



Neal Joseph Bear

April 25, 1948 - February 28, 2017

Neal Joseph Bear, 68, of Carmel, died peacefully surrounded by family after a courageous 2 ½ year battle with cancer, February 28, 2017. He was born April 25, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Neal E. and Delphine (Adams) Bear. Neal graduated from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He was an accountant for 30 years, retiring in 2010, from U. S. Customs. Neal was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. He enjoyed putting together family music cd's for special family events. Neal had a wonderful sense of humor that endeared him to everyone, friends and family alike. He loved music and was an avid keyboard player and he loved to travel. Neal enjoyed researching the horses and playfully picking the winners of the races. The most important thing to Neal was his family. He loved and adored them and tried to show them through his laughter and kind, caring gestures. Neal proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. Visitation will be held Friday, March 3, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Rd. Carmel. Neal is survived by his loving wife, Linda Jean (Reilly) Bear; son, Jeff Dwigans (Tammy); daughter, Jennifer Bear; grandchildren, Keegan and Corbin Dwigans, Donovan and Darren Pirtle, and Amaya Davis; sisters, Patricia

Thomas, Deborah Dangel (Robert) and Delphine Wist (Duane); brothers, Douglas Bear (Liz), Donald Bear, Charles Bear and Darrin Bear; sisters-in-law, Joyce Eaton (Lyman), Susan White, Elaine Cunningham (Ronald) and Eileen Wieczorek (Frank); brother-in-law, Dennis Reilly (Kristy); father-in law, Gerold Reilly; and many nieces and nephews. Neal was preceded in death by his brother, Barton Bear; brothers-in-law, Jack Thomas and Michael White; and mother-in-law, Margaret Reilly.

Memorial contributions may be made in Neal's honor to Little Sisters of the Poor St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, 46260. www.littlesistersofthepoor.org

The family would like to thank the doctors of Community North, Dr. Bhatia, Megan Weaver N.P. and Dr. Large, for their kind and compassionate care given to Neal.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
10655 Haverstick Road
Carmel, IN 46033

Tribute Wall



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 06, 2017 at 12:34 PM

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“ Sharon Johnson Allen lit a candle in memory of Neal Joseph Bear



Sharon Johnson Allen - March 02, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Neal Joseph Bear.



March 02, 2017 at 06:30 PM

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“ Always will have great memories of Neal and all his siblings when they visited us or we visited with them. Will miss you, Cuz

Jann Siwa - March 02, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Neal Joseph Bear.



March 01, 2017 at 09:43 PM