



Neil Craig Trowbridge

September 12, 1957 - August 14, 2020

Viewing hours for the public will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 in the Leonard-Marker Funeral Home. Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, August 20, 2020 in the outdoor courtyard near the chapel of The Park Church of Christ, 10600 E 96th Street, Tulsa, OK 74133 and officiated by Pastor Kevin Johnson.

On Friday, August 14, 2020, Neil Craig Trowbridge, loving husband, father, and friend, passed away at the age of 62. Neil was born on September 12, 1957 in Oklahoma City, OK to Marvin and Rosetta (McMullen) Trowbridge. He attended Oklahoma Christian University where he received a degree in Marketing and went on to build a successful career in sales over the next 40 years. Neil founded ProServ Business Products in 2006, serving the printing and promotional needs of local businesses for over 14 years.

On April 21, 1990, Neil married his “North Dakota Flower,” Gwendolyn Ann Bitz. They celebrated 30 wonderful years together this past April. Together they raised two daughters, Stacy and Amy, in Tulsa.

Neil lived his entire life with complete integrity and unfaltering loyalty to his family and loved ones. He was well known for his quick wit and unrivaled work ethic, but most importantly for his great character and steadfast faith in Christ. Neil loved his city and took pride in being a Tulsa native, becoming a well-loved friend and colleague to many across the Tulsa area. He was an avid tennis and golf player as well, and could often be found on the golf course perfecting his swing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin, his mother, Rosetta, and his brother, Paul. He is survived by his wife Gwen, his three daughters Deanne, Stacy, and Amy, his sister Donna Grady and her husband Patrick, his sister, Sherri Ruth Elliott, as well as many wonderful nephews and nieces.

The family asks that you please consider a gift in Neil's memory to Hope Harbor, PO Box

1047, Claremore, OK 74018. hopeharborinc.org

Events

AUG **Viewing** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Leonard-Marker Funeral Home

6521 E. 151st St. P.O. Box 266, Bixby, OK, US, 74008

AUG **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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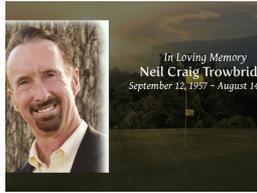
The Park Church of Christ

10600 E. 96th St., Tulsa, OK, US, 74133

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Leonard & Marker Funeral Home - August 19 at 01:14 PM



“ Oh my goodness, what precious memories Gwen you and your family can remember forever. The little time that I got to know Neil I will cherish in my heart, after the funeral I could not stop crying. Life is so precious and we should not take not one minute for granted. We will miss him, but he is in the hands of Jesus now. Thank you for being so kind to me and always know how much I love your family

LaShonda Chambers - August 25 at 12:23 AM



“ Neil and I worked together years ago through BNB. So sorry to hear the news of Neil passing. Prayers to his family. Peace in knowing we will see him again.

Suzanne Foust - September 16 at 12:19 PM



“ Neil was a vendor when I worked at ProBuild (formerly Hope Lumber). He was such a nice man and always professional. I never met his wife and kids but he talked about them all the time. So sorry to hear he has passed. Prayers for the family.

Liz Boyd - August 25 at 10:54 PM



“ To Neil's family,
I met Neil while working at World Travel Service, he was our supplier for office needs, was so nice to work with, always so polite and kind. Please accept my sincere condolences.
Kim Steele

Kim Steele - August 24 at 01:27 PM



“ I loved his voice, powerful but yet comforting. He was a loving husband and Dad. He met him and his family while attending Grace. His daughter and my daughter did their first international journey together and many firsts together. love to Gwen and the girls.

Michele Shahbandeh - August 21 at 10:52 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mike Tedford - August 21 at 12:14 AM



“ One of God's greatest. Wonderful leader, loved his family, was very kind, and had a warming and kind voice, always knew the perfect thing to say and could always make a person laugh. A great human being and the world will miss him. Lori and Mike Hollowell

Lori Hollowell - August 19 at 09:15 PM



“ Neil and Gwen came out and visited me in Phoenix, Arizona. They wanted to go hiking, so I took them. I think I forgot to mention that it was the toughest hike in all of Arizona. They both finished it and we had a lot of fun catching up while we hiked.

