



Gregory Burton Neely

February 16, 1942 - March 1, 2024

There will be a Celebration of Life for Greg Neely on Wednesday, March 13th at the First United Methodist Church in Rusk. Hours are 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Greg, 82, passed away suddenly March 1, 2024, from a massive heart attack. Greg was born February 16, 1942 in Nashville, Tennessee.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Engineering and later earned his Professional Engineering license. Before starting his Engineering career Greg worked on a towboat on the Tennessee River and fought forest fires in Oregon. He worked on many commercial construction projects through the years, including the Twin Towers in New York, the construction of rides, a hotel and Pleasure Island at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Greg and his wife moved to Rusk in 1994 where Greg was Project Manager on the Skyview Unit at TDJC. They liked Rusk immediately and decided to make Rusk their home. In later years. Greg was President of his own counseling business, G. Burton Neely, Inc.

While living in Florida Greg liked sailing and racing his 30' sailboat in Tampa Bay and even winning several races. He also became a great golfer, sometimes playing three rounds in a single day. Other trophies were earned in Skeet and Trap shooting. A great animal lover, he did not hunt in later years

but loved fishing until he was not physically able.

Greg is predeceased by parents James and Margaret Neely and sister Beverly of Nashville, and his beloved son Patrick of Birmingham, Alabama.

He is survived by his wife Martha of Rusk, son Michael Neely (Patsy) of Lewiston, Maine. Stepson Michael Hayes (Tamme) of Apollo Beach, Florida and grandsons Brandon Neely, Shelby, Alabama, Joey Hayes, Huntsville, Alabama and Andy Hayes, Birmingham, Alabama. A brother Robert (Nancy) Neely of Nashville, Tennessee, and several nephews. Greg will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Previous Events

Reception

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
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