



Donald R. Neal

September 13, 1954 - September 15, 2018

Neal, Donald R. suddenly September 15, 2018 age 64 of Canton. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of James (Karen) Neal and Jonathan (Carrie) Neal. Proud "Papa" of Thomas, Connor, Henry and Rosie. Dear brother of Robert (Amy) Neal. Dear Uncle of Lela, Abbey, Jill and Bob. Funeral Service Saturday September 22nd, 12 Noon at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Btwn Sheldon and Beck). Visitation Friday 3PM-9PM. Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. To share memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Neal*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I can't believe that you are gone you are my life my soul I will always love you. I am only half but will promise you i will do my best to carry on. Our children and grandchildren will carry on your legacy. You are the best I will be with you again and have our Friday date night. Love you Nancy*

Nancy Neal - October 23, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ *Loved spending time with cousins Donny & Bobby Neal in Arkansas at those Family reunions. After many years, getting to reconnect in 2010, once again in Arkansas at the Old Rock School, in Cederville was such a cherished treat and blessing. I too will share that Don was such a proud FAMILY MAN. Had hoped we might have gotten to attend another, with spouses he and Bobby shared so fondly. RIP Cuz...see you on the othet side All my love, Laura Lee Curtis*

Laura Lee Curtis - October 21, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Bobby and family.Cindy.Crowe Burnett*

Cindy Crowe burnett - September 22, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



September 21, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *Nancy, Jimmy, Jon and families,
Our hearts ache to have to say farewell to our long time friend Don.
We will always remember how he beamed with pride when he
talked about his family. We are holding you all close in thought and
prayer as you celebrate his legacy.*

Blessed to have called him friend.

*Love,
Joe and Celeste Zielke*

Celeste Zielke - September 21, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



September 21, 2018 at 10:18 AM

RR

“ *Royal Pointe West Residents purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald R. Neal.* ”



Royal Pointe West Residents - September 21, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.* ”



September 21, 2018 at 09:28 AM

KL

“ *Sending our condolences to your family, and praying for your heart's pain to ease. So sorry for your loss.* ”

*Karen Logan
AT&T*

Karen L. - September 21, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.* ”



September 21, 2018 at 08:51 AM

CS

“ Jim and I are so saddened to hear of Don’s passing. Don was a great guy and our hearts and prayers go out to Nancy and family.

Claudia Soltau - September 20, 2018 at 09:17 PM

BD

“ Nancy and family, Dale and I are so sorry to hear about Don , he was a great guy and he truly will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all to help you get through this difficult time.
Dale and Bev DeVriese

Bev DeVriese - September 20, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.



September 20, 2018 at 04:39 PM

YT

“ Your Friends at Tetra Tech purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Donald R. Neal.



Your Friends at Tetra Tech - September 20, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



September 20, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Dear Nancy, Jonathan, and James,
I am so deeply sorry for your loss of Don. He was a very kind and personable man. He was a man of integrity and a man who loved his family dearly. Moreover, he was a friend of mine for almost twenty years, and he will be greatly missed.*

Don epitomized the true values of Masonry and brotherhood. His ideas and attitude toward the craft were highly respected. He was a GOOD MAN!

Warmly and Fraternaly,

Ron King

Ron King - September 20, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Neal Family. May God give you strength, peace and comfort during these difficult days.
Love in Christ,
Bobby, Becky & Jacob Hines*

The Hines Family - September 20, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



September 20, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ *We are beyond shocked and saddened for the Neal family! We've enjoyed having you as neighbors and watching all of the fun you have together at the lake. We know how close you are and how shocking this must be. If there's anything we can do to help in Lake Orion, say the word! With deep love and prayers, Brian, Susan, Mark, & Maddie*

Susan Kruger - September 19, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *I was greatly saddened by Don's sudden passing. I worked with Don on many projects over the past 20 years. Don was always a positive, can-do type of person. He will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to all of Don's family and friends. God bless.*

Scott Brune - September 19, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *Mary Stegner, RMS Associates purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



