



Neil Theodore Ahern

February 21, 1945 - April 21, 2020

Neil Theodore Ahern, 75 of Herscher, formerly of Campus, passed away at April 21st 2020 at Amita Saint Mary's Hospital.

He attended Cabery grade school and was a 1963 graduate of Kempton high school.

He was employed as a pressman at RR Donnelley printing in Dwight for 35 years.

Neil honorably served our country in the US Army during the Vietnam war. He received commendation medals for heroism.

He is survived by two brothers Francis (Rose) Ahern of Herscher, Tom (Naomi) Ahern of Chicago, two sisters, Theda Pazdur of Newport Beach, California, Kathy (Joe) Meisenbach of Kankakee and nephews Joe (Tammy) Ahern, Ryan (Angie) & Theo Ahern, Paul Ahern, Mark (JoAnne) Pazdur, Jonathan Meisenbach, and nieces Lynn (Terry) McGinnis, Haydin and Kate Pazdur, step nieces Taylor and Nikki Doust.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore & Leona Pedersen Ahern and a brother in law, Edward Pazdur.

He enjoyed driving his red pick up truck through the countryside. He was a passionate sports fan and followed college basketball closely. He was a big Illini fan. Neil also liked game shows.

One of his simple joys was mowing his lawn. Neil was always very generous with his time supporting his extended family.

Neil was a person who did not need many worldly things. His personal philosophy was "it is what it is."

There will be a private family funeral due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Memorial mass and military honors will be rendered at a later date. His internment will be at Sacred Heart cemetery in Campus Illinois. His family will miss him dearly.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or AMITA St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Center.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Sorry to all the Ahern Family for your loss. Neil was a great guy. I worked with him for a short time at RR Donnellys and always enjoyed seeing and chatting with him when he lived in Campus. Growing up in Campus we always had Ahern's here and I have lots of fond memories. Miss you all !! On behalf of all the Maguire's I want to send our deepest sympathy to you all.
Kevin Maguire

Kevin Maguire - May 07, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JK

“ Neil was a classmate of my brother, Don, and Kathy was a classmate of mine. I have fond memories of both. I remember watching Neil and Don play basketball together. May Neil and all of his family find peace.

Joan Kiley - April 27, 2020 at 10:44 AM

NZ

“ My condolences to the family.

Nick Zerebny - April 24, 2020 at 06:26 PM

LS

So very sorry to hear of his passing ~ thoughts and prayers to the entire family

Lisa Scanlon - April 25, 2020 at 10:08 AM

BS

So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers to all of his family. I worked with Neil at RRD for 30 plus years and shared many a good time with him after a long hard night. He was someone that I looked up to as a brotherly figure. I know Neil loved his family as he often talked about them. He will be forever in my thoughts.

Bill Shaffer - May 27, 2020 at 02:42 PM

SM

“ I was saddened to hear of Neil's death .Neil & I dated clear back in High School. We went to the Prom and Homecoming together. I have lots of fun" younger days" memories with him. He will always be in my personal past history thoughts. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Sally Bergan Myers

Sally Bergan Myers - April 24, 2020 at 10:57 AM

GA

“ My condolences to Theda, Joe, Kathy and families. Neil was a great guy and had a heart of gold, a great friend. We went to Vietnam Nam same time as did most of the Campus crew. We celebrated for at least 3 years afterward. Ha His mother Leona would get nervous just seeing me come their door.Ha God bless Neil Your friend Gene Anderson

Gene Anderson - April 24, 2020 at 05:26 AM

GA

I'm sorry I forgot to offer my condolences to Neils brother Tom also and to mention Neil was my best man in my wedding to wife Janet . We now live in Florida. Gene and Janet Anderson

Gene Anderson - April 24, 2020 at 02:00 PM

RK

“ *My condolences to the family*

Randy Keeneth - April 23, 2020 at 09:56 PM

BI

“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with FUZZY FOR many yearsHE TAUGHT me a lot We were both Army Vietnam*



Bob nixon streator. il - April 23, 2020 at 12:41 PM

MS

“ *Oh my so sorry to hear this. Have not seen Fuzzy in a long time. Boy the memories of working with him are still fresh. I remember going up to him and saying “Fuzzy wasn’t fuzzy was he”. He would always get a giggle out of that. Condolences to his family. I’m sure he will be missed by a lot of people with fond memories.*

Michele Sparrow - April 23, 2020 at 11:16 AM

KT

“ *He was a great man . He will be missed. My sympathy to the family*

Katie Turner - April 22, 2020 at 09:16 PM

LS

“ *Lunmetta Smith lit a candle in memory of Neil Theodore Ahern*



Lunmetta Smith - April 22, 2020 at 09:11 PM

LS

Condolences. to your family lynn

Lunmetta Smith - April 22, 2020 at 09:12 PM

JM

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Jonathan Meisenbach - April 22, 2020 at 04:53 PM