



William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr.

November 28, 1940 - September 9, 2019

William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr., 78, of Nashua, IA died Monday, September 9, 2019 at Floyd County Memorial Hospital.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. at Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home, 401 Blunt St, Charles City. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., with a one hour prior visitation at the First Baptist Church, 105 Chapel Ln, Charles City. Pastor Matt Howlett will be officiating. Interment will follow at Sunnyside Memory Gardens.

Bill was born on November 28, 1940 in Powersville, Iowa to William Neal Sr. and Julia (Crandall) Neal. He graduated in 1958 from Colwell High School. After graduation from college, Bill worked for Minneapolis Moline then enlisted into the United States Army and was honorably discharged after two years.

Bill was a bookkeeper for White Farm for 30 plus years and more recently worked at LeRoy's Repair in Nashua. On May 3, 1986, he was united in marriage to Rebecca (Harris) Neal; the couple resided together in rural Charles City/Nashua.

Throughout his life Bill was an avid bicyclist. He dedicated 34 years of his life to riding and organizing the North Iowa Touring Club for Ragbrai. He

organized several biking trips; some of which included Ocean to Ocean (O2O), Canada, Alaska, Nova Scotia, and Oregon to California (ORCA). Bill was also passionate about woodworking and enjoyed building furniture and crafts. He held a craft show in Charles City for several years. Another big passion included collecting farm toys and hosting the North Iowa Farm Toy Show for the past 38 years.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Rebecca “Becky” Neal; children: Kathy (Brian) Whipple, Andrew (Angie) Gibson, and Adam (Michelle) Gibson; grandchildren: Amanda (Brandon) Pridemore, Logan Deaton, Dana Gibson, Katlynn (Travis) Oxley, Aubrey Gibson, Mady Gibson; great-grandchildren: Caylee Pridemore, Quinn Oxley, and Kaylee Oxley; siblings: Richard (Josie) Neal, Shirley (Robert) Wheat, and Robert (Faye) Neal; and many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son, and infant grandson.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Memory Garden

Charles City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Charles City
401 Blunt
Charles City, IA 50616
(641) 228-4211
mail@fullertonfh.com
<https://fullertonfh.com>

Visitation

SEP 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
105 Chapel Lane
Charles City, IA 50616

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
105 Chapel Lane
Charles City, IA 50616

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Bill was such a kind and generous man.....always encouraging. My sympathy to the family for your loss.*

Pat Doyle - September 12, 2019 at 08:10 AM



“ *The Toy Farmer purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr..*



The Toy Farmer - September 11, 2019 at 10:58 AM

AJ

“ During 2001 a friend challenged me to ride RAGBRAI with him. This was an unforgettable experience. When I wanted to repeat this my friends were too old and one of them suggested that I contact NITS. This was no problem, they welcomed me and as I am a South African they lent me a bike and tent for the week. I am ever grateful to the Neal's and Iowa in general for their hospitality and friendship and cherish the memory. My condolences go out to Becky and family with their loss. We will remember them in our prayers. Albert and Kobie de Jong



Albert de Jong - September 11, 2019 at 04:16 AM

HB

“ Having completed several RAGBRAI's with the NITC our son (14) and daughter (11) were begging to do O2O in 2000. Obviously we had some reservations. When I called Bill to ask him how he felt about having kids along he said, "Sure! I rode with them, they'll do fine. It'll be like having 30 sets of grandparents!" That's the kind of guy Bill was. And it turned out to be true; it was a defining time in their lives. Thanks Bill.

Hans and Bonnie Boenish - September 10, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr..



