



James E. Neeley

August 13, 1937 - September 10, 2011

James Elvin Neeley James Elvin Neeley was born on August 13, 1937, in Richards, Texas and passed away on September 6, 2011 at his home in Madisonville, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Ella Laverne Neeley. He is survived by his son and wife Mike and Amye Neeley; daughter and husband Bridgette and Tony Clay; grandchildren Dustin Neeley, Emily Mazyn and her husband, Cameron, James Clay, Dylan Neeley, Trista Suttles, Stephanie and Michael Evans; great-grandson Hunter Neeley, and brother Norman Neeley and wife Genna. James worked for over 30 years at TDCJ and retired as Project Superintendent. He was a lifelong member of Elks Lodge #1981 and was a charter member the Pine Prairie VFD and instrumental in forming the Pine Prairie VFD. He coached the Lion's Club Little League Baseball for many years in the 70's and followed Huntsville athletics for many years, always supporting and encouraging the youth of Walker County. Services for Mr. Neeley will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow at Pine Prairie Cemetery in Walker County. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm Friday evening at the funeral home. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Neeley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bridgette I was so sorry to hear about your Dad I know how close you were. At least he is at peace with your wonderful Mom and you can take peace in that. Please know I'm thinking about you & miss you and my prayers are with your family.*

Darlene Williams - September 18, 2011 at 06:48 PM



“ *Bridgette, I am so sorry for your family's loss. I new James and worked with him at Ellis years ago, he was a good friend. Mike...*

Mike Holm - September 12, 2011 at 09:52 AM



“ *James was a wonderful example of what a Christian should be. He walked the walk and talked the talk. He and his wife Ella were a huge part of our church family at Grace Baptist Church for years. They are both missed so much there! Mike & Bridgette: Your dad and mom were so proud of you! Dusin & Dylan: Your grandparents thought the world of you! What a legacy of Christian love James & Ella have left for your family and friends!!! I am so thankful that my family and I got to know them and become friends with them. Our lives were enriched with their love and caring just as many others. May God bless you and keep you close until we see them again. We are praying for you.*

Mellicent Wiley & Children Bobby Wiley II, Heather Wiley Christian & Jason, Heath Wiley and Justin & - September 12, 2011 at 08:14 AM

RC

“ Mike and Bridgette, I had no ideal. I am floored. No one told me. I hope and pray yall know if I had known about "Pop" passing, I would have been there. I feel very, very lucky to have had him and Mrs. Ella in my life. Those two are together now. I can hear them now. I will always, always remember both of them. Him and his laugh. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with yall, the grandkids and the rest of the family. If there is anything at all I can do, please let me know, please. These two will be missed but in my heart and thoughts the rest of my life. These were some really, really good people. Not a lot of people like this left in the world. Again, I am sorry for not knowing and being there for yall. Let me know if you need anything.

Ronnie Cannon - September 10, 2011 at 07:24 PM

CN

“ Bridgette,

Jim Ed & I sat out on the porch last night talking about your dad and just to let you know; we had a lot of good laughs! I remember fishing over at the house & your daddy said, "YOU BETTER BRING AT LEAST THREE POLES AND PLAN TO BREAK AT LEAST TWO!!!" OF COURSE WE THOUGHT HE HAD TO BE KIDDING BUT GUESS WHAT?, HE WASN'T. We had so much fun and had a ton of fish and your daddy kept saying, "YOU'D BETTER CATCH A FEW MORE, THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH!" Jim Ed & I cleaned fish for two hours!!! As always, it was way more than enough. AND, my first fish Jim Ed & I both got in but, it broke my rod in half!!! Your daddy was a jewel and a gem. He had no problem telling you exactly what he thought...Even if you didn't like it but...that's a NEELEY for you. I have only know your daddy for four years and really look forward to seeing him when it's my time to be with our Lord and Savior. Jim Ed & I will miss him tremendously but, our love for him will be never ending. We love you dearly and please don't hesitate to call us.

