



Joseph Neal Connor

March 8, 1957 - December 16, 2024

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Born: March 8, 1957

Entered Eternal Life

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Neal, as he was known, passed into eternal life early Monday morning, December 16th. Leaving behind his wife of 48 years, Deborah Lee Kraeski-Connor, son Jason Connor (Shelly Connor) and daughter Stephanie Freburger-Connor (Michael Freburger). He was predeceased by his daughter Kristen Inez Connor, his parents Joseph and Inez E Connor.

He also leaves behind his grandchildren Jordan Neal Connor, Michael Freburger, Thomas Freburger, Rayna Connor and soon to enter the world Reverdy Connor. His brother Drew Connor, Lyliana Connor, nephews: Nathan Connor (Naydimar Connor), Joelly Connor, Jaxson Connor; Nephew Joseph C. B. Connor, (Brittany) Ava Connor, Mila Connor, Joseph D Connor, and Noah D Connor,

During our childhood we would move around. 1960 to the Panama Canal Zone from Lima, Ohio, where we were born. In October 1963 our father was transferred to Washington, DC where he spent most of his life. First in New Carrollton where we would play basketball, kickball, learn to play musical instruments and join the Carrolltones Drum and Bugle Corps where we won a

National Championship for our small horn ensemble. This is also where and when he met Debroah Lee Kraeski and fell head over heels in love.

Neal Graduated from Parkdale Senior High School in 1975 and soon married Deborah Lee Kraeski. Throughout his life he wore many hats from mowing yards, delivering newspapers, working the produce department at Cooks Supermarket, to UPS driver. He went in to sales selling Rainbow vacuums, then into the mortgage industry where he helped many families purchase their first home. With the collapse of the real estate business, he went on and started his own company, R-box streaming system.

Neal always had a smile and a joke ready for whomever he was with whether Friend, Family or foe. The number one priority was to always provide for his family regardless of the circumstances

During this time, he found Jesus Christ our Savior. A strong believer in our Lord and was certain that he would be reunited with Kristen.

Later in their lives he and Debbie moved to the west coast of Florida to enjoy the warmer weather. Once their health took a turn for the worse their daughter and son-in-law convinced them to move into their home. The basement was converted into a beautiful apartment

Since his death there have been hundreds of people reaching out to the family sharing Neal stories, which were in most cases quite funny. He touched more lives than he ever realized.

I spoke to my brother 3-4 times a week and during these times he would often say, "I am ready for when the Good Lord wants to take me away I am at Peace with that."

As you and your families gather around the dinner table during these holidays

remember there will be an empty seat in Stephanies home. Say a prayer, tell one another how much you love one another and remember Neal is now in Heaven praying for us.

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with each of you. Amen!

Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you so much*



natalie massi - January 06, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *Stephanie & family..so sorry to hear of Neal's passing . More heartbreaking when it's over the holidays. Stay strong my friend. Blessings from Massachusetts. Barbara Currey*

Barbara Currey - December 26, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Lee F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Neal Connor.*

Lee F. - December 23, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - December 22, 2024 at 07:03 AM

JM

“ Judy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Neal Connor.

Judy M. - December 21, 2024 at 04:30 PM

TS

“ Neal was amazingly funny. He could lift anyone's spirit when things were tough. He had so many talents one of which was cooking. He and Debbie helped me host Dinner and the Bible at my house several times. I loved cooking with him, learning new recipes, and the best way to prep and make dinners. It was always joyful time and a true blessing. His Love for God and his family is an inspiration for many, including me. I will miss him dearly as I know many will. I have been blessed knowing him. May he rest in the peace of God's loving arms.

Teresa Shenk - December 21, 2024 at 11:33 AM

DF

To Steph, Debbie, Jason, Jordan, Mike, Michael, Tommy, Kaitlyn, Shelly, Rayna and littlest one born just days ago my prayers for deep comfort and love. He was an amazing father, husband, friend and mentor to so many. He will be missed so much. I always enjoyed making cookies and sharing at Christmas He so enjoyed it. Family time was the best even celebrating birthdays at restuarants and at Steph n Mike's house. The best was officiating Mike n Steph's wedding. Love and many hugs to you all.

