



## James V. Neff

July 20, 1946 - July 27, 2021

James V. Neff, 75, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at his home in Gravois Mills, Missouri. He was born in Newark, Ohio on July 20, 1946 to John F. Neff and Catherine (Hillis) Neff.

He graduated from New Lexington High School and later the Culinary Institute of America. Jim and his roommate were chosen to enter a display in the New York Culinary Saloon, which won them a blue ribbon. Jim worked in several hotels on the east coast and in upper New York before coming to Missouri, where he made his home for the past fifty years. He worked at Tan-Tar-A Resort for several years before opening his own restaurant in 1976. He was also involved with Ozark BBQ for twenty-four years.

He was a member of the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District. Jim was instrumental in helping it become a tax-supported district and served as a captain. Jim was a board member for the Lake West Ambulance District for thirty years. He was a charter member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705, the Knights of Columbus and the Zack Wheat American Legion Post #624.

His greatest love was when he became involved with the Midwest Children's Burn Camp and was a counselor for twenty-two years. He was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and helped with many dinners, fundraisers,

prison ministry and CCD.

Jim is survived by his brother, Joseph G. Neff and his wife Marilyn of Newark, Ohio and a step-sister, Karen Finch of Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and a step-brother, Cliff Finch.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 9, 2021 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri. Inurnment will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery. A Rosary will begin at 9:45 a.m. with visitation following from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Midwest Children's Burn Camp or to St Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kansas.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

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# Tribute Wall

PN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Patricia Neff - August 23, 2021 at 03:18 PM

PN

*trip to Alaska, he was the best traveling companion. I fell in love with him as a child and will miss him more than I can express. Cousin Pat*

Patricia Neff - August 23, 2021 at 03:21 PM

CA

“ *Jim Neff - I will miss you!!! I just now saw this!!! I love you so much! I know you are at peace now. Give Mary Kaye hugs and kisses for me!!!*  
*We were supposed to go to the Holocaust event tomorrow in Kansas City! I have been calling and texting and no answer. I finally looked on your Facebook page and found that you passed away! So sorry for your friends and family at this time. 🙏❤️🙏❤️*

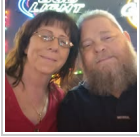
CandacevAdams - August 18, 2021 at 08:59 AM

CR

“ *Carol Roberts lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff*



Carol Roberts - August 09, 2021 at 02:45 AM



“ *Such a kind, sweet, caring soul....always a pleasure to be around.*



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**Kristine Hansen** - August 08, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Neff was my very first boss at the Lake when I was 15. I worked with him for 3 summers and had the best times of my life. He always checked in on me during the school year and even after I left the lake area he would still take the time to check in once or twice a year on me and my family. He was a wonderful friend and beautiful soul.*



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**Erin Payne** - August 07, 2021 at 11:39 PM



“ *Kelly Eisenhower Hall lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff*



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**Kelly Eisenhower Hall** - August 07, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Don & Patti Doyle lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff*



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**Don & Patti Doyle** - August 04, 2021 at 09:20 PM

DB

“ Jim it was a honor to been on the fire department with you, never forget the brotherhood we shared and the lasting friendship we had. The whole family is gonna miss you.



Don Batliner - August 04, 2021 at 09:03 PM

SE

“ Susan Emert lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff



susan Emert - August 04, 2021 at 06:49 PM

SE

*Jim always had a smile, a friendly word, and he cared for people. He will be missed!!*

susan Emert - August 04, 2021 at 06:52 PM

DD

“ Condolences to Jim’s family, our prayers are with you.  
I had the pleasure of working with Jim a few times in the kitchen at St Leo’s Hall at St Pat’s & it was so enjoyable.  
He was involved in so many wonderful charities.  
He will be missed by many. I am sure he was welcomed into the kingdom of God.  
Dan & Martie Debert

Dan & Martie Debert - August 01, 2021 at 06:01 PM

JT

“ Jim has been a great family friend for over 40 years.. We will miss his friendly attitude and smile. He would help anyone in need. His special efforts were given to the burn camp. Jim thank you for the wonderful memories. We will miss you terribly. R.I.P. our wonderful friend.

