



## John L. Neely

May 30, 1941 - December 31, 2012

John L. Neely of Alma, Arkansas passed away on December 31, 2012 in Fort Smith, Arkansas after a brave fight with pancreatic cancer. John was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Richard Winston Neely, Sr. and Hannah Helen Maxwell Neely on May 30, 1941. He attended school in the Lower Merion Township outside of Philadelphia.

John was accepted into the Pennsylvania State Police Academy and was then hired as a policeman for the township. Law enforcement was a major part of his life's work as he attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia for his position as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal.

John Neely married Phyllis Pearson on February 14, 1964 and was blessed with two children, Leslie and David. He later married Marilyn Jones on August 3, 1985, and was blessed with two more children, Jacalyn and Mark.

John also drove for Greyhound Bus Lines and owned a hardware store. After retirement, he drove a school bus for Alma Public Schools.

John's two favorite hobbies were learning about trucks and World War II. He was a member of the American Truck Historical Society.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He

attended the Alma Ward, and traveled extensively to other units of the church throughout the Arkklahoma region.

He was particularly proud of having visited all 50 states. He enjoyed the unique beauty of each.

John Neely is survived by his wife, Marilyn A. Neely in Alma, Arkansas; his daughter Leslie Neely of San Luis Obispo, California; David Neely of Los Osos, California; Jacalyn Pearce of Conway, Arkansas and Mark Neely who is currently serving his church on a mission in Mesa, Arizona. He is also survived by his brother Warren Neely and two sisters, Nancy Fielden and Helen Cirrito, all of Pennsylvania. Four grandchildren also survive their grandfather.

John was predeceased by his parents Richard and Hannah Neely and three brothers, Richard Jr., William, and Robert.

A memorial service will be held January 3, 2013 at the Alma Ward chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 125 Canterbury Rd. at 6:30 p.m. Bishop John Schneider will be officiating. A graveside service will be held at the West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania on January 7, 2013 at 11 AM(Procession to form at Cemetery Office)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie and David,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Dianna##imported-begin##Dianna Lynn Neely##imported-end##*

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January 07, 2013 at 07:47 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Neely family. May each of  
you find strength and peace in this difficult time.##imported-  
begin##Amber White##imported-end##*

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“ *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the  
body, and to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).  
I met John in 1963. He was always a good man. He will be sorely  
missed by many. My deepest sympathy and love to Marilyn, his  
children, and grandchildren.  
Sincerely,  
Phyllis##imported-begin##Phyllis Pearson Neely  
Sandoval##imported-end##*

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“ *Thinking of you all in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Theresa  
and Ray Butts##imported-end##*

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“ *Many prayers have been offered for the family from so many people. It's remarkable how much love is directed at all of you. You are such wonderful and amazing people and John was among the highest in our regard. Our thoughts and prayers are still with you at this time.*

*With love,  
The Isaacs Family.##imported-begin##Carrie Isaacs##imported-end##*

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“ *John L. Neely is a good friend and righteous man, who graduated from mortality with high marks.*

*May all who knew him in this life find peace and comfort. John's legacy lives on in we who were privileged to know him.*

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." - Rev. 14:13##imported-begin##Adrian Carr##imported-end##*

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