



Neil James Westra

September 11, 1934 - April 24, 2021

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2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Neil J. Westra, has fought the good fight, he has always kept the faith, and he has finished his course. Husband, father, grandpa, great grandpa, good friend, and author has stepped from earth to Glory.

Neil had a very hard life growing up. Later in life someone convinced him to write a gospel track about when he came to know Jesus. Then at the age of 78 he sat down at his computer, and with one finger typed his life story in to book form. It took him two years, then had it published. "THE NIGHTMARE OF A FIVE YEAR OLD" By Neil James Westra. After the book was published and on the market, his granddaughter Ali sent a copy to the world wide radio program "UNSHACKLED" where it was dramatized, and aired worldwide.

Neil was not a wealthy man, but was a very rich man in that he knew how to help others. For years he had a jail ministry at the Allegan County Sheriff's

Dept. in Allegan, Michigan. There he led countless numbers of men to the Lord behind bars. He had a compassionate heart for others.

He also served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War before retiring in 1998 after more than 50 years as an electrician.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Georgia Mae Straton Westra and 8 siblings. He is survived by his loving wife, Cathrine "Kitty" Westra, children, Niel "Casey" J. Westra, Rene (Eddie) Everette and Joe (Donna) Westra, grandchildren, Eli Everette, Ali (Nick) Clemmons, Keely (Danny) Christian, Keegan Westra Keturah Westra and Kolton Westra, great grandchild, Ezra and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 14, 2021 at Ridgeland Point Church, 1417 Happy Valley Rd. Rossville, GA 30741. Inurnment will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Our family wants to thank each and every one of you for all of your prayers and kind words of support. His whole life has always been about others, and helping people in need. For all of you fulfilling this roll, we want to thank you for making his life complete.

Please pray for our family during this time. His wife Kitty of 64 years , Casey, Rene & Eddie, Joe & Donna, and all the grandkids.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Ridgeland Point Church
1417 Happy Valley Rd
Rossville, GA 30741

Tribute Wall

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“*Times like these are never easy for me. I never know what to say to anyone and usually wind up saying nothing but I am going to try this morning. The many mornings I spent as a youth in "Uncle" Neil and "Aunt" Kittie's home, or after school or all the times that my folks spent with them, will forever leave a lasting impression on me. Through the years he had to discipline me, make me laugh, make me cry and even taught me a few things. I always felt as if I was home when in his house. I will continue to hold your family up in prayer.*

Daniel G Thompson - May 02, 2021 at 12:17 PM