



## V. Kenneth Neal

February 28, 1930 - March 25, 2021

Vernon Kenneth Neal was born and raised in a small farmhouse outside of Wanette, Oklahoma on Friday February 28, 1930, the youngest of eight surviving children to James Thomas Neal and Mary Elizabeth Neal. He passed from this life to his eternal home in heaven on Thursday, March 25, 2021 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 91 surrounded by his loving family.

Growing up on the farm was difficult and the loss of his mother at 8 years old had a profound impact on Kenneth. As a young boy he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and after finding out the church's baptistry was broken, with persistence Ken's baptism was performed at his brothers pond.

Kenneth met Helen Maxine Pursifull and they were married on October 8, 1950 in Wanette, Oklahoma. They enjoyed over 70 years of marriage together.

In February 1952 Kenneth was working as a lineman for Southwestern Bell in western Oklahoma where he saw an Air Force Recruiting office. He walked in, joined and being told to report within a few days hurried back home to prepare. Kenneth was stationed in Denver Colorado where he specialized in electronics and was a technical instructor for radar training. Discharged in 1956, Kenneth and Helen returned to Oklahoma where he continued his career for Southwestern Bell until his retirement in 1986.

This close-knit family describes Kenneth as clever and quick-witted. His ethics and character were always evident. He loved to fish and work with his hands. A loving and caring man he gave of himself to his family and his biggest joy was to have everyone together. Vernon Kenneth Neal was the utmost husband, father, grandpa and friend. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Kenneth is survived by:

His wife, Helen of Broken Arrow

Son, Ken and his wife, Kathy of Tulsa

Son, Mark and his wife, Meladee of Broken Arrow

Son, John and his wife, Tammy of Claremore

8 Grandchildren: Katie, Stephen, Meghan, Patrick (Kelsey), Chelsie (Chris), Allison (Alex), Ryne (Lauren) and Tyler

8 Great Grandchildren: Hayden, Hailey, Waylan, Jackson, Danielle, Madison, Russell and Abbey along with so many more.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his 7 older siblings.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
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## Visitation

MAR **30**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Graveside Committal

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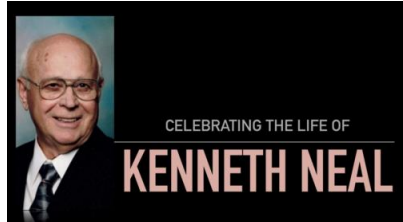
MAR 31. 2:30 PM (CT)

Grace Hill Cemetery  
500 Memorial Drive  
Perry, OK 73077

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of V. Kenneth Neal*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 29, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *V. Kenneth Neal*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 31, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *So sorry, to learn of your loss. May the memories of his love and devotion to family carry you forward in the days and years ahead.*

*Clarice Doyle  
RSU TV*

Clarice Doyle - March 29, 2021 at 05:05 PM

RE

*Just the way our creator intended for all people everywhere to live their life with purpose! Run to the rescue with love, and peace will follow.*

Rebecca - November 29, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.*



March 29, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.*



March 29, 2021 at 12:20 PM

BK

“ *Barbara K. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.*



Barbara K. - March 29, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.



March 28, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.



March 28, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.



March 28, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.



March 28, 2021 at 11:02 AM

KK

“ Karyn (Pursifull) Knapp purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.



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**Karyn (Pursifull) Knapp** - March 28, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JN

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**John Neal** - March 26, 2021 at 05:23 PM

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**John Neal** - March 26, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of V. Kenneth Neal.



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March 26, 2021 at 03:59 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Neal family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Vernon.* ”



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - March 25, 2021 at 11:33 PM