



Neil Thomas Walker

September 18, 1953 - February 20, 2021

Neil Thomas Walker (67) of Boulder, CO, passed away at home in the early hours of February 20th, 2021 following a long battle with Huntington's disease. His caring support and unwavering commitment to his family are already greatly missed.

Neil is survived by his son, Jarod, as well as his brother Clay, and 3 sisters Teddi, Lela, and Millie. Neil was born (1953) in New Orleans, LA and is preceded in death by his parents William and Marjorie. After a brief stint living with his family in Italy, he spent the majority of his childhood in Houston, TX. Growing up, Neil was an avid swimmer, and spent time with celebrity Patrick Swayze on their high school swim team. Neil graduated from Stephen F. Austin University in 1975, and proceeded to move to New Mexico where he met his eventual first wife Marietta before moving to Colorado where they raised their son, Jarod.

Neil was a huge sports fan, and one of his favorite activities was to go to a Rockies game with his son where they would try valiantly to catch fly balls-usually with no luck. As time went on, you could rarely lay eyes on Neil without seeing a Broncos or Rockies logo; he was an avid Denver sports fan. Neil was always up for building and launching model rockets with his son, playing ball, or visiting the airport to watch the airplanes take off and land-anything at all, for his son. A devoted husband and father, Neil loved us all with passion and generosity that can't be matched.

Later in life Neil moved to Boulder where he met Kristine Bloom. Together in loving commitment, they lived hand-in-hand, and side-by-side until Neil's passing. Neil will be remembered as an incredibly loving father, husband, brother, and son who would move the cosmos to bring happiness to those he held dear.

Neil's family will hold a celebration of life and ash scattering later this spring or summer, and details will be communicated as they become available.

Comments



“ I first met Neil and Marietta when Millie and I went to Colorado on our honeymoon. Although we only spent an afternoon with them on our way to Rocky Mountain National Park, I felt immediately accepted as the new addition to the family. Over the following years I always felt welcomed by Millie's little brother. One of my favorite memories of Neil was on one of our many trips to Colorado to visit and enjoy the mountains. We headed to Copper Mountain for a day on the slopes so our daughter Sharon could try out snow skiing, and Neil was kind enough to take her on as his student. Seeing Neil come down the mountain wearing blue jeans, a cowboy hat and a red bandana tied above one knee proved to me that although he loved Colorado, he was a true Texan at heart. Rest easy buddy.

Steve Myers - March 03 at 05:30 PM



“ Dear Jarod, Charlotte and Marietta -

I really enjoyed getting to know Neil over he and Kris's relationship. I had been Kris's pastor/chaplain at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush 2010-13. When her family moved her to Boulder, she knew this was my home and had staff look me up. So I began bringing communion to her once a month since then (2014?). Then Neil began to join us, and he really appreciated the attention and learning and participating. Unfortunately, this had to end during COVID -19 - so hard on them! Kris and I talked a lot on the phone - but Neil wasn't a phone guy . . . Fortunately, through protocol, I was able to bring them communion (at the main entrance) and visit for 30 minutes the week before Neil died. I also prayed with him and Kris when he was actively dying on hospice. Of course, you all remember their Commitment Ceremony Sept 6, 2016?. It pleased me, and Kris/Neil, to see you all attend and be apart of it. Thank you so much for your support of their relationship! I think it made a difference on longevity living in such a place as a nursing center. May you be blessed with wonderful memories (love the obituary!) of Neil as you continue on your journey without him. I believe he is still with you in spirit!

I feel very blessed to have known him . . .

Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer
Boulder, CO



Teri Hermsmeyer - March 01 at 04:23 PM



“ I didn't get to spend a lot of time with Uncle Neil since we lived in different states, but every time I saw him, he always gave me a big smile and hug. I remember him and Marietta giving me my first skiing lesson. It was sort of trail by fire, and I must have fallen a million times, but he was patient, and eventually got me down the mountain in one peice. We love and miss you Neil! You are leaving a greate legacy behind in the amazing son that you and Marietta raised.

Sharon

Sharon - February 27 at 02:48 PM



“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Neil Thomas Walker



Sharon - February 27 at 02:42 PM



“ Millie lit a candle in memory of Neil Thomas Walker



Millie - February 26 at 10:00 AM



“ My baby brother was smart, kind, compassionate, and loving. He is the "baby" of our 5 children family. We would play outside with the other neighborhood kids until we were called in for dinner. Neil loved scouting and became an Eagle Scout. He was a devoted father and husband, and loved his extended family. He will forever be in my heart. I know mom and dad have welcomed in to Heaven. I know he's there watching over us. Love you Neil.

Millie - February 26 at 10:16 AM



“ We all get to the end eventually. The real question is what we left behind.

Neil loved well. His family was his center and his focus. You couldn't help but notice the sparkle in his eye when he watched Jarod or laughed at a family gathering. His life may not have been a bowl of cherries, but he managed to maintain that spark of goodness even in the most trying times.

His passing leaves a hole in all of our lives. His presence has made us all richer. I am glad that you are finally at peace but I miss you, brother.

Clay Walker - March 01 at 11:56 AM