



Darrell James Neiss

July 23, 1948 - October 25, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Darrell James Neiss announce his passing. Darrell was born in upstate New York July 23, 1948. He passed away peacefully October 25, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada, surrounded by loving family.

Darrell had a zest for life, adventure, and following his dreams, as evident by becoming a business owner with his wife Debbie, first with D&D Construction, and then with Chalker Creek Tree Farm in Chenango Forks, New York, where Darrell was able to share both his love of Christmas and frustration with the Giants with the community. They decided to follow another dream and move to Las Vegas, Nevada, where they were able to enjoy nearly a decade of retirement together. He was also a cancer survivor of over 5 years.

Darrell was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisher, and generally an all-around "mountain man" that loved sports, games, traveling, animals, and learning. He lived in Reno, Nevada and Port Crane, New York growing up, though struck out early to see the country, hitch-hiking his way down the eastern seaboard and back again. He was a member of the Kattelville Athletic Association for many years and both participated in and coached softball, Beep Ball, and Big Ball, even traveling for tournaments with his team Triple D and Larry, which included himself, wife Deb, and friend Doug (and also Larry). He also enjoyed bocce ball and golf, and was an avid card player, sharing his love of games like Pinochle, Spades, Hearts, Pitch, Oh Hell, and Poker with his entire family. He was generous, and enjoyed meeting new people. He was able to see the

humor in nearly anything, and we will all miss that glint in his eye and slight smirk or raised eyebrow when he caught sight of something that amused him. It was not always appropriate, but it was always funny.

Darrell is predeceased by mother Arlene, step father Jack, father Charlie, and beloved brother Doug who passed away this September. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Deborah, children Liza (Matt) Barstad, Andrea (Joseph) Kurtz, Cory (Randie) Neiss, and Dexter Neiss; grandchildren Jake, Zack, Renee, Taylor, Lexie, Sienna, and Savannah; siblings Linda (Rick) Johnson, Sharon (Steve) Tuttle, Brenda (Fred) Williams, Jackie (Mike) VanGorden, Chuck (Sharon) Neiss; and many nieces and nephews.

Darrell wished to forego any service. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Canyon Hospice or the Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada, or to a charity of your choice. The family would also like to extend special thanks to Kindred At Home.

He is Gone - David Harkins

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him only that he is gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Message history

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Debbie, I just learned of your husband passing away, I am sorry for your loss and hope that you are healthy and safe.*

Tom Martin - March 19, 2021 at 06:39 PM

RI

“ *Debbie you were always supportive and a loving wife!He was a loyal friend, we spent a lot of time together, I do and will miss him. I hope to see him again soon, on a paradise earth, under Christ's Kingdom rule, (the "hope" part depends on me). I know he will be there "Romans 6:7".*

Rick - November 16, 2020 at 09:20 AM

RM

“ *Watched you wrestle for the forks ,and we became friends at the KAA . Rest in peace and condolence to Debbie and family*

richard mills - November 15, 2020 at 10:41 AM

SH

“ *To Debbie and extended members of Darrell's family; years back when you both lived in Itaska New York, I used to play softball on Darrell's softball team D & D Construction. I was friends with Dave and Mary Kaye Sickles. I remember the great times playing volleyball at your house out on 79. Time that will forever be in my heart. Debbie miss your infectious laugh and personality. I hope all of you find peace and comfort during this most difficult time.*

Scott Hawley - November 15, 2020 at 06:13 AM

LK

“ *Andrea, So very sorry for the loss of your dad, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers* ❤️

Laura Kurtz - November 13, 2020 at 11:03 PM

JS

“ *May his memory always be for a blessing.*

Jamie S.A. - November 09, 2020 at 08:23 PM

JC

“ *Sympathies and solace to all who loved Darrell, and our prayers will be with you in your time of sorrow! Tears stream down my face as I imagine his Heavenly reunion with those on the other side!*

Judith Williams Cobb - October 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM