



Billy Ray Neel

September 30, 1931 - November 23, 2013

Billy Ray Neel of El Campo died November 23, 2013 at the age of 82. He was born on September 30, 1931 in Overton, Texas to the late Homer Lee and Lenny Billington Neel. He was a 101st Airborne Paratrooper for the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict, served 2 deployments to Korea and had served under General MacArthur. Neel was a district supervisor for SW Bell Telephone Company, retiring after 43 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, member and Past Commander of American Legion Post 251, Coast Guard Auxiliary, member of the Masons, and a PADI Scuba Diving Instructor. He is survived by his daughter Denise Hlavaty and husband Larry of Hillje; sons Lonnie Neel and wife Leigh Ann of El Campo, Billy G. Neel and wife Carla of Austin, and Troy Neel of Port Villa Vanuatu; companion Diane Buetel of El Campo; grandchildren Angie, Cade, Heather, Lanise, Chance, Larissa, Collin, Carson, Ella, and Axelle; great-grandchildren Halling, Everett, Amelia, and Weston; and brother Tommy Neel and wife Mollie of Lake Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Norma Jean Neel, and son Dennis Neel.

Visitation will begin Monday at 2 pm at Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 5 pm to 7 pm. Funeral services will be 2 pm Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at Triska Funeral Home with Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Honorary pallbearers are Hank Bradley, Charles Stranton, Randy Clapp and Curtis Clapp.

Memorial donations in memory of Billy R. Neel may be made to Houston Hospice-El Campo.

Tribute Wall

SN

“ Billy,

I was browsing the internet and saw that your dad passed away. I was sorry to read about it. Otherwise, I hope you are doing well. If you come to Angleton sometime then let me know and we can have lunch.

I am still lawyering. Same place. Just getting older.

Regards,

Sam Lee

Sam Lee - Angleton, TX - Friend of Billy G Neel - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of this. Cade is out of town right now but I will definitely let him know. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Cade and Kim Neel

Kimberly Neel - Burleson, TX - Grandson's Wife - December 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *So sorry to hear of Billy Ray's passing. He was my favorite cousin on the Billington side of the family. Made me feel special every time I saw him. :) Thoughts and prayers out to you guys Lonnie, Denise, Billy and Troy and all your family.*

Laura (Burwell) Brieden - Lake Jackson, TX - Cousin - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all*

Steve and Lucia Cunningham Sanders and families - Brazoria, TX - cousin -
November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *To the Neel Family*

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Your father was always so kind and helpful to my Mother and Father Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dettling. I will always remember him as one fine person .

Tony Dettling - San Antonio, TX - friend - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Billy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know there are no words to help ease your pain right now. Its the memories, stories and smiles you have of your father that will give you the strength you need to make it through each day. Time will heal, but he will never be forgotten.*

Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Roxanne
Huffines Communities*

Roxanne Cabrera - Dallas, TX - Co-Worker - November 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Remembering all the good times we shared. Your friendship will absolutely be greatly missed!*

Jo Ann Jansky - Edna, TX - Close Friend - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to your family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
Sincerely,
Lael, Ashley and Taylor Martin and Mike O'Brien

Lael Martin - El campo, TX - Friend - November 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ May God grant you peace and comfort in this time of your loss.

Ginger McMasters - Bakersfield, CA - Friend of Family - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Bill and I would like to extend our condolences to Billy's children and family. We send love and prayers to each, and especially to our dear friend Diane, who will miss him very much.

Gloria Poole Dowden - Shreveport, LA - Acquaintance - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Great friend and will be missed by all who knew him. Kind and caring

Charles Stanton and wife Ruth - Richmond, TX - Friend - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM