



Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal

November 12, 1929 - April 22, 2016

Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal, 86, of Tifton died Friday, April 22, 2016. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern with visitation to be held one hour prior to the service at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery with Rev. Wayne Roe to officiate.

A native of Columbus, GA., Mr. Neal was also a former resident of Albany, GA., New Symrna Beach, FL., and Cordele, GA. Mr. Neal had lived in Tifton, GA., for the last eight years where he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tifton, and the Woodruff-Beard Men's Sunday School class. Mr. Neal was also a member of the Gideon's International organization in the Sylvester, Cordele and Tifton camps. Mr. Neal was a self-made businessman. Having only a formal education up to the eighth grade, Mr. Neal went on to be a very successful entrepreneur and was able to retire in his forties. Before then he served in the United States Navy fighting for his country in the Korean War. After the Navy, Mr. Neal went on to be involved in many business ventures including grocery, appliance, and hardware stores and eventually landed in the furniture business where he was the owner and operator of Railway Freight Salvage Company in Albany, GA.

Since then, Railway Freight has operating stores in Americus, Tifton and Cordele areas that are owned and operated by family members. He married his wife, Polly Neal, whom he originally met in the fourth grade, on January 3, 1953. They went on to have a fulfilled life of raising two daughters along with hard work, adventures, and a thirst for Christ. Mr. Neal was also an avid

horseman who bought, sold, traded, and showed Walking/Racking horses as a favorite hobby. Mr. Neal enjoyed the water and was able to have homes in the Lake Blackshear area and New Smyrna Beach, FL. His main joy was providing for his family, friends, siblings, nieces, nephews and grandchildren places to enjoy life to be together and create memories. After the death of his beloved wife, Mr. Neal went on to enjoy the companionship of his fiancée, Ms. Margie Coleman. They were involved in church, family and friends for the last seven years and enjoyed life to the fullest. Mr. Neal most precious pastime was his love of Jesus Christ and spreading the gospel through his Gideon ministry.

Survivors include his fiancé, Margie Coleman of Tifton, two daughters, Merry K. Nielsen and her husband, Eric of DeBary, FL and Barbara Mullinax and her husband, J. of Tifton, GA, five grandchildren, Jay Brimberry and his wife, Breanna, Sara Nielsen, Caroline Nielsen, Hayden Mullinax and Katherine Mullinax, one great grandchild, Maxwell Dawson Nielson, one sister, JoAnn Garrett and her husband, Bob of Anderson, SC, one brother, Edward Neal of Columbus, GA, two sisters in law, Kay W. Metcalfe of Macon, GA and Mary Lee Seagraves Neal of Albany, GA and numerous nieces and nephews.

Those desiring may make memorials to Gideon's International, PO Box 7051, Tifton, GA 31793 or Hospice of Tift Area, 618 N. Central Ave., Tifton, GA 31794.

To share your thoughts with the Neal family you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *MY FAMILY SHARED MANY GOOD TIMES WITH HAYWOOD AND FAMILY. POLLY WAS LIKE A SECOND MOTHER TO ME. I OFTEN CALLED HAYWOOD FOR ADVICE. KAY WAS OUR LITTLE SISTER. WHEN BARBARA WAS BORN WE HAD OUR OWN REAL LIVE BABY DOLL TO PLAY WITH. WE VACATIONED TOGETHER AND SPENT DAYS AT THE BACK WATERS BOATING. WHEN WE WERE GROWN AND MARRIED, THEY HAD A CAMPER AND WOULD COME STAY WITH US FOR A FEW DAYS. HAD TO GET HOME BY SUNDAY TO ATTEND CHURCH. I DEARLY LOVED HAYWOOD AND FAMILY, WHEN ANYONE IN OUR FAMILY PASSED, THEY WERE ALWAYS THERE FOR US. THEY WERE A PART OF OUR FAMILY. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS KAY, BARBARA AND FAMILY, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN PARENTS AS GOOD AS YOURS BUT NONE BETTER. CONSIDER YOURSELF HUGGED. I LOVE YOU, BECKY CLINE CARTER*



BECKY CLINE CARTER - April 27, 2016 at 03:02 PM

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“ Joel Hardee & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal.



Joel Hardee & Family - April 27, 2016 at 10:17 AM

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“ Brother Haywood was still speaking in church services with the Gideons when they moved to Tifton and oftentimes he would ride with me when we were going to the same camp. On those drives back and forth we would talk and share about our lives and since he had more to share I would mostly listen. We were both Navy veterans and he loved to tell me of the times his destroyer would trail the carriers and fish flyers like me out of the drink when we couldn't get safely aboard. I thanked him although I was barely out of diapers when he served.

What I loved most about him was that was that he was truly a Godly man who loved his Lord and had a wonderful way of sharing that love. I will miss him but know I will be with him again.

CDR Jim Folds, USN(Ret) - April 26, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal.



April 26, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal.*



April 25, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *Larry and Debbie Pannell purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal.*



Larry and Debbie Pannell - April 25, 2016 at 09:53 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Merry K Nielsen - April 24, 2016 at 08:02 PM



“ *A wonderful caring man who was a friend and inspiration to all. God has received a true servant. Our prayers are with all the family during this celebration of his life.*



Walter & Harlene Kegley - April 24, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal.*



April 24, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *Heaven has received an Angel of a man....I love you Mr. Neal!!!!
Maryhelen*

maryhelen thompson - April 24, 2016 at 08:28 AM



*Haywood was a true friend and we will remember his dry sense of humor.
Bill & Barbara Johnson*

Bill & Barbara Johnson - April 24, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Margie, Sim & Janice, McDuff and Sydney Coleman purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Mr. Haywood Dawson Neal.*



Margie, Sim & Janice, McDuff and Sydney Coleman - April 23, 2016 at 02:46 PM