Mary Stegner, RMS Associates - September 19, 2018 at 11:25 AM

KM

“ *Deepest sympathies and condolences to the Neal Family during this difficult time. I very much enjoyed the time I was able to spend with Don and pray that all of the wonderful memories help you find peace and comfort.*

Kevin McGrath - September 19, 2018 at 10:23 AM

CV

“ *Don and I worked together at McDonald's over 45 years ago and have been friends ever since. I believe we got along so well because we were both Virgos/perfectionists and relished in a great deal. Don's favorite was the many free chicken dinners at Frankenmuth in the month of your birthday (i.e. September). When we spoke on his birthday last week all Don could talk about was that he and Nancy had been babysitting all 4 grandkids. What a proud Grandpa he was. Don will be sorely missed as my longtime friend. God Bless you Don and keep you in his kingdom in heaven.*

Craig Valchine - September 18, 2018 at 11:17 PM

BB

“ *Bob, Arlene, Jill, & Bob purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



Bob, Arlene, Jill, & Bob - September 18, 2018 at 05:22 PM

TT

“ *The Telnet Group Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



The Telnet Group Team - September 18, 2018 at 03:39 PM

MV

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences to the Neal Family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.* 🙏

Tom and Michelle Varsel



Michelle Varsel - September 18, 2018 at 02:29 PM

KT

“ *Ken Nelson and the Millennia Team purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



Ken Nelson and the Millennia Team - September 18, 2018 at 02:17 PM

JF

“ I am truly saddened by the news. I have known Don for nearly 25 years as a business associate whom I considered to be a friend. Don was one of the good guys; a man of integrity in a world where there are far too few. I will miss him. I would like to pass on my condolences to his family and I hope they can take solace in the fact that he touched so many lives while he was with them.

John Foster

John Foster - September 18, 2018 at 01:57 PM

CC

“ I worked with Don at Mitel for many years, so saddened by your loss. He will be missed and remembered by the Mitel family in NA and beyond.

Carl Carruthers - September 18, 2018 at 01:31 PM

CO

“ Clean Harbors Westland Office. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald R. Neal.



Clean Harbors Westland Office. - September 18, 2018 at 01:14 PM

-T

“ - Diane Smith and The ChoiceTel Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald R. Neal.



- Diane Smith and The ChoiceTel Team - September 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM

SS

“ I worked with Don at Mitel. He was an old school kind of guy, and we used to chat after we solved a business issue. He was a wealth of knowledge, and leaves a big hole in our hearts. I just wished him a happy birthday, now I wish him to rest in peace. Our heartfelt condolences to the family.

Susan Snow

Susan Snow - September 18, 2018 at 09:45 AM

ER

“ So much love for this family through good times and the difficult ones. Mr. and Mrs. Neal have always exhibited family values of kindness, love, and generosity - these are seen and poured out through Jim and Jonny and their families. The strength and closeness of this family unit has always been admirable and incredibly heart warming to witness. I hurt for my friends but am so grateful for the values and the life they have been given because of their ferociously kind mother and a strong, loving father that showed them the way.

I love you all.

- Erin McLaughlin

Erin - September 18, 2018 at 09:43 AM

JN

“ To Nancy, Jim, Jonathan, daughter-in-laws, grandchildren, I send my love and prayers to all of you at the loss of our precious Don. He will be missed by so many. My prayers of peace and comfort are to all of you at this time. Praying that Father God will give you the comfort at such a trying time in life.
Joe and I love you all so very much.
Joe and Aunt Jaunita in Arkansas.

jaunita noble - September 18, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.



September 18, 2018 at 09:24 AM

AN

“ Angela lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Neal



Angela - September 18, 2018 at 08:47 AM

AN

We will remember Don as a kind coworker always ready to help out his team. He had great stories will be missed by many. Rest In Peace Don.

