



William E. Neese Sr.

December 3, 1938 - July 12, 2021

Age 82 of Wilmington, IL passed away Monday, July 12, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. He graduated from Wilmington High School and joined the United States Army. He was an avid Boy Scout Leader for over 20 years. William enjoyed woodworking, black powder shooting, boating and fishing.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Ethel (nee Howard) Neese; one son, Richard (Kelly) Neese of Wilmington, IL; eight grandsons, Clayton Barnes, Richard (Kristian) Neese II, Erick Barnes, Kristopher (Carley) Neese, Curtis (Katie) Barnes, Ryan Neese, Corbin Neese and Conrad Neese; one granddaughter, Madilyn Neese; three great grandsons, Skylar Neese, Richard Neese III and John Neese; four great granddaughters, Kaylee (Lauren) Caldwell, Hannah Barnes, Emma Barnes and Gracy Barnes; one sister, Judy Ashley; two brothers, Robert Neese and Charles (Silvia) Neese.

Proceeding him in death were his parents, Herman and Rosalie Neese; two sons, William Neese, Jr. and Steven Neese; one daughter, Marsha Barnes; three sisters, Betty Howard, Lois Shear and Shirley Davis; and one brother, Donald Neese.

Funeral procession will be from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 9:30 am to the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Wilmington for Mass of Christian burial at 10 am. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wilmington, IL. Visitation will be at the funeral home Friday, July 16, 2021 from 4-7 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials

may be directed to the family. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Mt Olivet Cemetery- Wilmington

498 Kahler Road
Wilmington, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
604 S. Kankakee Street
Wilmington, IL 60481

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Ethel and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a special man and will be missed. Your life will go on but it will be different. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Joanne Fitzpatrick*

Joanne Fitzpatrick - July 28, 2021 at 01:47 PM

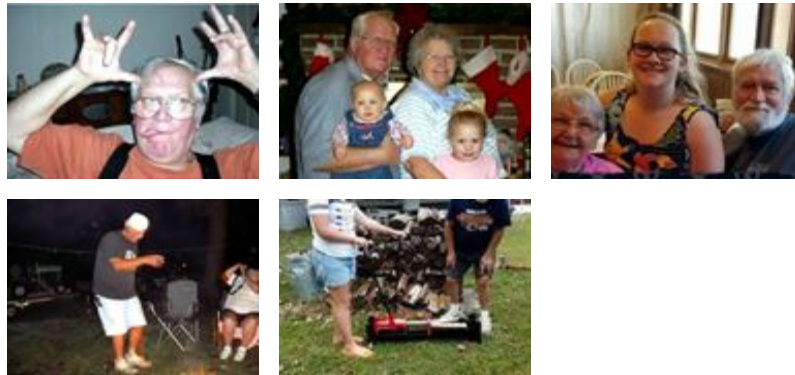
MH

“ *Ethel and Family, So very sorry for your loss. There is no way to prepare yourself for this time. May God give you strength to help you through the coming days. Cherish the good memories. 💕💕💕💕*

Marie Hiler & John Howard - July 16, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *89 files added to the album Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 16, 2021 at 09:19 AM

JB

“ If not for Facebook I most likely never would have met my Illinois 2nd cousin, Michael, who in turn connected me to Bill. Bill came to Virginia to visit his daughter and her husband. Bill and his son-in-law drove all the way up from the Norfolk area just to meet and visit with me in Fauquier County for a few hours. He was so kind, warm, and friendly, I felt like I'd known him for years! And now I feel like I've lost a good friend... Go with God, Bill! I know there are a host of loved ones who welcomed you home and you're all partying about now! We all miss you, but know you are in good hands...

Juanita Neese Barnett - July 16, 2021 at 01:28 AM

DN

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. There are no words to express how sorry we are to hear of Williams passing. This is with heart felt sympathy ❤️ But please know God has William in his loving arms and he is with his other family members embracing one another.
Dale and Verna Neese The Florida Neese's

Dale and Verna Neese - July 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM

HF

My thought and prayers go out to friends and family Mr Nesse was my Scout Master

heath fredendall - January 03, 2022 at 08:13 PM

FK

“ WOW, Bill one of a kind great guy, big heart rest in Peace my friend. So sorry for your loss family



Fannie King - July 14, 2021 at 06:03 PM

LD

I've known Bill for a very long time. Always kind hearted. He will be sadly missed. Sympathy to the family and especially Ethel.

Laura Davis - July 16, 2021 at 12:30 PM

KB

“ He was an amazing grandfather, stepped in when others couldn't and took care of me there is way to many memories to just put one down... he made all my summers amazing and always had something to do. Especially camping and going boating it hurts I can't see you but my grandpa is Alive in my memories

kaylee barnes - July 14, 2021 at 10:13 AM

RH

“ Bill was a really great guy. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rosetta Hughes - July 14, 2021 at 09:46 AM

JD

“ What a wonderful man you always were. I loved the Mountain Men set up you did with George Kiefling. And always at Belletinis's with Girl Scout cookies. You will be missed cousin! R.I.P

Jeani Davis - July 14, 2021 at 01:08 AM

MS

“ I remember going to his house for a cookout and it was so hot. We all had fun that day. He would always help you out if he could. Love and miss you Uncle Bill

Michele Shear - July 13, 2021 at 07:23 PM

LL

“ oh i am so sorry to read this ethel and loved ones. bill was a good guy always like talking to me about the past days and school with my brothers. prayers for all of you

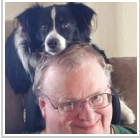


linda lyday - July 13, 2021 at 07:06 PM

JL

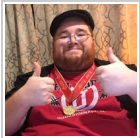
“ So sorry he was a great man Rip buddy

Jack Lerfald - July 13, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ Always loved their decorations for Christmas and Halloween... Was always fun to be around

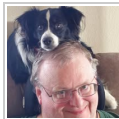
Virgil Frost - July 13, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ It really hurts knowing I lost you last night... but at the same time... I know the last we met, you told me I made your day... you made mine as well... Rest easy, Grandfather, I will take it from here.



Ryan Neese - July 13, 2021 at 04:37 PM



Love you buddy

Virgil Frost - July 13, 2021 at 05:43 PM

DH

So sorry Aunt Ethel and family. As others has mentioned, Uncle Bill was a VERY SPECIAL man indeed. God had to of broken the mold after creating Uncle Bill because I don't believe there is another person of his demeanor and quality. God bless and give the family peace.

Dean and Marcia Howard - July 17, 2021 at 07:29 PM