Cheryl & James Edward (Jim Ed) Neeley - September 09, 2011 at 11:13 PM

SD

“ Tony and Bridgette you too are so very special to me. I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Neeley. What I remember most, each and every time I was around him, is that he was such a cut up! He was always up to something, and his laugh was infectious. I am so blessed to have met this wonderful man. Be strong, as he would have wanted you to be. He was not afraid, for he knew exactly what his destination would be. Next stop....Heaven! Love and prayers.

Sandy and Joel Delaney - September 09, 2011 at 07:07 PM

TG

“ *Bridgette, I'm really sorry to hear about your dad. It was truly a pleasure to have met him. May God bless you and your family and help you through this difficult time.*

Trisha G. - September 09, 2011 at 01:41 PM



“ *James E. Neeley*

September 09, 2011 at 01:41 PM

AW

“ *To the Neeley family. Our condolences to the family for your loss. We got to know him through hunting on our property. He was a real pleasure to know and enjoyed his life stories. He will be missed. Al and Janet Weinzierl*

Al and Janet Weinzierl - September 09, 2011 at 12:21 PM

CS

“ *Dustin & Dylan.
GOD saw your grandpa getting tired and a cure was not to be. So GOD put HIS arms around grandpa and whispered "COME TO ME" With tearful eyes you watched him as he faded away. Although you loved him dearly, you could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest. GOD broke your hearts to prove GOD only takes the best. Your grandpa will always remain in your hearts and you will love him always and will meet him again someday. Stay strong in knowing your grandpa loved you and know GOD needed him. Grandpa is now at peace with grandma. Try not to be sad for him, for you will see him again someday. GOD bless you guys. I love you cousins, Curtis Smith*

Curtis Smith - September 09, 2011 at 10:19 AM

WP

“Dustin & Dylan-just want you to know how sorry i am that you lost your paw. I know how much you boys loved him. Just know he is not suffering anymore and he is with Maw. I love you boys and am here if you need me. GOD bless you both and i am sorry for your loss. He was a great man, your Paw. Will miss his smile and his laughter. Love you always,
Mammy

Wilma Pegoda - September 09, 2011 at 09:54 AM

MK

“To the Neely family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. James and Ella were a great part of the youth baseball league in Huntsville. Oh what good times we all had. He will be missed.

Milton and Peggy Kroesche - September 08, 2011 at 10:00 PM

KC

“Both Ella and James were wonderful people! We worked together in the old TDC for countless years. They were always faithful Hornet football fans and we all looked forward to those Friday night games, fussing, complaining and just having a good time!! I know they are happy to be together again and to be with their Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this most difficult time.

Karen Cruse - September 08, 2011 at 05:42 PM

SD

“Mike & Bridgette, Yall are in my prayers. My heart aches for yall. James could bring a smile no matter what. My mom will be glad to see him in Heaven! I have been where you are. It is hard to watch our parents suffer. But now he can rest. Stay strong and remember all of the good times. Thats what I try to do every day. God bless you all.

Susie Schoellman (Dean's daughter) - September 08, 2011 at 02:55 PM

SD

“ God introduced me to this wonderful man some 6 years ago. Mr. Neeley made me feel more like a son rather than just a friend. We had so much fun together. It's not difficult to love a blessed man like him. He was always there for anyone who needed him. He also was blessed with a wonderful family who he loved so very much! You all were so lucky to have him for your dad and granddad. Just remember, he is with y'all's mom and both of them, as well as all their love ones, are up there in heaven with our Savior Jesus Christ. No more suffering. What a blessing that is! All of you will be in our daily prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!!!!

Sonny, Jeanette and Mark Dollar

Sonny, Jeanette and Mark Dollar - September 08, 2011 at 12:23 PM

GM

“ *Emily & Cameron:*

Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about. I pray the love of God enfolds you during your difficult times and he helps you heal with the passage of time. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Gary Mazyn - September 08, 2011 at 10:39 AM

BP

“ May GOD bless you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Neeley has joined the love of his life(Mrs. Ella Neeley) in Heaven and is happy once again. Just take comfort in knowing he is not suffering, but walking hand in hand with Maw and talking with Jesus. GOD bless you all. Dustin and Dylan, I love you both so very much and send you hugs and I am sorry for losing your Paw so soon.

