



Norman Ray Neighbors

November 25, 1938 - December 8, 2024

Norman Ray Neighbors, 86, of Bedford died Sunday, December 8, 2024 at Oakwood Health & Rehabilitation, Bedford.

He was born November 25, 1938, in Rustburg, a son of the late Norman Horton Neighbors and Blanche Lee Reynolds Neighbors. He attended both Timberlake Baptist Church and Bethel Mennonite Church in recent years and was the retired owner of Neighbors Electrical Service. Ray, as he was commonly known enjoyed reading, visiting with friends and family, listening to gospel music, and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by two sons, Joseph Neighbors of Fort Wayne, Indiana and David Neighbors and his wife, Amy, of Bedford; one daughter, Sharon Swarey of Long Island; two stepsons, Bruce Ramer and his wife, Yolanda of Bealeton, and Darrell Ramer and his wife, Elisabeth of Seymour, Missouri; two brothers, James Neighbors of Lynchburg and David Neighbors of Emporia; fifteen grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren; forty-two great grandchildren and two great step grandchildren; and two great, great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Gwendolyn Neighbors, brothers Kenneth, Ralph, Willis and sister, Joyce; a son-in-law, Irvin Swarey, and daughter-in-law Lois Neighbors.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM., Friday, December 13, 2024 at Bethel Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 5496 Brookneal Highway, Gladys, Virginia 24554.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10:00 AM., Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Bethel Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall in Gladys with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Finch & Finch Funeral & Cremation Service, Gladys oversees arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Mennonite Church Cemetery

5946 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church
5946 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Service

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall
5946 Brookneal Highway
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Ray Neighbors*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 12, 2024 at 01:21 PM

RN

Keeping you in prayer in your time of grieving. David and our family has wonderful memories of his visits.

Rachel Neighbors - December 12, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss, we got to know Mr. Neighbors at Oakwood Manor in Bedford. We go there on Sunday and he loved coming to the big room to talk, we tried to include him in the conversation but mostly he just enjoyed listening. He was a very nice man and we enjoyed it when he came up to visit with us. He told us about his family, his home and his work. We thought a lot of him. John & Judy Manley*

John & Judy Manley - December 15, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Funeral Service



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 15, 2024 at 09:17 AM

EM

“ Praying God's peace for y'all. Ray, Rhoda and the boys spent the weekend with us one time. We had a great time!

Ella Miller - December 13, 2024 at 07:59 PM

ES

“ ECFA Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Norman Ray Neighbors.



ECFA Staff - December 12, 2024 at 04:20 PM

RT

“ I always had good memories of him.He came to our house a lot and we always had a good time.

Ruth Zehr Tester - December 12, 2024 at 05:28 AM

RT

“ *Ruth Zehr Tester lit a candle in memory of Norman Neighbors*



Ruth Zehr Tester - December 12, 2024 at 05:24 AM

RT

“ *I have very fond memories of this man. He came to our house a lot and we always had a good time.*

Ruth Zehr Tester - December 12, 2024 at 05:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Ray Neighbors.*



December 11, 2024 at 01:40 PM