*The whole NormanThompson family.  
Especially Joyce in Hawaii.*

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**joyce Thompson** - July 31, 2021 at 07:31 PM

RU

“ I was so impressed with Jim's dedication the Summer Camp for Children who were burn victims. He came to a Newcomers/Longtimers meeting and explained the purpose of the organization and how it touched his heart. He was a man filled with kindness and empathy for others. He will be missed.

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**Rose Marie Unrein** - July 30, 2021 at 02:42 PM

MA

“ Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of James V. Neff



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**Mary** - July 30, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ Lee Anne Brumm sent a virtual gift in memory of James V. Neff



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**Lee Anne Brumm** - July 30, 2021 at 01:58 AM

KM

“ Kelly Henry (Woody MCBC) lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff



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**Kelly Henry (Woody MCBC)** - July 30, 2021 at 12:59 AM

RV

“ Robin Viratos lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff



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**robin viratos** - July 29, 2021 at 11:06 PM

DB

“ Jimmy lived with me and my family when I was young in Aurora Ohio, always looked up to him an thru the years we called each other brother.  
I always tried to call once a year, had to call when mom and then dad passed away- my heart breaks again.....always love my “brother”

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**Dennis Burke** - July 29, 2021 at 08:23 PM

BB

“ Jim has been a family friend since I was in diapers. He, my Dad, & another friend all had dinner together just last month. As always, we enjoyed each other’s company as we shared stories & reminisced about days gone by. Just last week he sent me a “Happy Birthday” & indicated that he’d like to get together soon for another dinner. Sad that my friend, who was ALWAYS a friend to my Mom, Dad, & my sisters, is now gone. I’m saddened by this. 😞 He was a GREAT guy & a beautiful human being.

Bryan Byler - July 29, 2021 at 03:55 PM

JM

“ Jamie Myers lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff



Jamie Myers - July 29, 2021 at 03:43 PM

TJ

“ Jim my dear friend, you were amazing. Always a smile on your face and a kind word - we had so much fun back in the day- Will miss you!!!!

Tim Jansen - July 29, 2021 at 12:32 PM

KC

“ Oh Jim, I enjoyed our talks. I enjoyed you so much. I loved working with you back in the day you helped me be more comfortable with myself and who I was. I remember so many funny things from working with you back in the day. I loved you kid !!!

Kenn Cable - July 29, 2021 at 11:29 AM

SR

“ You were one of the nicest people i ever had the privilege to know.  
You will be missed so much.

Shellie Roberts - July 29, 2021 at 10:04 AM

LK

“ Farewell my friend. We were making plans to have dinner tonight,  
and I'm so sad that I won't get to see you one last time. You are  
loved and missed. RIP

Lynn Kuse - July 29, 2021 at 09:56 AM

JP

“ Jo Papen lit a candle in memory of James V.  
Neff



Jo Papen - July 29, 2021 at 09:47 AM

MC

“ Jim, you certainly will be missed by many.  
Such a very Special Guy! May Peace Be With  
You! 🙏



Mary Cornell - July 29, 2021 at 09:32 AM

CP

“ *Cindy Pederson lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff*



Cindy Pederson - July 29, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JH

“ *I can not imagine this world without you in it. You will truly be missed my Friend...*

Jodie Hunsaker - July 29, 2021 at 09:05 AM

CA

“ *CarolRoberts lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff*



CarolRoberts - July 29, 2021 at 08:48 AM

SE

“ *Shana Emery sent a virtual gift in memory of James V. Neff*



Shana Emery - July 29, 2021 at 08:09 AM

SE

*You are going to be missed by so many. ❤️ you made a wonderful impact on all of us who loved you. Fly High My Friend!*

Shana Emery - July 29, 2021 at 08:13 AM

PH

“ *Patricia Hatcher lit a candle in memory of James V. Neff*



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**Patricia Hatcher** - July 29, 2021 at 06:58 AM

PH

*You will be missed.*

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**Patricia Hatcher** - July 29, 2021 at 07:01 AM