Beverly Pegoda - September 08, 2011 at 09:37 AM

M.

“ Dear Neely family, I was so very sorry to read about the passing of your dear loved one. May the "GOD of many mercies" strengthen and uphold each of you with His right hand of righteousness as you each cope during this time of deep and personal grief. A friend

M.Stewart - September 08, 2011 at 08:56 AM

GM

“ Dear Neeley Family: We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad/Grandpa. He was a very special man. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Gene, Rhonda, & Emily Mauldin - September 07, 2011 at 11:16 PM

TF

“ Mike and Bridgette, I was surprised to see your dad's name in today's paper. You lost your mom shortly after I lost my mom and I lost my dad at the beginning of this year. Whatever stress I was afraid I would feel with Dad's loss was surprisingly less since he and Mom are now together. It has relieved whatever angst I felt since losing her. I have no doubt that you will miss your dad and still miss your mom, but I hope you find the peace that God has given me in their loss. God bless you both and your families. James and Ella are leaving a fine legacy in their family.

Trudy Fuchs - September 07, 2011 at 10:28 PM

ME

“ We have known Mr. Neeley for many years. He and Mrs. Neeley touched our life in so many ways. He is with his precious wife and his wonderful Savior Jesus Christ. We will miss him but we will never forget him. Your entire family is i our prayers. God Bless You All.Love you, Mike and Sue Ellis

Mike & Sue Ellis - September 07, 2011 at 07:39 PM

FB

“ Dear Family: Certainly will miss James., just as I did (and still do) his dear wife, Ella. What a sweet pair they were! Can't remember James without a smile on his face, making others feel good around him! I think he is even happier now that he's back with Ella! I do know you will miss him so much though. His "walk" was just like his "talk"... that of a Christian.Love you guys. Faye Brown

Faye Brown - September 07, 2011 at 06:46 PM

GR

“ I was fortunate to have worked with James at the Darrington Unit. He was a fine person and a great people person and very well versed in his job. He'll be missed. 5R08

Gene Reynolds - September 07, 2011 at 05:10 PM

LT

“ Bridget, Mike and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father was a great man and will be missed by many. He is now with his beautiful wife and your mother. Love you all !

Lisa Townsend - September 07, 2011 at 12:23 PM

NB

“ Bridgette, you and your family are in my prayers. May God be with you during this time.

Nicole Boston - September 07, 2011 at 11:48 AM

PS

“ Daddy James has been our friend for many years. He was such an inspiration to everyone. His expanded knowledge in everything from hammering a nail to the world's economy was great. He could talk about anything to anyone. He always had an ear to listen, of course, he always had guidance to give also. His love for the Lord and his family could be seen in his eyes, his heart and his actions. Daddy James walked the walk with our Lord and Savior. We love you Daddy James, we will miss you, but are excited beyond belief that you are now with Mama Ella. Keep a look-out for those of us left on this nasty old world. We love you.

Patricia & Richard Shelly - September 07, 2011 at 08:02 AM

DB

“ *Earnest and I will miss James. He and Ella were part of our church for so long. I will miss his Elvis stories and his sense of humor. You all are in our prayers.*

Donna Barron - September 06, 2011 at 10:36 PM

MI

“ *Mike & Amy,*

We are at a loss for words! We just spoke with James and saw him recently. It was always a pleasure to speak to him and he will certainly be missed by all of us. Our hearts go out to you and the family. We hope that your precious memories will be a comfort to you during this difficult time and in the future.

*Mike & Tammie Nokes
McGilberry Mechanical*

McGilberry Mechanical Heating & Cooling, Inc. - September 06, 2011 at 09:33 PM

FK

“ *I always looked up to Mr. Neeley. He had a way of making the most commonplace event seem interesting. I know he has gone to be with the lord and Ella. What more could he want. He will be greatly missed. Freddy and Pam Koehl*

freddy koehl - September 06, 2011 at 05:19 PM