



## Megan Danielle Neal

May 26, 2000 - November 7, 2022

Megan Danielle Neal, age 22, of Lafayette, Georgia passed away the night of November 7, 2022.

Megan was born on May 26, 2000 with a rare congenital heart disease. She had her first open heart surgery at just 5 days old. We learned what a fighter she would be then and even more so just a few days after her first surgery. Her heart stopped and a much sicker baby was rushed back to the operating room. She had her second and third surgeries before turning 3 years old. Going through her childhood years most people would never know because she never complained.

At age 10 Megan tragically suffered a traumatic brain injury where once again she was faced with a grim hope of survival. Megan showed up and showed out leaving her family, doctor's, and therapists in complete awe of her resiliency as she relearned to walk, talk and regain essentially every other skill.

Megan was of the Christian faith and attended Lafayette Church of God of Prophecy. Megan was a graduate of Gordon Lee Memorial High School, Class of 2019. After graduation, she participated in Project SEARCH at Memorial Healthcare. She recently met with vocational rehabilitation, partnered with supported employment, to explore her options for working.

Megan lived her life to the fullest. Some of her favorite things included playing ball for the Miracle League of Chattanooga, spending time with her friends, watching WWE wrestling, swimming, going to the zoo, horseback riding,

beating everyone in a game of UNO, singing at church, and singing along with her favorite artists whom she has met several times, Lauren Alaina and Damian McGinty. Megan was also quite the adventurer. She experienced boxing, rock climbing, hang gliding and indoor skydiving. Megan was fearless. There was nothing she left unaccomplished.

Megan loved her family and friends fiercely. Her journey allowed her to meet some incredible people that became lifelong friends. She never met a stranger and impacted the lives of everyone she met. She was sassy, witty, and honest. She made the world a better place and her legacy will live on with everyone that loved her.

Megan is preceded in death by her stepdad: Paul Smith, Papaw: Wayne Garrett, and stepsister: Paula Wilson. Megan is survived by her Mom: Renee Smith, Daddy and Stepmom: David (Amy) Neal, Siblings: Lindsey (Briar) Winston, Katie (David) Edwards, Scott Smith (Danielle Gruber), Lindsey Smith (Brandon O'Neal) Stepsiblings: Wayne (Crystal) Smith, Eddie Smith (Norma Perich), Tracie (Derek) West, Danielle Smith (Melissa Bythrow), Granny: Linda Garrett, Nana and Papa: Connie and Danny Brown, Papaw Neal: David (Sandy) Neal, Nanaboo: Betsy Meadows, Nan: Helen Morgan, Dodo: Dovie Golden, Aunts and Uncles: Ricky (Shannon) Garrett, Randy Garrett, Jason (Brandi) Oliver, Jackie Garrett, close family friend: Don Martin, extended family: Jacob Burnett, Alex McClure, many cousins, and countless friends. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday and prior to the service on Tuesday. The Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 in the chapel with officiants Jim Ellis and Loretta Walker. Eulogy given by Boz DelMundo. Graveside Services followed at Chickamauga Cemetery with pallbearers: James "Buddha" Risner, Coty Peardon, Boz DelMundo, Hallie Perry, John Schultz, and Paul Queen. In Megan's honor, additional donations may be made to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities at [www.armhc.org/donate](http://www.armhc.org/donate). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes - Chickamauga, Georgia.



# Cemetery Details

## Chickamauga City Cemetery

Lee Ave.  
Chickamauga, GA 30707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 14. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel  
215 Lee Ave.  
P.O. Box 370  
Chickamauga, GA 30707  
(706) 375-2161  
[bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com](mailto:bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Shane Nation sent a virtual gift in memory of Megan Danielle Neal*



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**Shane nation** - November 16, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Megan Danielle Neal.*



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November 15, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MG

“ *Marilyn Golden lit a candle in memory of Megan Danielle Neal*



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**Marilyn Golden** - November 15, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Megan Danielle Neal.*



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November 14, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Danielle Neal.* ”



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November 14, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Megan Danielle Neal.* ”



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November 14, 2022 at 08:12 AM

DS

“ *Renea and Family,  
What a Blessing it was to be a friend of Megan, she was so fearless, spunky,honest to the core,and even though her heart was damaged she Loved like no one I've ever known , if you were Blessed to know Megan you we're surely Blessed. I've watched this beautiful angel throughout here life grow into a Amazing young lady, my heart is so broken , there are no words to express the emptiness I am feeling , the pain of your loss. I Thank God for all of your memories that your sweet angel left for you,and there are enough of them maybe to comfort you For a million years....Renea you were the best mother any child could ask for , just to watch you and Megan together all these years was a testimony to me.... I love you , and my Prayers are with you always, May God wrap you and your family in his arms and give you the strength you will need in the days to come....  
Your friend always  
Donna Swindall*

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**Donna Swindall** - November 13, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Megan Danielle Neal.*



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November 13, 2022 at 04:30 PM



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



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November 13, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Renee and family  
I never met Megan but I saw her all over Facebook and all of the things that she was doing. She was amazing. I am so totally sorry for your loss and you will be in my continuous prayers and I will always remember Megan even though I never got to meet her 💕  
God bless you all! Love you Renee!💕  
Ann Smith Cleveland, TN*

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**Ann Smith** - November 13, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *May God hold this family close as they go thru the heartbreak of losing this child. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and know that many friends love and support you on this journey. God bless you all.*



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**Vicki Millholland Hawkins** - November 13, 2022 at 11:54 AM