



Jay Neill

August 12, 1958 - August 28, 2011

Services for Jay Lawrence Neill, 53, of Tyler will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Stephanie Scott officiating. Mr. Neill passed away Sunday, August 28 at his home in Tyler.

He was born on August 12, 1958 in Tyler to Walter Lamar and Della Marie Rachui Neill. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler in 1976 and attended the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Neill was highly regarded for his work as a petroleum landman for over 30 years. Throughout his life, Jay's first priority was his family. He was a devoted and loving father to his two children, son Jonathan Jay Neill and daughter Mary Catherine Neill, and an enduring friend of their mother Cynthia Anne Wilcox Neill. He spent his life caring for family and friends, and always cared for his brother Bobby and mother Della. He leaves a legacy of compassion and selfless love to all who knew him.

He will be remembered always for his love of Texas football, his cowboy spirit, how he embraced life and the wonderful sense of humor he shared with all of us. All who were fortunate to be a part of his life will miss his loving hands and warm heart.

Mr. Neill is survived by his mother, Della; son, Jonathan; daughter, Mary; brother, Robert "Bobby" Neill of Tyler; sister, Gail Neill Kuehl and husband Richard of Hays, Kansas; three nephews, Matthew W. Kuehl of New York, New York, Robert Kuehl, and James R. Kuehl and wife Kelsey Koerner Kuehl of Hays, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Lamar Neill of Tyler.

Memorials may be made in honor of Jay

L. Neill to The American Heart Association, 3800 Paluxy, Tyler, Texas 75701 or the Ronald McDonald House of Wichita, 1110 N. Emporia, Wichita, Kansas 67214. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Love y'all!*

Julia Shelton - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

Kevin and Geri Koerner - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *I counted Jay as one of my friends in high school. In our Junior and Senior years he had come to my house several times and we played pool and just hung out. Jay always treated me as a friend no matter who he was with or where we were. I appreciated his honesty and friendship and pray that his family remembers him that way too.*

Rod Caddy - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I was extremely saddened to hear about Jay's passing. I worked with Jay several times over the years and I have fond memories of our duties as Landmen from Ohio to Texas.*

May God bless and comfort the family at this difficult time.

Tim Wheeler - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Had lots of good times with Jay and bunch of our friends from school getting together and just having fun!

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family!

Tony Peters - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ When I look at the picture of Jay, seeing his smile brings back good memories of a time long ago when we worked together as landmen in Ohio. I can still hear his laugh. Jay was a likable guy as well as a very skilled and conscientious landman, and I am pleased to say I had the good fortune of working with him many times over the years. My impression of Jay was always that no matter what type of problem was presented to him, in business or otherwise, he seemed to find a way to solve the issue and get the job done; many times in a fashion that no one else would think. I am truly sorry to see him go, but will always be proud to have known him as a colleague and a friend. My condolences to the family.

Gary Garrison - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

QN

“ I knew Jay when I grew up in Tyler while visiting our Neill cousins on Sundays, and remember his sense of humor even though I was a part of a younger generation. Our thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Rocky, Bobby, Gail, and the rest of the Neill family.

Quentin and Rocio Neill - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ From day on the Tyler Swim Team and Pollard Methodist Church, I always counted Jay as a friend. While I had not seen him in years, I will always remember his smile.

Steve Bryson - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *May the Neill family find comfort in your loving memories, and in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,*

valerie thompson - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ *I will always remember Jay. I had not seen or spoken to Jay since graduating high school. I remember Jay and we would sometimes talk. He had a kind clean spirit and you don't forget people like that. My condolences to family. My prayer is that God will give you strength and understanding during this period of mourning. God Bless*

Vanessa Dewberry - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Jay's. Jonathan and Mary you are in our hearts and prayers.*

Jay had such a wicked sense of humor.

May your precious memories comfort you.

Anna, Jim, Dan, Eric and Brian Cousineau

Anna Cousineau - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Jonathan, I was so sorry to read that your Dad had passed away. Please know I'm praying for you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

Rhonda Gentry - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM