

Remembering the Life....

Hilding Neal Anderson was born to Hilding and Jean Anderson on May 30, 1941, on a farm in Evansville. He was welcomed home by two half-sisters, Katherine and Shirley, and later was joined by a brother, Gerald. The family resided north of Evansville.

At three months Neal became very sick. They called a nurse from Evansville out to their house. Hilding's brother, Walter drove them immediately to St. Luke's Hospital in Alexandria. He was diagnosed with a sleeping sickness and meningitis only to later find out it was a bad case of polio. He was in and out of hospitals frequently, including the Sister Kenny Institute where he stayed for a few months and he saw many different doctors. The cord in the back of his right leg became knotted. Although he went through two operations in order to straighten it, it was still two inches shorter than his left. Also caused by polio his right arm was tensed up to his body and he has impaired speech.

Even though Neal was crippled, he did well throughout his entire life. He started going to public school and he played well with other children. When he was about seven he wandered into a cornfield, got lost, and scared everyone but himself. When Neal was fourteen, his father died after a long illness. He attended school through his junior year, then went to a children's workshop. There he was trained to work with animals at the University of Minnesota Hospital. For 30 years he worked there, cleaning the cages and feeding the test animals.

For 5 of those 30 years he lived with a blind man, named Louie in Robbinsdale. Louie died of diabetes in 1964. At age 24 he bought and moved into his own house, also in Robbinsdale. Later he was joined by his mother, Jean. They stayed in Robbinsdale until April of 1991 and then moved into a house in Evansville. In August of the same year Jean died of cancer.

Neal lived in the house in Evansville until he moved into The Care Campus in Evansville September 17, 2013.

Neal led a hard life but he worked his way through it. He never drove a car and the only job he ever held was the one at the University Hospital. As hobbies he liked to put together puzzles, paint on canvas and also to paint ceramics. While he lived in the cities, he also made model planes, cars, ships and made items with ceramic beads.

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Neal passed away at Evansville Care Campus in Evansville, Minnesota at the age of eighty-two years.

Neal was preceded in death by his parents, Hilding and Jean Anderson; sisters, Katherine and Shirley; brother Gerald, and nephew Terry.

Neal is survived by brother in law, Nick Karabotsos (Denver Colorado); sister in law, Cheryl Doose (Alexandria MN) and many Nieces and Nephews.

Blessed be the Memory of H. Neal Anderson

Celebrating
the **Life** of



H. Neal Anderson

In Loving Memory Of
H. Neal Anderson

May 30, 1941 ~ June 10, 2023

Funeral Service

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Faith Lutheran Church
Evansville, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Bradley Pearson

Reading of the Obituary

Amy Albus

Memories

Cousin Larry Alstead

Music

Elaine Kronberg & Joan Barsness, accompanists

"Jesus Loves Me"

"In The Garden"

"Jesus Loves the Children of the World"

"Long Black Train" CD

Honorary Urn Bearers

Staff of Evansville Care Campus
Neal's Nieces and Nephews

Urn Bearer

Warren Erickson

Interment

Mound Grove Cemetery
Evansville, Minnesota

Appreciation

Neil's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

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God saw that he was getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him and
whispered "Come with Me."
With teary eyes we watched him suffer,
and saw him fade away,
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart has stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest.
God touched our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.