



## Richard M. Neil, Sr.

June 13, 1931 - January 10, 2009

### NEIL

Richard Marshall Neil, Sr., went to be with his Father in Heaven on January 10, 2009. He was born June 13, 1931 in Pleasanton, Texas. He was born to Bertha Larison and John Robert Neil. He was preceded in death by his parents and then recently by his son Richard Jr. on November 23, 2008. Richard is survived by his devoted wife of 44 years, Anna, and he was a tender, loving father to his seven children, Jo Lynn Miller, Deborah Lillard, Richard M. Neil, Jr., David Meissner, Carol Dawn Arnold, Lisa Gay Hartmann, and Patricia Gail Miller, and their spouses. He was a loving grandfather to 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters, Dorothy Lee White, Doris Katherine Classen, Lillian Marie Chapman, and Betty Jean Cox and numerous nieces and nephews. Richard was also a true patriot before, during, and after his 2 year service in Korea from 1950 to 1952. He came home and worked long nights for the Southern Pacific Railroad as a machinist, and even longer days out of his garage starting his Air Conditioning/Heating business which he named and registered as County Wide Service Co. in 1960. He was a very true and honest businessman to his customers and his loving employees, some who have been with him for 25 to 30 years. He was the first 1st County Wide anything in the Yellow Pages. He was such a good man, and he helpfully and lovingly touched the lives of so many, and never wanted anything in return. God blessed him with excellent

health until Parkinson's Disease took him over in 1985. He fought the good fight against it until, we believe, the Lord said, "It's time to come home with Me now, my beloved son, and rest with Me".

## SERVICES

A visitation will be held from 5:00 – 9:00 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A chapel service will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, January 16, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease four years ago. For over two years, I relied on Levodopa and several other medications, but unfortunately, the symptoms kept getting worse. The tremors became more noticeable, and my balance and mobility started to decline quickly. Last year, out of desperation and hope, I decided to try a herbal treatment program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Honestly, I was skeptical at first, but within a few months of starting the treatment, I began to notice real changes. My movements became smoother, the tremors subsided, and I felt steadier on my feet. Incredibly, I also regained much of my energy and confidence. It's been a life-changing experience I feel more like myself again, better than I've felt in years. If you or a loved one is struggling with Parkinson's disease, I truly recommend looking into their natural approach. You can visit their website at [www.naturepathherbalclinic.com](http://www.naturepathherbalclinic.com)

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**Greta** - October 29, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MB

“ My husband Parkinson's disease is totally reversed! all thanks to tree of life herbal clinic visit ([www.treeoflifeherbalclinic.com](http://www.treeoflifeherbalclinic.com))

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**mary belinda** - May 28, 2021 at 05:37 AM

PM

“ I really miss you Dad :....

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**Patty Neil Miller** - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Richard was indeed an icon in our HVACR industry. He was a quiet and unassuming gentlemen who loved his work and loved and appreciated his coworkers.

*Our industry needs more of Richard's type.*

*He will be sorely missed.*

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**Lee Rosenberg** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I remember about five or six years ago a County Wide customer was asking me about Richard. The man said he worked with Richard at the railroad. He said he had one memory that he would never forget. They had a co-worker who was Black, and there were two oth

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**Larry Pavlak** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I WILL ALWAYS KEEP MY "UNCLE RICHARD" PLAQUE ABOUT PERSISTENCE. I CHERISH IT AND FEEL FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL UNCLE. ILL MISS HIM

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**SAMMY COX** - January 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ I met with Mr. Neil several times. He was always very kind and fair. I am sorry for the loss.

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**Fred Hurst/Airwave** - January 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Grandpa i just want to let you know that you are my hero and the most honest most best person ever i miss you with all of my heart i love you very much you are the very reason i wear this uniform with such honor im gonna be a sgt just like you were grandp

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**Louis Hartmann** - January 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I never actually got to speak to grandpa neil since I've only known him for little over a year...but he would always greet me with a kiss on my hand even just a week before he passed away. When he could still write we would sit at the kitchen table and j

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**Jayme Hartmann** - January 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Grandpa Neil was the greastest grandfather you could ever ask for. He would always try to spend time with you if he could ,which was quite often. I still remember all those times that we would go out in the backyard and drive one of his many trackers that

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**Delton J. Miller** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So many wonderful and true things have already been said about my "other dad" that repeating them somehow seems unnecessary.

*I call Richard my "other dad" because not for one second in 44 years did he ever make me feel any less than his own.*

*I love*

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**Jo Meissner Miller** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I had heard of Mr. Neil years ago from Sammy and Jo and I envisioned a larger than life figure. When I meet Mr. Neil my impression of him did not change. Mr. Neil had a great business mind that along with hard work on his part developed his County Wide

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**David Cantu** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Anna,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
We are sorry for your loss.

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**Texas Business Source - Lee Leney** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I have know Richard since the 1960's when it was he and Marty when county wide started. He was a real gentleman, not many left anymore.  
Ralph De Leon  
Retired exec. v.p. Brooks Field Natl. Bank

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**Ralph De Leon** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Delton J. Miller** - January 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Everything I know of Uncle Richard came from my grandmother, Evelyn Neil, who loved and respected her brother unbelievably so...we will always be grateful for his love and support of her. As I read the other entries, I know he was this way with everyone.

