



## William Robert Neel, Jr.

September 22, 1937 - October 23, 2017

William Robert Neel, Jr., in his 80th year, died on October 23, 2017, at UPMC Presbyterian hospital with family at his side.

Born at home in Downieville, PA to William R. and Kathryn (McKinney) Neel September 22, 1937. He was avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Penn State Football where he attended university for Engineering. Bill lived a full life most would never see. His passion for justice led him to run for several public offices including U.S. Congress. He participated in and led a variety of civil and women's rights and anti-war actions, and he had a never-ending kindness to help others in need. After retiring from Armco he taught electrical circuitry and was an electrical inspector.

Bill is survived by his wife Nancy Orr Neel, who he married in 1964, his son Kevin (Satarupa) of San Mateo, CA, his daughter Erin (Beau) of Oakland, CA, and eight siblings: Pat Lamberson, West Grove PA, Nikki (Rich) Weaver, Mars PA, Linda (Larry) Fox, Valencia, PA; Richard (Nancy) Neel, West Newton; Betty (Bob) Fox, Butler; Joyce Neel, Butler, Kim Neel, Butler; Susie (Mike) Brashear, Saxonburg; and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. He is preceded in death by brother-in-law and friend, Bob Lamberson.

Friends will be received at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St.,

Butler, on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 2-4 & 6-8PM.

Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday, October 27th at 11AM..

Interment in the Mars Cemetery, Mars, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of Bill's favorite organizations: Thomas Merton Center, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, WQED, or ACLU.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

OCT **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ones,  
Please receive our belated sympathy on the passing of your loved one, Bill. Our vivid memory was of Bill on Labor Day during the George W. Bush years. That year, we were in the company of Bill when a large contingent of us went from the Labor Day parade to Neville Island. There we were herded into a ball park several blocks from where Mr. Bush was going to speak. Bill did not comply with the orders of the police to remain there and was subsequently arrested. That day, he was my hero! He had the courage of his convictions in his first amendment rights of freedom of speech and assembly.

We join you in giving thanks for Bill's life this Thanksgiving time.

Peace and comfort,  
Joyce Rothermel and Michael Drohan  
Members of the Thomas Merton Center, Pittsburgh

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Joyce Rothermel - November 22, 2017 at 07:17 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Young Funeral Home - October 26, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Robert Neel, Jr..*



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October 25, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Robert Neel, Jr..*



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October 25, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *May we express our deepest sympathy to the families of Bill. May he RIP!*

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**Michael** - October 25, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *Michael & Dee Dee Newcaster lit a candle in memory of William Robert Neel, Jr.*



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**Michael & Dee Dee Newcaster** - October 25, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Robert Neel, Jr..* ”



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October 25, 2017 at 08:03 AM