James Daman - August 19 at 05:36 PM



“ I always looked forward to seeing Neil at Sunday School. Neil used his deep, low, radio announcer-like voice to bring our loud class to order. Neil led the class sometimes, but he usually led the announcements and the humor moment, which was my favorite part. Neil had a way with using humor and bringing others in on the humor, to make us feel part of the moment. He set a lighthearted mood which made the time together fun.

I looked up to Neil as a role model.

-Art Russell

Bruce Russell - August 19 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 19 at 12:58 AM



“ I only knew Neil for a few years, but it feels a lot longer. I always enjoyed his trips to our office. He was there for business but took the time to stop and chat. Our conversations brightened my day, especially hearing about his trips and golf game.

He lived life to the fullest, a trait many of us need to embrace. I pray for his family and friends - peace and comfort in this difficult time.

Kris Hadley

Kris Hadley - August 18 at 11:15 PM



“ This is Joe with Robertson Tire. I am so saddened to hear about Neil's passing. He was a good man and I will miss him. My prayers are with all of you.

Joe Mattingly - August 18 at 09:22 PM



“ JD Young Company purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



JD Young Company - August 18 at 02:39 PM

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“ "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Sending love and sympathy...

Michelle Bitz

Michelle - August 18 at 02:35 PM



“ The breadth and depth of Neil's influence on this world is truly amazing. A man of character and integrity. Most of all a man of faith. A source of light. A devoted disciple of our Lord. While I have known him for almost 50 years, now I would only see him occasionally when I ran into him at the store or someplace. But it was always joy to see him and just so much fun to talk to him. He truly cared about others more than himself. He will be sorely missed - but how thankful we all are for being blessed to know him.

Jack Reese - long time friend

Jack Reese - August 18 at 02:29 PM



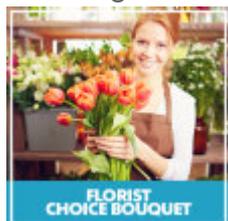
“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 18 at 01:59 PM



“ John and Sandy Fannell purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



John and Sandy Fannell - August 18 at 01:54 PM



“ JACK & LINDA WHITE, FINANCIAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



Suzanne Brodner - August 18 at 11:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 18 at 11:11 AM



“ I remember Neil as being so genuine in his interest toward others. He could start a conversation with anybody and continue in that conversation. He was so attentive to his father-in-law, Leonard, after this man's injury in a farm accident. He so unobtrusively pushed him in the wheelchair, helped him get into a car and made Leonard comfortable. Neil, know how much we loved you.
Gwen's Aunt Margaret

Margaret Bitz - August 18 at 11:08 AM



“ It is with deep sadness that I heard about Neil's passing. Though we never met, we exchanged many emails & phone calls as he took care of our marketing needs. Neil always went above & beyond to find us just what we needed. He was always kind & genuine. To his family, please know that you are in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult time Norma Dudgeon, Western Mechanical Solutions, Denver, Colorado

Norma Dudgeon - August 18 at 10:50 AM



“ Neil was the hardest worker I have ever known. I was a minor business partner of his for thirteen years. He was an outstanding salesman and always had a plan to make our company better. He was good to our employees but expected their best effort to satisfy the needs of our customers. His sense of humor and quick wit were second to none. His passion for our business made selling fun.
Leo Reding

Leo Reding - August 17 at 11:17 PM



“ I remember as being very attentive to the needs of people
Margaret Bitz - August 18 at 10:49 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 17 at 10:21 PM



“ Neil was such a joy all the years I worked with him at B&B Solutions. Was very sad to hear this news.

Karen Bridges - August 17 at 06:45 PM



“ Neil was a great friend. We loved to make each other laugh.

He was funny, warm-hearted, a great leader, and a wonderful family man.

We went to see the humor writer Dave Barry at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center years ago. Afterwards we even got to meet Mr. Barry.

I had rehearsed what I was going to say, but when Mr. Barry actually spoke back to me, I completely vapor locked.

Neil, sensing I needed to be rescued, adroitly stepped in and handed Mr. Barry our parking stub.

“Hey there, do you mind validating this for us?”

We laughed and laughed all the way home.

Sandy and I are heart broken for Gwen, Stacy, Amy and their entire extended family.

