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Michaela Schneider - February 02, 2015 at 05:45 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lee.stacey lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



mary lee.stacey - February 02, 2015 at 02:54 PM

SB

“ *Shirley Beeler lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Shirley Beeler - February 01, 2015 at 01:35 PM

Ashley
Doctorman

“ *Ashley Doctorman lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Ashley Doctorman - February 01, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ So very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Neely. I did some work for him prior to him moving his "desk" to offices of Midwest Real Estate. He was such a sweet man. He teased me all the time. Was patient when I typed his documents. He always had a smile and a laugh to share with me. My heart breaks for your loss. I pray for the Comforter to surround all of you. I sure will miss knowing he is no longer with us!
Cheryl Thompson

Cheryl Thompson - January 31, 2015 at 11:08 PM



“ Jessica Rolfe lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Jessica Rolfe - January 31, 2015 at 10:20 PM

MB

“ Nikki Adam Ashley and Kendra... I. Am very sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers. We love you..... Gary & Mary Burgess

Mary Burgess - January 31, 2015 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ Mary Burgess lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Mary Burgess - January 31, 2015 at 09:59 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - January 31, 2015 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ *He will be missed by many.*



David and Janet Hester - January 31, 2015 at 05:22 PM

SR

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Shordy and Bob Ramsey - January 31, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TT

“ *Ttrigg65@yahoo lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



ttrigg65@yahoo - January 31, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Nikki Joyner lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Nikki Joyner - January 31, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ *Nikki Joyner lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Nikki Joyner - January 31, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ *Rich & Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



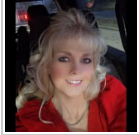
Rich & Karen Brumley - January 31, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ *Sam Riley And Debbie Newton lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Sam Riley and Debbie Newton - January 31, 2015 at 02:48 AM



“ *Belinda Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Belinda Sheffer - January 30, 2015 at 11:21 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Jeannie McCall - January 30, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Connie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



connie mathis - January 30, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ *Cindy & Denny Mathis lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Cindy & Denny Mathis - January 30, 2015 at 07:15 PM

AW

“ We will miss him greatly! He was a wonderful man and friend. Prayers to the family.



Aleatha Wright - January 30, 2015 at 07:03 PM

BB

“ Brett, Angela And Alyssa Brumley lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Brett, Angela and Alyssa Brumley - January 30, 2015 at 12:40 PM

BR

“ Bob And Shordy Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Bob and Shordy Ramsey - January 30, 2015 at 10:51 AM

RH

“ He will be missed.



Robin Harper-Whitehead - January 30, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JF

“ Will always remember Mr. Neely. A nice man with kind words.

Joan Faulkner

Joan Faulkner - January 30, 2015 at 10:05 AM



CO

“ Connie lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely

Connie - January 30, 2015 at 09:58 AM



BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely

Bill and Barb Warmack - January 30, 2015 at 09:47 AM



RF

“ What a wonderful man! He always showed that he cared about others! Prayers for the family . . .

Ruth and Jim Flanagan - January 30, 2015 at 08:42 AM



DB

“ Oh how he will be missed.



Dorothy Bacon - January 30, 2015 at 08:38 AM

SW

“ Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Sean & Falon Whitnel - January 30, 2015 at 08:23 AM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Neal & Carol Watkins - January 30, 2015 at 07:59 AM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely



Larry and Carolyn McGill - January 30, 2015 at 07:16 AM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



James & Diane Rainbolt - January 30, 2015 at 03:47 AM



“ *Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Neely*



Valerie Lynne - January 29, 2015 at 11:29 PM