



Bill Neel

September 11, 1958 - March 5, 2025

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

Bill Neel, beloved husband, father, and grandfather was called home to be with our Lord and Savior.

William Douglas Neel was born in Rochester, New York. He graduated from Community College of the Finger Lakes in Canandaigua, New York and later was awarded a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Photography at Rochester Institute of Technology. Most recently he served as a spiritual director while working on his Master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry from Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He enjoyed volunteering at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Loaves & Fishes.

Bill’s most important love was to our Lord and to his family. Bill will be dearly missed by his wife of 15 years, Margaret; his children, Allison Liebke and her fiancé, Christian; Valerie Neel, and David Neel and his wife, Nikola; his grandson, Bo; his brother, Dan Neel and his wife, Sue; his sister, Bonnie Shayne; brother-in-law, Gerardo Robledo and his wife, Dolores; nieces and nephews Mary Brophy and her husband, Stephen; Christine Medina and her husband, Mario; Tim Shayne; Julie Neel Wasson; Abby Dietz and her husband, Jim; Alyssa Neel; Steven Neel; Greg Leslie; Matt Leslie and his wife, Sonya; Jason Robledo and his wife, Jennifer; and Philip Robledo; great

nephews and great nieces Thomas and Julia Brophy; Gabby, Elena, and James Medina; Codie and Greyson Leslie; Reagan and Brennan Robledo; and Auden and Isla Leslie.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Rosemary Neel; his older brother, John Michael Neel; his brother-in-law, John Shayne; and his sister-in-law, Maria Leslie.

Bill worked as a Technical Editor for Inter-Research Science Center in Northern Germany for 16 years through his company, Nelco, which he owned for 25 years. Bill served as a Chaplain at the Bexar County Detention Center in San Antonio, Texas until retirement. As a hobby, he worked at HEB in the Cooking Connections Department as a Food Demo Rep. Some of his other hobbies included photography, cycling, baking, traveling and watching his Buffalo Bills. While living in Germany, he truly enjoyed being a member of the local Baking Club. He was an active participant in many ministries at St. Matthew Catholic Church that included Knights of Columbus, That Man is You, and ACTS.

The family is welcoming friends for visitation Thursday, March 13, 2025 starting at 6:00 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas. On Friday, March 14th, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 1:30 with the Funeral Mass beginning at 2:00 P.M. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

Donations can be made in Bill's name to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Matthew Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

MAR 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

MAR 14. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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10703 Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Bill was a good friend while I was in High School in Canandaigua. He was a good egg. I pray for his and his families Peace.
Andy Senn

Andy Senn - September 02, 2025 at 04:58 AM

BS

Thank you for your prayers. Bill was a good brother. It's nice to have his friends from high school share. It means a lot for you to take the time.

Bonnie (Neel) Shayne - October 10, 2025 at 05:32 PM

ML

“ I just found out about Bill's passing today (9/1/25). We went to high school together in Canandaigua ,NY and also we were part of a little group of crazy friends who lived together in So Cal in the late 70's. Some of the best times of my life:) Bill was a good friend to many..and although he was a quiet man, when he spoke people listened. I was lucky enough to get to visit with Bill and Margaret in early 2000's. Many good memories :) Sending peace to him and to his family💜 Missy (Himes) Larkin

Melissa (Himes) Larkin - September 01, 2025 at 01:26 PM

BS

How nice to hear about one of my brother Bill's friends from Canandaigua. I was a senior at Canandaigua Academy when Bill was a freshman. I remember he had some good adventures in California. Thanks for sharing. Bonnie

Bonnie (Neel) Shayne - October 10, 2025 at 05:31 PM

KB

“ Bill was a wonderful friend. We started as coworkers in Germany and became good friends. I never forget when he told me that he was moving to a small village South of Hamburg and it turned out to be only ten minutes from where I lived. We spent a lot of good times together. We tried his beer-brewing skills. We watched bad bootleg copies of Star Wars I and II when the movies were released, we tested smoke beer from Bavaria. He was welcome to stay at my place when he needed it most. We flew to Rochester together to watch the Bills lose a Super Bowl. We went to the American Consulate together to watch the Bills lose another two Super Bowls. I spent so many good days at his place in Hedendorf, enjoying his company and talking about whatever was there to talk about. Bill always listened. He was more than a friend to me. I will miss him dearly.

Kalle Boettcher

Kalle Boettcher - March 14, 2025 at 10:03 PM

BS

Bill always spoke of you most fondly. It's still hard to believe he's gone, but of course our belief is that we will see each other again. Thanks Kalle

Bonnie (Neel) Shayne - October 10, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LM

“ Bill was our rock during the illness and passing of his brother, John, our husband and father. His compassion and strength throughout this time was exemplary and kept us all afloat. He stepped up to all tasks, teaching Abby to drive, taking the senior portraits for Julie, acting as nurse and communications person. Thank you Bill . With love, Lynn, Julie and Abby

Lynn Miller - March 14, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Neel.*



March 13, 2025 at 10:54 PM