



Neal Phillip Campion

August 12, 1956 - December 27, 2023

Campion, Neal Phillip-

Neal was one of a kind. He was selfless, dependable, and lovably stubborn. He is unreplacable and deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a devoted father and grandfather. Neal passed unexpectedly on 12-27-23. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary & Larry; and siblings Daniel & Mary. He is survived by his children Daniel, Michael, Christopher, Melissa, and their mother Michelle; grandchildren Emily, Cole, Aiden, Logan, Audrey, Riley, & Gwen; & siblings Kevin, Moira, Charlie, & Peter. Memorial mass to be held at 1pm Tuesday 1-2-24 at St. Patrick's Edina with a visitation 1 hour prior. A short reception will follow, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery at 3pm. The service can be livestreamed via the link <https://www.vimeo.com/event/398790>

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Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)

2101 Lexington Avenue South
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina
6820 St. Patrick's Lane
Edina, MN 55439

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

JAN 2. 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 2. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ I met Neal on my very first bus ride home from school the day my family moved to Edina, MN. It was 1969 and we were both in 7th grade. That day, Neal became my best friend. Through the following years, we were inseparable. Whatever was going on in our lives, Neal and I were doing most of it together. The good and the bad. When Neal started dating Michelle, I started dating one of Michelle’s best friends. Neal went to St Cloud State for one year, of course, I was his dorm mate.

I always admired how nothing seemed to rattle Neal. Events or circumstances that I found earth-shaking, he approached with a calmness and resolve until it was over and in the rear-view mirror. Neal was always very generous and rarely put himself first. Most of all, Neal was fun. Even when there wasn’t a darn thing going on, Neal created an entertaining environment that I always wanted to be a part of.

Shortly after our college stint together, Neal started a family with Michelle, and I moved out of MN to start my business career. Life got very busy for us both and we didn’t talk as often as we should have. But, I’ll never forget how it felt when we did catch up. Even if it had been years since we spoke, it always felt like it was just yesterday and no time had passed. Our friendship felt the same as it always had. Neal was just that kind of special and unique friend.

Over the past year, Neal and I spoke often. Our 50 year high school reunion is happening in July of this year and we were planning on going together. I was so looking forward to spending time with my buddy again. Neal’s passing has affected me more than anyone outside of my direct family. I will forever miss the opportunity to rekindle our 'best-friendship' in this world, but I know we’ll get the chance again in the next.

Scott Buscher

Scott Buscher - January 21, 2024 at 02:35 PM

JB

“ Remembering Grandpa Neal Hold a kid, stopped a fight, prayed a prayer, stayed up all night. Shared a meal, trials, tears, and laughter. A family, a home, a love forgiving the rest. Believe me, it was all of you once who were all of that to me. Forever fun, softball games and lawnchairs. First steps, always you. God-given days to cherish. Remember me too. Loved you all that much. With love, Aunt Julie Ann Bolin and daughter Joanna No e-mails please, mine doesnt work.

julie bolin - January 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Mr. Champion (as I grew up calling him) was such a loving and wonderful human. Dan and I graduated high school together, and every time I came to the house to see Dan, Neal would be so welcoming and warm. He adored and loved his 4 children unconditionally and did an incredible job at raising them!! I saw first hand what a devoted father he was. Dan, Mike, Chris, & Melissa- my heart breaks for all of you kids. Your Dad was an incredible guy and I am so sorry to hear the tragic news, as he loved you all endlessly! He was taken far too young! I hope you someday find peace in knowing it is not good bye forever, it is just goodbye for now. You all will be together again in heaven one day. Big hugs to all of the Champion family in this truly devastating and difficult time.



All my love,

J.J. Ries

Jennifer June - January 03, 2024 at 11:00 AM

BL

“ Neal was a great business partner and he always brought a unique dynamic to every meeting and event. He had a way with people that was special and always memorable. He is missed and irreplaceable. He leaves a great legacy that will endure.

Blake - January 02, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neal Phillip Campion.



January 02, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DG

“ Neal gave people opportunities to learn and share his in-sites. Neal was a great guy and I will miss our conversations.

dan garrett - December 31, 2023 at 06:20 PM

MP

Thank you for you kind words.

Missy Parent - January 01, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BP

“ Neal was an integral part of the of the Xcel Energy Physical Security team. We will miss his wit, friendship and humor. Most of all we will miss his friendship.

BRYON DOWNING CPL, PSP - December 29, 2023 at 02:37 PM

MP

Thank you for sharing your nice thoughts about our dad. He enjoyed working with the Xcel team as well. Working with you brought him joy.

Missy Parent - January 01, 2024 at 09:43 AM

XD

“ *Xcel Energy Physical Security Department purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Neal Phillip Campion.*



Xcel Energy Physical Security Department - December 29, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Neal Phillip Campion.*



December 29, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Neal Phillip Campion.*



December 29, 2023 at 10:40 AM

MZ

“ I am devastated. I am so sorry for all of of his family he lived solely for Michelle his kids and grandkids. He was a great man. He will be missed deeply. Rest in Heaven Neal.

mandy zerwas - December 29, 2023 at 08:15 AM

MP

Thank you Mandy for your kind words about our dad. He enjoyed working with you and all the fun you brought into the office.

Missy Parent - January 01, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CH

“ 13 files added to the album Neal Campion



Charlie - December 29, 2023 at 07:43 AM

MZ



mandy zerwas - December 29, 2023 at 08:17 AM

MP

Charlie, thank you for posting these pictures. It's such a nice tribute to your brother.

Missy Parent - January 01, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Neal Phillip Campion.



December 28, 2023 at 07:52 PM