



## Jody Ray Neal

August 22, 1949 - November 29, 2017

Bluefield, WV- Jody Ray Neal, 68, of East Wayne Street, Bluefield, WV, died Wednesday November 29, 2017 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center.

Born August 22, 1949 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Claude Nelson Neal and Jannie Elizabeth Repass Neal.

Mr. Neal was a veteran and proudly served in the U.S. Army as a Green Beret and a Paratrooper. He retired as a Conductor from Norfolk & Southern Railway after 24 years of service. Mr. Neal was an avid hunter and was a fan of NASCAR and West Virginia University football. He was a very skilled carpenter. Most of all, he loved his family. He cherished his wife, children, and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by nephews, Scott Tabor, Matthew Spence, John Spence, Stevie Burkhart, and Aubrey Perdue.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 47 years, Jo Ann Richardson Neal; his children, Danay Neal of Princeton, WV, and Jody Neal, II and his partner, Jarrod Jessee of Bluefield, WV; son-in-law, D.J. McNamee of Cool Ridge, WV; siblings, Sharyn Tabor and husband Howard and Rita Charlene Neal, all of Columbia, SC, and Mark Neal and wife Patsy of Rocky Gap, VA; two grandchildren, Shailee McNamee of Cool Ridge, WV and Matthew McNamee of Princeton, WV; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Saturday December 2, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Flowers are appreciated or the family requests that memorial contributions be

made to a charity of one's choice to honor Mr. Neal's support of our nation's military.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Jody Ray Neal.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jody Ray Neal* ”

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Peggy Dunning lit a candle in memory of Jody Ray Neal* ”



**Peggy Dunning** - December 02, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *Corrine Lee lit a candle in memory of Jody Ray Neal* ”



**Corrine Lee** - December 02, 2017 at 11:00 AM



*In Loving memory of Cousin Jody. From the Lee family (Walworth WI)*

**Corrine Lee** - December 02, 2017 at 11:01 AM

JS

“ Many heartfelt condolences on the loss of Jody. As I live 1/2 way across the country, I cannot get there in time to join in a celebration of life. I always looked up to Jody to help me learn the country way of life.....as I grew up in Chicago. We always had laughs and in later years, our love of horses to share. I truly appreciate the hospitality Jody and Joanne extended when my mother passed. Her wake and funeral was in VA and they were kind enough to open their home for some hospitality after the burial. Much love and prayers to all! I hope that you are able to share SO many happy memories. Bunny Lee-Semmler (Jody's first cousin) Fontana, WI

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**Jeannette Semmler** - December 02, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Jody Ray Neal, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....

US Army Veteran, Jody Ray Neal, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - December 02, 2017 at 03:52 AM

BD

“ So sorry to hear of Jody’s passing! Such losses for one family, too many over the years! JoAnn, sending love and prayers for you and yours! 💔

**Brenda Dulaney-Connell** - December 01, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jody Ray Neal.



December 01, 2017 at 11:20 AM

BH

“ Benda Harless lit a candle in memory of Jody Ray Neal



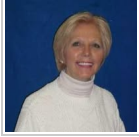
**Benda Harless** - December 01, 2017 at 09:51 AM

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“ Amy Melvin lit a candle in memory of Jody Ray Neal



**Amy Melvin** - December 01, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Judy Neal lit a candle in memory of Jody Ray Neal*



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**Judy Neal** - December 01, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Barb Starling lit a candle in memory of Jody Ray Neal*



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**Barb Starling** - November 30, 2017 at 07:21 PM