



Charles "Smokey" Neal Jr.

October 18, 1926 - August 18, 2016

Rutledge, TN

Charles "Smokey" Neal, Jr., 89, formerly Appalachia, VA, born on Oct. 18, 1926 in Harlan County, KY, died on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 at the home of his daughter, with whom he made his home.

He was a retired coal miner and a U. M. W. A. member, having worked for Stonega Coke and Coal, Westmoreland Coal and Paramount Coal. After retirement he owned businesses in Appalachia, VA. Later he was employed by Citizen Tribune in Morristown, TN. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of WWII. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Morristown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Cox Neal; his grandchildren, Charles Martin Stanley, Donna Neal and Tira Neal; his parents, Charles and Alice (Gibson) Neal, Sr.; brothers, Jack and George Neal; and sister, Mabel Osborne.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheila Neal of Rutledge, TN; great grandsons, Samuel Neal, who also helped care for Mr. Neal; and Franklin Ramsey; brother, Bob (Linda) Neal of Mt. Juliet, TN; sisters, Bettie (John) Herron of Woodstock, VA and Nancy Fuerbacher of Cincinnati, OH; sisters-in-law, Lenora Miller of Van Lear, KY, Geneva Neal of Lakeland, FL and Estell Cox of Wise, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Special thank you to Amedisys Hospice nurses, Christy and Beth, who cared for him in the home since March.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday (Aug. 22, 2016) at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

The funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Evangelist Buddy Wilson officiating.

Military rites will follow, by the VA National Guard Honors Team and local V.F.W. and D.A.V. posts at the Wise Cemetery in Wise, VA.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap is serving the Neal family.

Cemetery Details

Wise Cemetery

181 Church Street, NW
Wise, VA 24293

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
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Service

AUG 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

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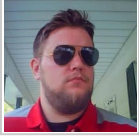
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Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Smokey" Neal Jr.

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Smokey was my best friend as a kid and I still think about him often. He was as fine a man as I ever knew, and I miss him dearly.

Daniel McColgan - November 23, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Smokey was around my whole entire life and always treated me like one of his own. I never saw him mad or without a smile. prayers for his family.

Katie McColgan - September 01, 2016 at 02:23 AM



“ Martin Stanley lit a candle in memory of Charles "Smokey" Neal Jr.



martin stanley - August 21, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ Steve, Sandy, Favian For the best Uncle ever! purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles "Smokey" Neal Jr..



Steve, Sandy, Favian For the best Uncle ever! - August 20, 2016 at 04:43 PM