Angela - September 18, 2018 at 08:50 AM

Jeffrey
Head

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Neal family. I have had the privilege to work along side of Don for many years in different capacities. Don was always kind and easy to talk to about any subject. He was a very proud father and grandfather followed by his passion for work. He will be missed. -Jeffrey Head*

Jeffrey Head - September 18, 2018 at 08:13 AM

HR

“ *Hugs, your friend, Tammy Rabideau purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



Hugs, your friend, Tammy Rabideau - September 18, 2018 at 08:02 AM

EH

“ *I didn't know Don nearly as well as I would've liked, but that didn't stop this wonderful man from treating me and all around him with care, compassion and friendship. He was always willing to lend a hand, experience, or guidance. His life truly made the world a better place and his voice always brought a smile. He was the light in a dreary day. He will be sorely missed.*
All of my prayers go out to his family and all others that are grieving for comfort in your time of need.

Eric Helsel

Eric Helsel - September 18, 2018 at 06:09 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Neal.*



September 18, 2018 at 12:03 AM



“ *It was a privilege to work with Don for over 20 years. He was so full of encouragement and support and a joy to work with. Travelling to many of his customer visits with him and sharing our stories of family was extremely comforting. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole of the Neal family during this time.*

Teresa Horvath, Mitel, Canada

teresa horvath - September 17, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ *Such a beautiful and happy family.*

Frank - September 17, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *We are just in shock and sadness. Seriously the nicest couple you could ever meet or know. Don and Nancy, such loving, cute, fun, personable, excellent people. Don will be missed extremely. What a tragic loss. We sat with them at a recent wedding and had the BEST time. So funny and cute. Lots of great stories about the family and grandchildren. How he love their family. Our hearts and prayers go out to Nancy, Jim, Jon, their daughter-in-laws, and grandchildren. So sad. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Don was a great husband, father, grandfather - you will truly be missed.*

Frank & Mary Ann Flores - September 17, 2018 at 08:54 PM

AF

“ I grew up with the Neal family as one of Jim and Jon's best friends. All I can say is Don was like a second Dad to me. There were only a couple of houses I could walk into without knocking and the Neal house was one of them. He always treated me like family, and ui felt the same way about him.

Atticus Flores - September 17, 2018 at 07:43 PM

PM

“ I have had the distinct pleasure of working with and getting to know Don! For the past 20 years of my career I have had the ability to call him my friend. He was a passionate friend to many and loved his family dearly. I loved the stories of his grand children especially when he was working from home. They always helped him laugh and giggle throughout the day I am sure. I heard it many times on the phone. I am sending prayers and lots of love to the entire Neal family! God Speed my friend I will miss you dearly!

Phillip McDaniel & Family!

Phillip McDaniel - September 17, 2018 at 07:21 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melissa Coombs - September 17, 2018 at 06:14 PM



Unlike most people that have sent their condolences, I've only known Don for less than a year. As the Business Development Manager at Mitel, he supported my company's Mitel efforts. I immediately liked him, trusted him and thoroughly enjoyed our time working together. Truly one of the good guys. My deepest sympathies to the Neal family and all those who love him. Based on my experiences with Don, I'm sure there are many.

Trent Smith - September 19, 2018 at 03:58 PM

IB

We are shocked and saddened by the news of Don's passing, he will be truly missed. Our deepest sympathies for the Neal family, may God give you strength and comfort at such a trying time.

Ilene and Brian Burmeister - September 20, 2018 at 02:31 PM

MR

I am saddened by the news of Don's passing. I worked with Don at Mitel and always enjoyed our conversations. He was a genuinely good person and consummate professional who always followed through on any commitments he would make. He took great care of me when I was in town to meet with his customers and I have wonderful memories of him. My thoughts and prayers are with the Neal Family & Friends during this difficult time. Don will be missed but never forgotten. ❤️

Michele Riley - September 21, 2018 at 11:20 AM

TP

Bobby, when you informed me the other night about your brothers passing I was extremely saddened for you and your family. Stay strong Bobby. May your brother rest in peace. Your friend Tony Palett AT&T Prime Wireless.

Tony Palett - September 23, 2018 at 11:25 AM