September 10, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ *Bill Neal and Bob Krueger introduced me to cycling, a fall leaf lookers ride out of Decorah, this was 1995, my first true touring ride. Climbing out of Decorah on a very steep hill they disappeared ahead while I struggled up the hill. A few minutes later here comes Bill, coasting back down, turns around and pulls up beside me. He says shift down, use those gears, the way you are riding you could damage your knees. A very hard day of riding with hills, headwinds, dogs and the encouragement of Bill. Exhausted and exhilarated, I want to thank Bill for what he has contributed to the cycling world and my love for the sport.*

Mark Dix

Mark Dix - September 10, 2019 at 09:00 PM

SM

“ *Uncle Bill was a great and wonderful Uncle.. He took us on RAGBRAI trips and the camping biking weekden trips to Minnesota Old Barn Resort.. Loved the name letters he made for krieg..love Sarah,Nick and krieg Martin*

Sarah martin - September 10, 2019 at 08:13 PM



“ *People come into our lives and impact it forever, I am so grateful for all the miles and smiles we shared for over 30 years! I am imagining Bill and Brent riding with God's love forever. Thank you, Bill and Beckly! Love you!*

Kathy Barney - September 10, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr..*



September 10, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Bill was a great bicycle tourist - creating wonderful bicycle tours and sharing his love for bicycling with the ragbrai group each year. I appreciated his organizational skills, love for bicycling and life. Want to send my extended love and support to family and friends during this difficult time. Prayers and Peace to all.*

marlene bryan - September 10, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ *Very appreciative NITC RAGBRAI riders... purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr..*



Very appreciative NITC RAGBRAI riders... - September 10, 2019 at 05:50 PM

 Jamie Vierkant

“ *Uncle Bill was one of the greatest men i ever knew i was lucky to have him in my life he and Aunt Becky have helped me with a lot of things they helped me move to my very first apartment he helped me put my new bike together they gave me rides to church a lot i have always enjoyed helping them both at their house. i have also enjoyed going camping with them and going over to there house for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I have had many good memories of helping setting up for craft shows and helping at toy shows in Mason City. Rest In Peace Uncle Bill.*

Jamie Vierkant - September 10, 2019 at 05:47 PM

HM

“ *Thank you Bill, the thousands of miles we rode together are some of our best memories. From RAGBRI to O2O just to mention a couple. We are so grateful that Becky shared you with us. And of course what would RAGBRI be without Becky telling us the rules and what paper plate to look for at the end of a long hot day.*

*Thanks for the memories,
John and Helen Mattsen*

Helen Mattsen - September 10, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr..*



September 10, 2019 at 04:46 PM

JT

“ *John & Mary Tegtmeier lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr.*



John & Mary Tegtmeier - September 10, 2019 at 03:41 PM

LL

“ *My sympathies to you, Becky and family. Linda Lenz*

Linda Lenz - September 10, 2019 at 03:36 PM

LK

“ *Leroy Kellner lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr.*



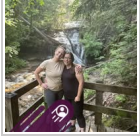
Leroy Kellner - September 10, 2019 at 02:31 PM



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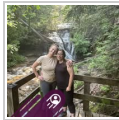
September 10, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ *Beth Henningsen sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr.*



Beth Henningsen - September 10, 2019 at 01:25 PM



Sending all my love and prayers! Will miss my popcorn boyfriend terribly!

Beth Henningsen - September 10, 2019 at 01:28 PM

LS

Becky and family: LeRoy and I send our deepest sympathies. LeRoy shared many bike rides and many happy memories with Bill. He will be deeply missed.

LeRoy & Jean Stonecypher - September 10, 2019 at 01:49 PM

DP

So sorry to hear about Bill. He will be greatly missed.

David & Becky Pate - September 10, 2019 at 02:15 PM

JL

I send my deepest sympathies to the family. I am glad that I had the pleasure to meet and spend time with Bill while riding bikes on Ragbrai with the bike club. What a great guy.

Janel Lau - September 10, 2019 at 03:12 PM

KD

So sorry to hear this. Bill has always been such a kind wonderful person. He will be missed

Kristi Demuth - September 10, 2019 at 03:36 PM



Bill was a kind, generous, and loyal man. As someone who only knew him through RAGBRAI (I have been riding with them since 2007) I am so grateful to have met him and known him. He took me and my friends on for support mid-week, adding more friends of mine as the week went on, and he didn't even know me at all. You will be missed by this rider Bill.

Mike Takalo - September 10, 2019 at 07:25 PM



Bill was a friend and a joy to have known him. He had such a talent in wood working. Loved to put on a great toy show. Our sympathy to Beckey and family.

Crystal& Dennis Wedeking - September 10, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Earl Neal Jr..*



September 10, 2019 at 01:19 PM