Dawn Freburger - January 10, 2025 at 04:27 AM

DA

“ *Darin Arslanian lit a candle in memory of Joseph Neal Connor*



Darin Arslanian - December 21, 2024 at 09:00 AM

MW

“ *Neal was one of a kind and truly a great friend over the past 50 plus years. We enjoyed many good times together and many laughs over the years. He will be forever missed rest in peace my friend. Mike and Betty wines*

Mike and Betty wines - December 21, 2024 at 07:58 AM

NM

“ *Nancy Massi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Neal Connor*



Nancy Massi - December 20, 2024 at 07:19 PM

NM

“ *Natalie Massi lit a candle in memory of Joseph Neal Connor*



natalie Massi - December 20, 2024 at 07:16 PM

NM

Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

natalie Massi - December 20, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Neal Connor.

December 20, 2024 at 06:42 PM

SE

“ Rest easy Neal! Knowing you my entire life has been a blessing. I'll never forget you being at the hospital while I was giving birth to Dylan. You and Debby were an extended part of our family. You even helped me with buying my first house. I always enjoyed being around you. Your smile, laughter and jokes were always uplifting to everyone around you. You were a great man. It's never easy to say goodbye forever. I know my mom will miss you forever. Praying for your entire family.

Suzie Engler - December 20, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Neal Connor.

December 20, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DB

“ Neal was a great man! I knew him way back in grade school. He lived just down the street from me so we did a lot together. We worked together at the Riverdale Elks Lodge and the Sheraton Hotel in New Carrollton. We sure enjoyed playing for the Carrolltone Drum and Bugle corp. Always shooting hoops but Neal was so much better than I. We chased girls and we drank beer as we got older. We have kept in touch over the years. I will miss the man he will always be the legend! Prayers to Debbie and family and also to Neal's brother Drew!

Donald Bonney - December 20, 2024 at 03:02 PM

 Ted
Tuck

“ Neal was a great neighbor of ours in Bowie, MD. He, Debbie and the kids moved in next door, in the late 70's maybe early 80's. Neal was 10 years older than me and was easy to relate to. The neighborhood kids were often hovering around Neal. He was funny with just the right enough sarcastic crassness we craved 😂. Neal used to offer us advice, soda and Schlitz (on occasion, when he wasn't looking wink 🙄). Later in life, when I moved out to go to college and then my own places, he would give me vacuum cleaners that he would get from customers that he sold Rainbows to. I think he gave me 3 in total. He was a great provider, indeed. That was the example he set for us formidable young men. I'll always be grateful for Neal's friendship. Kristen will now be embraced with your kindness and love, Neal.

Ted Tuck - December 20, 2024 at 02:12 PM

NM

“ *I will forever have Neal in my heart!*



Natalie Massi - December 20, 2024 at 02:12 PM

 Ted
Tuck

What a great picture!

Ted Tuck - December 20, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MP

“ *Never met Neal in person he knew my unce and helped train me to work with rbox*

He seen something in me that I didn't see in myself and gave me a shot and it had changed my life in so many ways. Every person or customer always asks about Neal and always always has a funny story or a kind word to say

You dont come across people like that everyday...he was a special.person who touched everyones life he came in contact with. He will live on through his family & never forgotten

Malerie Partin - December 20, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LB

“ Neal was one of a kind. His beautiful blue eyes, smile and genuine positive heart was infectious.

His love for his family was unique and pure. Always a jokester making everyone around him laugh. Life of every gathering. Always willing and able to help anyone in need. You could always count on Neal.

You will absolutely be missed more than you know. I will miss our talks about Jesus, politics, our families and life in general. Jimmy will miss his buddy and all the fun times with you as well as me. Always a great time with you.

Rest in peace Neal and kisses to your beautiful daughter who has already welcomed you with Jesus into his kingdom.

Love you forever and ever

Linda and Jim

Linda L Blackwell - December 20, 2024 at 12:59 PM

RD

I met Neal last year while visiting relatives in Englewood Florida. Although hurting, he went out of his way to make me feel welcome. Generous with his time and wit; I found him to be a good man to remember. Sincere condolences to Debbie and his entire family. Russ

Russell D. Brown - December 20, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - December 20, 2024 at 09:15 AM