The loss seems unimaginable. You're in our prayers, and we hope you can feel the love we are sending your way.

Love,

John and Sandy Fannell

Matthew and Lacy

John Fannell - August 17 at 05:23 PM



“ Neil was a great friend to his college alma mater Oklahoma Christian where I served in Alumni Relations from 2011 thru 2019. He was also a great friend to me personally. I appreciated so much his ability to conduct business and friendship so seamlessly. I will miss him as the great professional he was but I will also miss Neil and his great personality. I am blessed by knowing Neil. God Bless his wife, daughters, and many many friends on this loss.

Chris Adair - August 17 at 04:33 PM



“ Gwenn and Daughters,
I am so saddened to have lost such a good friend much to early in life. My heart is broken for you Gwenn and girls as what a true gem of a man he was. He loved his family and held you in highest regard when he spoke of you.

I had the honor of knowing and working with Neil for 20 Years. I worked with Neil through my years in Marketing at TTCU and we always loved seeing him come through the door.

He was genuine, fun, caring, always smiling, honest and always going over and beyond to find just the right trinket or promo item to fit your need. He was one in a million.

He will be truly missed by us all that new and worked with him. God gained a new Angel in Heaven as he loved the Lord and Neil is walking beside the Lord today.

I will miss you my sweet friend.

Georgia Steele

Georgia L Steele - August 17 at 03:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 17 at 03:41 PM



“ Tedford Insurance & Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



Tedford Insurance & Family - August 17 at 02:47 PM



“ To the family of Neil Trowbridge:

We extend our deepest expressions of sympathy. May the spirit of the Living God come into your heart more completely, and may you rest your weary souls on him. If you will continue to rely upon Him who makes no mistakes, we are confident as Christians that God will comfort your heart.

Neil was a great man, and will be missed greatly.

Your friends at Sagebrush Pipeline Equipment

SAGEBRUSH PIPELINE EQUIPMENT - August 17 at 02:42 PM



“ Your friends at Sagebrush Pipeline Equipment purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.





SAGEBRUSH PIPELINE EQUIPMENT - August 17 at 02:41 PM



“ Keith & Susan Mason purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



Keith & Susan Mason - August 17 at 02:36 PM



“ Neil always took great care of our company but it was much more than a business relationship he was a friend....From all of us at Robertson Tire he will be missed but I know we will see him again one day....Our thoughts and prayers are with the family...

Mark Robertson

mark robertson - August 17 at 01:34 PM



“ Neil was a great friend! We both shared an odd sense of humor that bonded us together. We both loved the absurdity of Jack Handy and we always dinged each other on our disparate heights. One of our last exchanges...

Neil: "You are the best and may I add that I've always thought that you are where tall starts!"

Me: "that is so true...and you are where short ends :)"

News of his passing was shocking to say the least. Neil however leaves a rich legacy of kindness, humor, and generosity for his family, friends and the customers he served during his years of sales.

I'm sure that St Peter is looking up at him right now :)

Our prayers are with Gwen and all of his family.



“ From: TTCU Federal Credit Union Indirect Lending purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



From: TTCU Federal Credit Union Indirect Lending - August 17 at 11:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 17 at 10:59 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



August 17 at 10:55 AM



“ The Gregory Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



The Gregory Family - August 17 at 10:53 AM



“ TTCU Federal Credit Union Marketing Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



TTCU Federal Credit Union Marketing Department - August 17 at 10:47 AM



“ From: Rosie & Michael Kramer (TTCU) purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Neil Craig Trowbridge.



From: Rosie & Michael Kramer (TTCU) - August 17 at 10:39 AM



“ One of the all time greats. A true Gentleman, Professional, and became a fantastic friend.

Clint Barnes - August 17 at 10:25 AM



“ I didn't know Neil well, but I know he was a kind man. He never failed to say hello, and each time he was genuinely warm and caring. I will miss Neil, his generosity and his beautiful spirit. Our work will not be the same with out him. My sincere condolences to Neil's family. I pray they find comrfort and peace.

Donita Quesnel - August 17 at 08:32 AM



“ Neil would step in and service our account from time to time. So kind and professional, a true joy to be around. I'm heartbroken to learn of his passing. His life was quite a legacy.

Jeanie Akin - August 19 at 04:46 PM