



Neil S. Wolven

May 12, 1933 - September 5, 2021

Neil S. Wolven, age 88, of Kankakee passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021 in Malvern, AR. He was born May 12, 1933 in Exline, the son of Clarence A. & Lucille G. (Yohnka) Wolven. Neil married Joyce M. Preston on October 16, 1955. She preceded him in death on August 12, 2015.

Neil retired after working for himself as a Service and Installation Technician. Prior to that he worked 12 years at Home Appliance. He was a graduate of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School and had attended Aviation & Electronics School and DeVry University. His hobby was continuing to work for family, friends, and neighbors.

When we think about what was most important to him it was his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ followed by his thankfulness and love for his family.

He was a Korean War veteran serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1954. He took great pride in faithfully serving his country and a member

of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85.

Neil was a longtime member of Grace Baptist Church, supporting it from its early stages throughout his life. Sometimes singing with Joyce in the choir, playing on church sports teams and maintaining the church's facilities.

Surviving are son, Bruce (Debra) Wolven of Brooklyn Park, MN; daughter, Judy (David) Dunsworth of Bradley; daughter-in-law, Jeri Wolven of Malvern, AR; ten grandchildren; great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; four sisters: Carol (Paul) Rittmanic of Ft. Wayne, IN; Geraldine Hallas of Bourbonnais; Kathryn (Jim) DeYoung; and Marsha Darsche of East Lansing, MI; brother: Kenneth (Rita) Wolven of Barrington; and many nieces and nephews.

Neil is preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; his parents; brother, Charles Wolven; son, Jeffery Wolven; and grandson, Joshua Wolven.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Neil S. Wolven*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Our sympathy to Jeri and family.*



Mike & Janice Bonnell - September 28, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Neal was a great man who helped so many! He came and used his skills to build/finish my house when I needed it done 20 years ago. We had a great time serving God in the Amazon jungle where he was so instrumental in building a church for people to worship in and before that building a floating house that also had a hangar for a missionary float plane. "If Neal couldn't fix it, then it couldn't be fixed!" He will be missed.*

Ted Marvin - September 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Sorry, that photo was supposed to be of my folks, Paul & Carol (Wolven) Rittmanic*



Steve Rittmanic - September 13, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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“ As one of Neil’s many nephews, I want everyone to know how much the family admired his humility and faith in God.
Mom is Neil’s big sister, two years older at 91. She didn’t feel enough to travel for the funeral, but she had a special bond with the first of her six younger siblings.



Steve Rittmanic - September 13, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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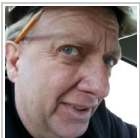
“ I met Neil while out in my neighborhood. I was looking through his dumpster for treasures. He had lots of treasures! He was very kind and was a good Christian man. I’m thankful to have known him and I’m glad he’s with Jesus. May God bless his family!

Mary LeRoy - September 12, 2021 at 10:46 PM

RB

“ A great neighbor who was always ready to help if needed!

richard berger - September 12, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ He was always a nice guy .



Stephen Vellutini - September 12, 2021 at 05:52 PM