



## Franklin Neal

November 21, 1932 - January 14, 2018

Franklin Delano Neal, 85, of Corsicana passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Navarro Regional Hospital. Franklin was born on November 21, 1932 in Blooming Grove Texas, the second youngest of six children born to Clara Ollie Futch Neal and Wesley D Neal. Franklin grew up in and around Corsicana Texas in his early years and resided in Corsicana his entire adult life. Franklin met the love of his life, Nelda June Jordan Neal, in March of 1953. It was truly love at first sight as he married Nelda on April 24, 1954 while home on leave from the Military. Franklin served his country in the Army in El Paso @ Fort Bliss from May 1953 to May 1954 and was then deployed to Okinawa for a year during the Korean War. Franklin achieved the rank of Corporal serving in the Army until April 23, 1955. He arrived home in Corsicana, just in time to spend his first Anniversary with his beloved Nelda. Franklin and Nelda made their home in Corsicana, Texas where they raised their family. Franklin worked at Bethlehem Steel Company as a young adult. Franklin was a Professional Insurance Salesman working for National Life & Accident Insurance Company for 20 years and then owning Franklin Neal Insurance Agency, for some 25 years until his retirement. Franklin spent his life protecting his friends, family, and community by providing insurance services to many Corsicana residents. As his Business Cards read. Franklin Neal Insurance Agency.... "The Man With The Plan For You" Franklin was a member of Union High Missionary Baptist Church and Second Avenue Missionary Baptist Church for many years. Franklin was ordained as a deacon

April 13, 1958 and served for almost 60 years. He also served as Sunday School Supt., and Adult Sunday School and BTC Teacher for many years. Franklin served CISD and the kids of Corsicana as Band Parent President and Booster Club President.

Franklin loved God, Nelda, and his family most, followed by music, and ranching. Franklin wrote songs, played a guitar and sang, and enjoyed music from his early teenage years. He published two songs when he was 78 years old. Quite an accomplishment for a lifelong song writer and music lover! Frank raised cattle for some 60 plus years in Union High and Corsicana, Texas. He spent countless hours over the years with Nelda at the farm, looking over the cattle and enjoying the beauty of nature and the animals. After retirement, the Farm was one of Franklin's favorite places to hang out and enjoy life with his family and friends.

Franklin was an Endowed Member of the Corsicana Masonic Lodge No. 174 where he served for many years as a study instructor, performed Masonic Funerals, and served as Worshipful Master and other officer positions for the lodge. He also served as a Worthy Patron for the Corsicana Chapter No. 118 order of the Eastern Star.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Wesley Neal Jr. and Joel Dean Neal, and his sisters Dorothy Golden, Ruth Phillips, and Frances Walker. Left to cherish Franklin's memory are his wife of almost 64 years, Nelda, a son Danny Franklin Neal and wife Nancy of Frisco, Texas and a daughter Carla Evans-Barber and husband Cliff of Corsicana, Texas. He is survived by grandsons Daniel Neal of Dallas, Jonathon Franklin Neal of Dallas, Nicholas Neal of Dallas, and Drew Cain and wife Jennifer of New Braunfels. He is also survived by granddaughters Carly Neal of Frisco, Mikala Evans of Corsicana, and Jill Cain of Dallas and great grandson Jackson Cain of New Braunfels.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home Chapel in Corsicana, Texas. Visitation immediately following funeral services at the Griffin Roughton Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Daniel Neal, Jonathon Franklin Neal, Nicholas Neal, Drew Cain, Chuck Tidwell, Steven Tidwell, Darrell Tidwell, and Scott Tidwell. Honorary pallbearers are James Neal, Lester Franklin Neal, Nelson Galloway, Curtis Holt, Nicky Andrews, Wayne Moody, Tim Moody, and Gene Gardner

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Second Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Neal



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - January 16, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ Franklin Neal

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Neal.



January 17, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Franklin Neal.



January 17, 2018 at 10:52 AM

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“ *Sundown-OKC: Jerid, Kathy, Julie, Stephanie, Drew purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Franklin Neal.*



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**Sundown-OKC: Jerid, Kathy, Julie, Stephanie, Drew -**  
January 16, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Franklin Neal.*



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January 16, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Neal.*



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January 16, 2018 at 02:23 PM



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Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - January 16, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Franklin Neal.



January 16, 2018 at 12:48 PM



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



January 16, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family  
Mr Neal was always kind and generous to us  
Brenda and James Mitchell



Brenda and James Mitchell - January 16, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Franklin Neal.



January 15, 2018 at 11:08 PM



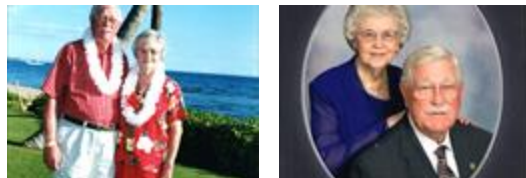
“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the  
family of Franklin Neal.



January 15, 2018 at 07:05 PM



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Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - January 15, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ A great man who loved and worked for his Savior. He loved his wife and children immensely. He will be missed by all who knew him. Especially by my family. Praying for Nelda, Carla, Danny and their families.

*Bro. Arden*

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**Travis Arden** - January 15, 2018 at 07:04 AM

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“ Our prayers go out to the family, God bless, you all, praying for the family in this time. Love Johnny, and Nell Easley

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**Johnny and Nell Easley** - January 15, 2018 at 04:38 AM