



Vera Carol Neal

January 12, 1942 - July 30, 2018

Vera Carol Neal, 76, of Bluefield, WV died on Monday, July 30.

Born on January 12, 1942 in Mud Fork in Tazewell County, VA, she was a daughter of the late John Franklin Billips and Mary Helen Billips. Vera was employed by Mercer County Schools for twenty-eight years before she retired in 2007. During most of that time she was employed in Special Education. She absolutely loved working with children and had many special memories of the students she worked with through the years. It was not uncommon for former students to recognize her when she was out and come up to talk to her and give her a hug. In her spare time, she loved doing crossword puzzles and playing solitaire. She never missed an opportunity to say something funny or cheer for the Tazewell Bulldogs. She was a member of Maple View Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Edith Ivory; three brothers William "Bill" Billips, John D. "Johnny" Billips and Edward "Eddie" Billips, an aunt that was raised as her sister, Margaret Hans; and a special niece who was like a sister, Iva Freeman.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Clifton T. "Hank" Neal, Jr.; her children, Lee Neal of Bluefield, WV, Mary Ellen "Missy" Richardson (Jeff), of Newport, KY, and Lora Covey (Stuart), of Dublin, VA; her grandchildren, Sydney Covey, Parker Covey and Mason Covey; a brother, Dale Billips of Alexandria, VA; a sister, Hilda Danilowicz of Niagra Falls, NY; two sister-in-laws; Jean Billips of Bluefield, VA and Pam Sparks (Douglas "Buddy"), of

Abingdon, VA; three brother-in-laws; Robert “Bob” Neal (Brenda), of Bluefield, WV, Jerry Neal (Karan), of Hurricane, WV and Mike “Joe” Neal (Marcie), of Oak Ridge, NC; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Saturday August 4, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with the Minister Tony Reed officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until the service hour at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making memorial contributions to the Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Ave., Bluefield, WV 24701 or Maple View Church of Christ, 194 Robins Rest Rd., Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Vera Carol Neal.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Vera Carol Neal*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *She was always a sweet lady with a smile on her face. She kept me laughing which was a wonderful quality to have had. A place will remain in my heart for her. I was lucky to have known her. Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*

Angie stump - August 25, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *Carol was one of my idols as I grew up on Mudfork. She was so much like her mother and I loved her. so sorry for you loss.*

Giacoma Thornhill - August 06, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ *Missy, we were so sorry to hear about your mom. We know how you worked to care for her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. Kathy and Chet*

K Nalepa - August 05, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *Sending love and prayers .Carol was a special lady,Great sense of humor and concern for others.I know the family has traveled a long journey of love for her.God bless you all.*

Phyllis Lambert Prout - August 03, 2018 at 08:34 PM

WT

Carol was a dear friend of mine, we went all thru school together and had so many great times together. I am so sorry to hear of her passing, may God Bless your family 🙏🙏

Wilma Sheppard Turner - August 08, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vera Carol Neal.*



August 03, 2018 at 11:08 AM

CL

“ *Neighbor for many years and Mom of 3 of the nicest children prayers of strength for her family*

charlene long - August 03, 2018 at 08:49 AM

DJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Hank and the family. God Bless you through this sad time.
Dorothy Baker Johnson (and Mike, as I know he would want to respond in some way).*

Dorothy Baker Johnson - August 03, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Vera Carol Neal.*



August 01, 2018 at 10:06 AM

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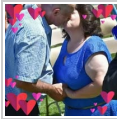
“ My prayers to the Neal family! My momma and Edith cooked together at Wade school. Vera was part of a great family. Love and blessings to you all ❤️

Margaret Gilpin Bryant - August 01, 2018 at 07:44 AM

LB

“ I've known Mrs. Neal my entire life and can say she always had a smile and warm hello whenever I saw her. She enjoyed life and dearly loved her children. Prayers for her family at this sad time. Love, Lindsey

Lindsey Grubb Barilla - July 31, 2018 at 08:18 PM



I'm so sorry for your loss! I have known Mrs. Neal all of my life and she was our neighbor! She will be missed! Love and prayers to the family!

Ruth East - August 03, 2018 at 05:08 PM