



Mr. William Joseph Neal

August 27, 1955 - March 31, 2017

In Loving Memory Of William Joseph Neal:

William Joseph Neal was born to the union of Josephine Haliburton and the late William Curtis Neal on August 27, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the youngest of his siblings. William accepted Christ at an early age being baptized at Bethlehem Temple in Detroit.

William was educated in the Detroit Public School System. In 1973, he graduated from Mumford High School. He later earned an associate degree from Wayne County Community College. After high school, William worked at Ford Motor Company and American Airlines. For nearly the last two decades, William was a devoted employee at AT&T, where he worked as a telecommunication specialist.

In July of 1983, William was married to Cheryl Cooley. To this marriage one son, Clayton Cyril Neal, was born. In June of 1987 and October of 1990, William's two sons, Westley Joseph Neal and Matthew Jean-Joslin Neal were born.

William, affectionately known to many as Bill, Bill Bill, or Neal, occupied his time with a number of hobbies and collections. Most of all, he had a love for aviation, which led him to earn numerous airplane maintenance and mechanic

certifications. William put these certifications to use at both American Airlines and Mesaba Airlines. If the weather was good, you could find William at an open park flying one of his many remoted controlled helicopters. When spending time with family and friends, Bill would share his latest musical find or enlighten you with a lesson on world history.

On April 24, 2009, William married Lori Irvine. Together, they traveled and enjoyed entertaining friends. Most recently, they traveled to Jamaica.

William was a devoted son. No matter the need, he was always there for his mother. Over the years, it became a tradition to gather at his childhood home on Sundays with his brothers and other family members to have dinner with his mother.

On March 31, 2017, William departed this life unexpectedly.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Joseph Neal*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. When death strikes the pain can seem unbearable. May the God of all comfort sustain you and give you strength to cope during this difficult time.-2Corinthians 1:3,4*

Ms. Tuffy - April 10, 2017 at 06:47 AM



“ *Just heard of Will's passing. I was shocked! Even though I am a few years older than Neal, he would always greet we with, "How's the young man, today?" And quite cheerfully and with a spark in his eyes.
You will be missed.*

Jackie Jordan

Jackie Jordan - April 07, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ *Lynn Harris (co-worker) lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Joseph Neal*



Lynn Harris (co-worker) - April 07, 2017 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Its sad to see Bill go. He always had a kind word and a smile to give. I remember he would ask, how's the young girl doing (knowing it was a complement , considering our age :-). We'd say, "good Bill and how are you" ? He would reply, I'm fair for a square. That was Bill. He will be missed.*

Just a little note to the family..... Bill TRULY LOVED YOU ALL... he would share stories of you all.... Know that GOD will get you through and have peace in knowing Bill is with OUR LORD. Take care of one another, and from time to time, ask ... What would Bill (William, Dad, granddad, etc....) do? You'll realize exactly how much you shared with him and learned from him.

GOD blessed you all... you are in my prayers.

Lynn Harris (co-worker) - April 07, 2017 at 02:16 PM

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“ *my condolences to the Family of William Neal -- he will be missed*
Angela M.

Angela Montgomery - April 07, 2017 at 07:45 AM

SJ

“ *I always enjoyed working with Bill at Ameritech / SBC / AT&T . Bill was outgoing & kept us laughing. We already miss Bill here at AT&T. I'm praying for Bill's family.*

Steve Montgomery Jr. - April 06, 2017 at 04:57 PM

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“ *Your Med/Surg, Radiology, and OR Family at MSH purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. William Joseph Neal.*



Your Med/Surg, Radiology, and OR Family at MSH - April 06, 2017 at 02:42 PM

JD

“ *my brother was always a happy go lucky guy one you enjoy seeing each day he will be missed very much here at AT&T....*

joseph dunbar - April 04, 2017 at 05:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. William Joseph Neal.*



April 04, 2017 at 01:52 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Neal Family*

Andrew B - April 04, 2017 at 08:52 AM