



C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr.

May 9, 1926 - June 2, 2016

C. E. (GENE) Neal, Jr., 90, passed away Thursday, June 2nd, 2016. He was born in Brevard, North Carolina, to C.E. (Colonel) Neal Sr. and Amy Doris White. He married the love of his life, Mary Helen Smith on January 1, 1949 and they shared 66 years together, until her death one day shy of a year ago on June 3rd, 2015.

Mr. Neal graduated Valedictorian, from Calvert High School. He served in the U.S. Army as Infantry Company Commander, 12th Philippine Scout Division and Luzon, Philippines. Upon his return he attended college. He was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and received his BBA from the University of Houston. He enjoyed poetry, writing, public speaking and lay preaching. He loved the Methodist Church and was a dedicated Rotarian. He moved his young family from Houston to Fairfield in the mid-sixties in search of a better, quieter life. He ran a Real Estate business for over 50 years in Fairfield, and retired only because of the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.

Mr. Neal is survived by his children; C.E. (Trip) Neal, III and wife Cindy, Steven A. Neal and wife Kay, Susan Jones and husband Andy, Mary Jean Alford and husband John Allen; grandchildren, Jason Trip Neal and wife Kim, Erin Neal, Caitlin Neal, Beth Fuellbier and husband Bill, Christopher Neal, Tamara Rittershaus and husband Andre, Bryan Jones and wife Jennifer, Amanda Jones, Jake Alford, Hunter Alford; great grandchildren, Justin, Warren and Sophia Neal, Brent, Ryan, and Tori Waller, Brandy, Alan and Christal Neal, Evelyn Rittershaus, Aaron and Cayden Jones. He is also

survived by one sister Doris Ingram and husband Bob, and one sister in law, Gloria Neal along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Visitation will be 6-8 pm Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home, Fairfield. Funeral Service will be 3 pm Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church of Fairfield. Burial will follow at Lake Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Freestone Cancer Support Group, Inc. P.O. Box 1522 Fairfield, Texas 75840, The Alzheimer's Association 688 Alliance Pkwy #500 Hewitt, Texas 76643, or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Lake Chapel Cemetery

FM 488
Fairfield, TX 75840

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Fairfield
450 East Main Street
Fairfield, TX 75840
(903) 389-9217
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist - Fairfield
201 North Mount
Fairfield, TX 75840
(903) 389-2225

Tribute Wall



“ C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Condolences to the Neal family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

Williams Family - June 21, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ Deborah Susan Vani lit a candle in memory of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr.



Deborah Susan Vani - June 06, 2016 at 08:49 PM



I am a niece of Gene Neil and spent much time with the family in our younger years. I spent quite some time at the old house with the family and Gene was a wonderful inspiration and even had some work for me for which I got paid. I also got to ride on the float representing his real estate which was very special for me at that time. I think I was 16 then. I loved Fairfield - we had a home there for a time and I wish I could have spent more time there with my cousins and Gene and Mary Helen - my doll of an aunt. My dad is her brother....we called her Honey and so she was. I know they are together again and that brings me great joy. Love and hugs to all my cousins - I will always remember those times I spent there in Fairfield....chasing armadillos and coons. Thank You.....deb

Deborah Susan Vani - June 06, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..*



June 04, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ *Barbara Welch purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..*



Barbara Welch - June 04, 2016 at 12:23 AM



“ *Melanie Coleman purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..*



Melanie Coleman - June 03, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ *Lakeside United Methodist Church in Streetman, TX purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..*



Lakeside United Methodist Church in Streetman, TX - June 03, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..



June 03, 2016 at 07:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..



June 03, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ Gene was a man with a heart for service - and poetry. One of my fondest early memories of Rotary involvement was hearing Gene read one of his poems. Later I was fortunate to make it onto his mailing list, and I looked forward to receiving his letters and poems.

If anyone can get the angels organized and motivated to serve mankind, it's Gene. We'll miss him, and honor him by trying to live up to his vision and the actions he took helping others

Barbara Warden - June 03, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr..



June 03, 2016 at 02:31 PM

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“ *In memory and tribute to a gentleman and outstanding Rotarian for Fairfield Rotary and District 5870. He will be missed by many in more ways that most would understand or even imagine. God speed you Brother Gene. We will meet again...*



David D. Huffman - June 03, 2016 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Lakeside United Methodist Church lit a candle in memory of C.E. (Gene) Neal, Jr.*



Lakeside United Methodist Church - June 02, 2016 at 03:02 PM