



Druye William Neal

July 13, 1939 - May 22, 2024

Druye William “Billy” Neal, 84, of Athens, AL, passed away on May 22, 2024. He was born on July 13, 1939, in Athens, AL.

Mr. Neal is survived by his wife Shirley Townsend Neal; son Jeff Neal; daughter Penny Neal Lawler (Jerry); sisters Sandra Marks (Ronnie), Janice Burrough (the late Bobby), and Sue Mackele (David); and grandchildren Dru Lawler, Daniel Lawler, and Chloe Neal.

He is preceded by his parents Drue and Lucille Neal; late wife Barbara Blackwell Neal; and sister Helen Pack.

Billy was a friend to everyone he met. He was a soft spoken, humble man that had a great sense of humor. He continued to joke and entertain everyone even while enduring the pain from cancer. Billy was a dedicated Christian servant of his Lord & his fellow man. He was a long time member of First Baptist & Lindsay Lane Baptist Church of Athens where he served as deacon and in any area that he was needed. He was also very involved in the Love Packages Ministry and Carpenters for Christ. Billy attended Athens City Schools in his early years, then Tanner High School, then graduated from Elkmont High School. He received 3 class reunion invitations and went to them all for years. Billy spent 35 years working at Monsanto where he retired at age 55 and continued to pursue his many hobbies, such as golf, bowling, horseshoes, cornhole, spades, rook, restoring old cars, metal detecting,

collecting everything from bottles, comic books, baseball cards, coins, Pez dispensers, button pins, and BB guns. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He is going to be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services will be Sunday, May 26th, 2024, at 4:00pm at Lindsay Lane Baptist Main Campus. Visitation will be 2:00-3:45pm. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Chuck Gibbs, Mark Cole, Wayne White, Ronnie Marks, Bill Mitchell, and Eddie McLemore.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

523 US Hwy 31 South
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Lindsay Lane Baptist Main Campus
1300 Linsday Lane South
Athens, AL 35611

Funeral Service

MAY 26. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Druye William Neal.*



May 25, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *Mr Billy was a great person,who I had play golf with he could hit that straight down the middle. Now he in big golf course playing on the gold green miss you buddy.*

Donnie marlow - May 24, 2024 at 07:01 PM



“ *Kevin and Bridget purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Druye William Neal.*



Kevin and Bridget - May 24, 2024 at 09:20 AM