



Neil Keith Schill

September 22, 1942 - April 17, 2024

Neil Keith Schill, age 81, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away suddenly on April 17, 2024, after an irrecoverable stroke.

Neil was born on September 22, 1942, to Hank and Ida Schill in Fargo, North Dakota. Shortly after Neil's birth, his family relocated to Vancouver, Washington, where he lived his entire life. When he graduated from Hudson Bay High School in 1960, he enlisted in the United States Army and served for three years at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In 1963 Neil met Sharon Rolfsnes at Burgerville. Smitten, he asked Sharon to go to the beach with him the following day to celebrate his 21st birthday with friends. They married the following year and had two daughters, Melinda and Valerie. On April 3, 2024, Neil and Sharon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

After serving in the Army, Neil returned to Vancouver to work at Alcoa. In 1970, he began his career as a firefighter for the City of Portland. He had many meaningful years of service and camaraderie, particularly with his brothers at Engine 19. He was serving as a fire inspector when he retired in 1998.

Once retired from the Portland Fire Department, Neil and Sharon pursued their love of travel. Over the course of twenty-five years, they were able to travel throughout the world and visit all seven continents. Neil and Sharon enjoyed traveling with friends and family while making lasting friendships with people they met along the way. Together they joined RV caravans venturing

through Mexico, sailed in the Mediterranean, and cruised along the rivers in Europe. Some of Neil's favorite trips were to Vietnam, Southeast Asia, and Africa.

In 2000, Neil and Sharon bought Glenwood Tree Farm where he worked planting and caring for the trees until the time of his death. His favorite season on the farm was December, sharing in customers' annual traditions and taking pride in the beautiful trees he tended. Neil often expressed that he was blessed to have had two careers he deeply loved.

Neil was an avid outdoorsman and throughout his life enjoyed fishing, clamming, crabbing, and hunting. Many days and weeks were spent on the river and at the coast, cherishing the time with family and friends, especially his brother Pomroy. Neil generously shared his catch, often hosting dinner parties with Sharon. Another favorite pastime of Neil's was watching televised sporting events, particularly the Seattle Seahawks and UW Huskies.

While raising his girls, Neil traveled with his family, camping, exploring the PNW, and visiting extended family. He taught family members and friends how to water ski, creating many memories exploring different lakes and rivers.

One of Neil's strongest traits was a willingness to share his time and skills with others -- helping move into a new home, providing a ride to the airport or medical appointment, troubleshooting mechanical issues, and much more.

Over the years, he helped his daughters and their families with many home improvement projects; from installing a retaining wall to demolishing a kitchen, he was always willing to give of his time. Neil spent many vacations with his grandchildren, taking them on a Disney Cruise, to Washington DC, and on adventures in the RV. He prioritized attending band concerts, piano recitals, sporting events, Bible quizzes, birthday parties, and a host of other activities for his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Neil was predeceased by his parents and sister, Patty Rogers. He is survived by his wife Sharon; daughters, Melinda and Valerie; sons-in-law, Mike Teeny and Amrit Singh; grandchildren, Keyara, Brandon, Simrin, Chloe, and Kareena; and brother, Pomroy (Charlotte). Neil is also survived by a large

extended family, including many beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Neil's life will be held on Friday, June 14, 1:00 pm at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver. Neil's ashes will be spread in the Columbia River, one of his most cherished places.

Quiet and unassuming, Neil was a faithful blood donor for five decades, with 296 donation visits, donating a total of 37 gallons of blood. Remembrances of Neil may be made by donating blood, volunteering at a blood drive, or through a donation to the American Red Cross.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *May Neils memory live on in the trees he loves.*

Dale and Elaine Boxeth - June 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Neil and Sharon were great travel companions. We spent many vacations with them including Italy , Mexico, Mediterranean, Lake Tahoe (snow fest among several other events), Vancouver (helping out on the Christmas tree farm for several selling days) and Williamsburg, VA.*

Neil was always up for a good time and fun to be with. He was truly a low key and loving gentleman and we will miss him dearly.

Gary and Patti Boxeth

Gary and Patti Boxeth - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *We hope these trees grow strong and live long in honor of Neil.*

Gary and Patti Boxeth - May 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Jim Hughes lit a candle in memory of Neil Keith Schill*



jim hughes - April 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ RIP! thanks for your service fellow Bro. in arms! Jim Hughes (aka) carpenter, class of 1960 HB .

jim hughes - April 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I am so sad for your loss. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

Judy Li - April 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ A tree in honor of Neil. God Bless. Our most Sincere condolences.

Shannon and Kelley - April 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I am so grateful for the Christmas I spent with the Schill family in 1985/6. So loving, kind and inspiring.

My experience with Nr Schill permanently improved my life and I am a better man because of his entire family.

Thank you and Mrs Schill so much for being so kind and welcoming me into your home.

It's a memory that I've cherished forever.

*Rest in Power
Justin Early*

Justin Early - April 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM



MA

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Maggie Hanson and Ron Adner - April 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Ned and I are sending you prayers for comfort as you celebrate Neil's incredible life and grieve his passing. I will miss the kind smile and warm embrace that he had at the ready every time I saw him. With much love, Deborah and Ned

Deborah Peterson - April 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ So sorry for your sudden loss, of a Prince of a Man not only a Great Neighbor but a friend, he always had time to talk whenever we saw each other. I will never forget his kindness. he will be missed and never forgotten he made a everlasting mark on whom ever knew him. Our deepest sympathy's. TIM& ANGELA

TIMOTHY RYAN OMEARA - April 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Neil Keith Schill

Anonymous - April 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sharon, we are deeply sorry for your loss. Neil was an amazing human being! Please accept our sincere condolences. Warmly, The Waters Family



The Waters Family - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. Many of us will miss beer Wednesday and reminiscing all of the good times with him. Our kids will miss getting Christmas trees with him.



Del and Linda Bussey - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ I am so sorry for this tremendous loss. I am sending love, and thoughts of comfort to your family as you grieve his passing.

Holly Hanson Greenspoon - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Neil Keith Schill - April 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM