



Russell Duane Neeley

October 4, 1935 - March 24, 2023

Russell Duane Neeley, age 87, of Brookfield, MO; passed away Friday, March 24, 2023 at Pershing Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, MO.

Duane, son of Russell and Bertha (Shaw) Neeley, was born October 4, 1935, Olive Street, Laclede, MO. He graduated from Laclede High School in May 1953. He received a Basketball Scholarship to Northeast Missouri Collage (now Truman University). His basketball highlight was making 40 points in one game at Laplata, MO.

Duane married Margaret Singleton on August 12, 1956. They celebrated their 60th Anniversary August 12, 2016. They have lived in the Laclede area, on the same farm, all their married lives. They have raised Duroc Hogs and Hereford Cattle on the farm.

Duane's first years of teaching began at Laclede Public School as Athletic Coach and taught high school shop. The following year began teaching at Meadville R-4 School as shop instructor followed by many other teaching positions. One of his highlights was coaching a Championship Girls Basketball teams. He taught at Meadville R-4 for seventeen years.

Duane and Margaret operated three businesses in Laclede. First, they and a partner operated R&R Grain Elevator. His father had a heart attack so they operated Neeley's D=X Station until it was sold. Duane went back to teaching drafting and shop at Brookfield R-3 for eighteen years. They opened and Antique shop in Laclede after he retired from 36 years of teaching.

Through the years, they have been active in the community. Duane was

President of the Laclede Housing and saw to the completion of the present units. His Brookfield drafting class drew up the plans for the Lambert Community Building and Margaret served on the committee to raise the rest of the funds to build the Community Building. The building was constructed by a former Meadville student, Bill Wilburn and his crew.

Duane is survived by his wife Margaret of the home, two sons, Dana Neeley and wife Sharon of Maitland, MO; and Darrell Neeley and wife DaLana of Brookfield, MO; daughter-in-law, Carla Neeley of Brookfield, MO; six grandchildren, Amanda Lee and husband Jason of Chillicothe, MO; Nathan Neeley and Kelly of Jamesport, MO; Russell Neeley of St. Joseph, MO; Kristen Neeley of Columbia, MO; Jennifer (Neeley) Harezlak of Laclede, MO; and Matthew Neeley of Wake Forest, NC; seven great-grandchildren, and several other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Randy Neeley.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm. Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO: with Pastor David Blakely officiating. Burial will be at Parklawn Memorial Garden Cemetery at a later time. Visitation will be held at Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO; on Thursday, March 30, 2023, with family receiving friends from 1:00 pm. until the time of the service at 2:00 pm. Services are under the direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Memorials have been suggested to the Alzheimer's Association and/or Laclede United Methodist Church and can be left at or mailed to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628. Online condolences can be made at www.rhodesfh.com

Cemetery Details

Park Lawn Cemetery

23394 Hwy 36
Brookfield, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home
216 Linn St.
Brookfield, MO 64628
(660) 258-7221

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Mr Neely was such a kind man. He was guidance counselor at the Brookfield high school back in the 70s. He was a wonderful man and he will be missed by many rest in peace my dear friend.*

Julie Neblock - April 14, 2023 at 01:25 PM

KC

“ *Thoughts and Prayers for his family!!!*

The Collier Family



Kalan Collier - March 30, 2023 at 06:47 PM

CS

“ *Mr. Neeley and his family are in my thoughts...*



Cindy Sherman - March 29, 2023 at 01:14 AM

DC

“ *Darrell, so sorry for your loss! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

David Chick - March 28, 2023 at 04:33 PM

MO

“ He was a special coach, very caring person. I was on the girls basket ball team that won

mary Smith Oxley - March 28, 2023 at 06:38 AM

LW

Fond memories of Mr. Neeley while he was at Meadville - he taught me and others how to drive and I'm sure that was a challenge. Very kind, good sense of humor.

Linda Duncan

Linda Mae Weeks - March 28, 2023 at 08:41 AM

DC

“ So sorry to learn of his passing. He was a kind and good man.

Delora Clubb - March 28, 2023 at 04:51 AM