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**Brandy Powell** - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Richard was a great man with a caring and loving heart. Knowing him has made me a better person and he has impacted more than I can know. It saddens me deeply to have not been able to spend more time with him. My prayers are with Anna and all of Richar

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**William Pate** - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I didn't know your dad, but he must have been a wonderful man. I have heard that a persons greatest contribution to society is often easiest viewed in the character of their children. I am certain that there is validity to that idea based on knowing Mr.

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**Charlayne Burns** - January 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ We will truly miss Richard. He befriended us when we first moved to Helotes 13 years ago. He was a kind and thoughtful person who was always willing to help a person in need. We will always admire his hard work and dedication to plants and the outdoors. H

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**Emil & Denise Greco** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Richard M. Neil, Sr.

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**Jacque Smith** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Your father sounds like a very special man and I know you will miss him a lot. Cherish and remember the time you had with him. I know this is a very difficult time and I pray for God's peace to surround you.

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**Sharon Martin** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Richard has been the single biggest influence in my life .  
He was , and still is , the model of what i think a good man should be .  
His deep faith in God , strength , courage , and devoted love of family ,  
were an inspiration to many , including myself

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**David Meissner** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To Jo Miller- Our prayers are with you and your family that you will know and feel God's love and support during this tender time. You know Mr. Neil is finally whole but the pain of this temporary separation is real- a testament of your love for him. Take

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**Kate Carpentier** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our prayer and thoughts will always be with you. My heart goes out to Anna and the family. We will never forget all the help and love you gave us in our bad times with Evelyn. God Bless and Love

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**Keith & Mona Dosser** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My Dad was the greatest man on earth, then my step-father, then John Wayne.: I never really knew how much he loved me until I had children of my own. It's one of the strongest kinds of love because its so unconditional. He would tell me when he would

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**Patty Gail Neil Miller** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ You will forever have my respect and admiration. You taught me about having a kind heart with actions, not words. I am honored to have known you and even more honored to be able to call you Uncle. Thank you for everything you have done for our family. You

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**Wendi L. Henson** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ It was such a honor to know Mr.Neil and see what a difference he made in mine and other people's lives.He gave me a chance for a new life when I started at County Wide and for that I will always be grateful.Thank you Mr.Neil for never judging me and givin

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**Misty Perez** - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Little Brother, you fought a good fight with dignity and pride. We will always have our memories of special family times together. We will miss you very much.

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JW

“ I love you all. Richard was the brother to my Nannie's Ruth Morris best friend Lillian Chapman. I remember coming to visit my Nannie and it always seemed to be Richards weekend for Dawn to visit him. He would always let her come stay with me even thoug

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**Janice Winston** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Richard was a wonderful, kind, caring, gracious and brave man, who was the heart and soul of his immediate and extended family. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to witness the love, joy and generosity of Richard, his beloved wife Anna, his daught

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**Philip O'Connor** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Richard was and is a man who makes God proud. He was Blessed in many ways and shared them even more. He was a role model of a true man who I will always look up to.I thank God for Richard and thank Richard for Dawn.I will miss the many laughs we shared an

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**Jamey Arnold** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ My heart aches for you Anna and your Family. I am so blessed to have a know such a great person as Mr Neil. May all your memories help comfort you in this time of sorrow we all share with you. Kay Tassone

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**Charlotte Kay Tassone** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Mrs. Neil, Jo, and to all Mr. Neil's family I am very sorry for your loss and I will keep you in my prayers. May God Bless You

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**Evelyn Juarez** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My prayers are with you and all of Mr. Neils family.

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**Jeanie Dentinger** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Lisa, Dawn and family,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your families at this most difficult time. Losing a father is one of the hardest things we daughters have to face in our lives.  
Keep him close in your heart, speak of him often and remember al

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**Dolly Isakson** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you,Anna,and all of your family. Serena and Kevin enjoyed spending time with Richard and we are so glad we were able to meet Serena's grandfather last Thanksgiving. Love, Pam and Jim

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**Jim and Pam McGarry** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Beyond being the consummate Businessman, Christian and Family Man, he inspired those values in all he associated with. Richard made one "better" because he expected better, he inspired one to want to be better, and he provided the example of "better".

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**Jerre Cope** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Words never seem to be enough. But my thoughts are prayers are with your family during this time of great loss. May you find strength and comfort from one another.

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**Misha Goldsmith** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the entire McNeil family. You have a strong legacy from your father. His strength and fortitude were remarkable.

*Diane Lusk  
Arlington, Texas*

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**Diane Lusk** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ My Uncle Richard was a hero; first the football variety at Fox Tech, then the military kind in Korea, the successful businessman sort with County Wide Service Company and to the last a stalwart Parkinson Disease sufferer. But he is my hero because he was

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**Barbara O'Connor** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Here lies a remarkable man who battled a disabling disease longer than anyone can imagine and did so with so much aplomb, even after losing his physical abilities, but never his understanding and sense of humor. Richard Neil Sr. started his career opening

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**Sammy Miller** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *I'm with you still, Richard, my sweetheart. Remember??  
Oh, how I miss those wonderful eyes, and that beautiful smile and  
the feel of my hand in yours. I love you so much. Anna*

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**Anna L. Neil** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Richard was more than a mentor to me, he was a second father. He  
was a teacher in everything he did with his employees.. not just  
about work, but more important to him were the life lessons and  
getting people to see their own potential. To me he was lik*

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**Shirley Smith** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM