



William H. Neary

November 10, 1941 - January 28, 2019

COLUMBIA — William H. Neary, 77, walked softly into the Light in the early hours of January 28, 2019, at his home in Columbia with his wife at his side as his children journeyed home.

Bill was born Nov. 10, 1941, in West Stewartstown, NH, the first born of Dean W. and Elvada B. (Greer) Neary. He attended Colebrook schools, graduating from the Academy in 1961. He then attended Manchester Technical School before entering the U.S. Army in October of 1963. He completed basic training at Fort Dix, NJ, then AIT at Southeast Signal School at Fort Gordon, GA. During his military career, Bill was stationed in Pirmasens, Germany; Taegu, Korea; Fort Ritchie, MD; Cam Rahn Bay, VietNam; Fort Gordon, GA; Augsburg, Germany; Arlington Hall Station and the Pentagon, VA; and Frankfurt, Germany; and he retired from Fort Ritchie, MD in 1987 after serving twenty-four years, three months, and twelve days, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant.

In February of 1967 he married Marlyn Lucille Mason at St. Francis Xavier Church in Groveton and they began an adventure that lasted fifty-one years, eleven months, and three days. They traveled the eastern seaboard and parts of western Europe with their children, William Arnold Neary and Cheryl-Leigh Neary who survive him. Upon return to Colebrook, Bill worked briefly for Peter Nugent before beginning a twenty year tour as a custodian at Colebrook

Elementary School, retiring from that job in June, 2008. He also served on the Colebrook Volunteer Fire Department for twenty-five years, retiring in 2013. He was active in Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scout Leader, as a 'mascot' and tent builder for his daughter's Blue Bird/Campfire and Girl Scout Troops while his children were active in those organizations. He served on the Vestry of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Augusta, GA, and as treasurer for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colebrook. He enjoyed picking blueberries, brook fishing, and hunting, and loved the North Country.

He is survived by his wife, Maryln, and children, Bill and Cheryl (and fiancé Robert Normandin), and by his siblings: Arlene (Leonard) Martel, Wilbur (MaryAnn) Neary, all of Colebrook, Melvin (Norma) Neary of Marlborough, NH; and Alma Neary of Colebrook. Also surviving him are nephews Paul (Patricia) and Mark (Tracy) Martel; Dean and Scott Neary; great-nephews Todd and Troy Martel, and great grand-niece Tegan Martel, two aunts, and many cousins.

A Celebration of Life and Eucharist will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. with The Rev. Timothy Brooks officiating. There will be no calling hours at Bill's request. Also at Bill's request, and in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made directly to the Colebrook Fire Department, P.O. Box 273, Colebrook, NH 03576, for the specific purpose of maintaining, acquiring and training in the use of SCBA breathing apparatus.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Service

FEB 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Parsons Street, NH Route 26
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

VP

“ *My thoughts and prayers for Marlyn, Cheryl, and Bill. I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. - Vicki Paquin*

Vicki Paquin - February 25, 2019 at 01:04 PM

JD

“ *Maryln and family, Joeng and I are saddened to learn of your beloved husband Bill's passing. He and your family will be in our prayers. Our condolences to you. Joeng and Mike Divney*

Joeng & Mike Divney - February 10, 2019 at 10:04 PM

FD

“ *FW Dustin lit a candle in memory of William H. Neary*



FW Dustin - February 05, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are being sent to the entire family, from Henry Arnold (Pete) Greer, in East Burke, VT. RIP*

Luann Hastie - February 01, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ so sorry to hear of Bill's passing, I enjoyed visiting with him when I had to go to the elementary school to do laundry. He was a very special person with a big heart, who love his family. I will miss you Bill.



Janet Hart - January 30, 2019 at 01:33 PM

JC

“ Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of William H. Neary



Jan Corliss - January 30, 2019 at 08:11 AM

HY

“ sorry for the loss of Bill, only got to meet him one time but David sure enjoyed our visit :) lots of prayers for all of you God Bless

helen younger - January 29, 2019 at 09:45 PM

MM

“ Michelle Mason lit a candle in memory of William H. Neary



Michelle Mason - January 29, 2019 at 09:02 PM

SA

“ MY thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn, Cheryl, Bill at this time of your lost, but you all have many years to remember him, and your life's together, god bless all of you, if you need any thing you know where I am love Sally A. Jarest

SallyJarest - January 29, 2019 at 08:27 PM

KM

“ My Dear Uncle Bill, you will be missed. Your wonderful smile a warm heart, you could make everyone smile. I will always remember Uncle Bill with that smile. I can remember at the dinner table the last time we were all together with my late-Mother Joyce, Billy, Auntie Marylyn, Uncle Bill and I shared a family meal, with Auntie Marylyn famous taco salad he smiled while Billy and I were discussing who was going to get the last helping. As we both reached for the bowl. he and Auntie Marilyn laughed so hard I thought they were both going to fall out of their chair.

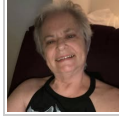
Auntie Marilyn, Billy, Cheryl and all the family, heartfelt sympathy to all of you.

You're in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Uncle Bill.

Love Karen Marie

Agawam, Ma

Karen Marie Mellen - January 29, 2019 at 07:57 PM



My father Elmer picked Bill up to spend time with us. I remember how handsome Billy was in his uniform. He spent time with our family when he had time off from time to time. His smile was so bright even when we visited a couple years ago. His little dogs crawling on and around him.

He will be missed.

*Pat Neary-Hayward
North Port Fl*

Patricia Neary-Hayward - January 30, 2019 at 09:50 AM

RH

“ *We are sorry to hear of Bills passing Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family love Doug, Rose and family*

Rose Howe - January 29, 2019 at 07:46 PM

JL

“ *Dear Marlyn and family my thoughts are with you at this sad time. There is so little one can do or say to ease the sorrow in your heart today, no matter how much we prepare ourselves for the loss of a loved one we are never ready to say goodbye. May all your happy memories help to ease the pain that you are feeling .He fought the battle and he is now at peace.*

Jean and Moody Ladd

Jean F. Ladd - January 29, 2019 at 07:06 PM

ML

“ *God Bless you Marilyn and your family.*

Melony Lyons - January 29, 2019 at 07:04 PM

RP

my condolences to the family of Bill Neary., Richard Phillips

richard phillips - February 13, 2019 at 07:33 PM

SU

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Sue and Fred*

Sue - January 29, 2019 at 06:51 PM

FB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Marlyn and family at this sad time. May the many memories that you have of your husband and Father help ease the grief that you are feeling. He is at peace now. Peace be with you. Fern Skyler and Zachary*

Fern Brown - January 29, 2019 at 06:02 PM

FR

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Neary family. from francine & Andre Champagne*

Francine - January 29, 2019 at 04:56 PM

GJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Marlyn, Wilbur and all the Neary family at this sad time. May he rest in peace.*

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - January 29, 2019 at 04:30 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Neary family.* ”



Judy Hunt Budge - January 29, 2019 at 04:09 PM